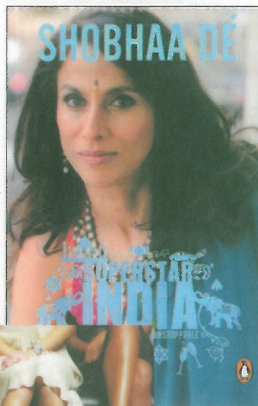




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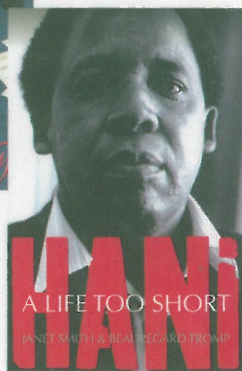
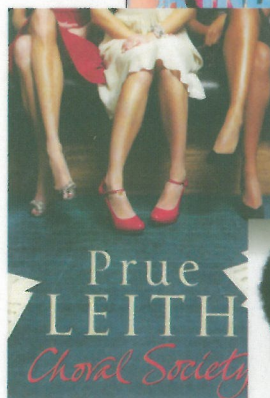


**SUPERSTAR INDIA BY SHOBHAA DÉ**  
Celebrated journalist Shobhaa Dé takes a critical, but loving look at the anomalies, injustices, history, beauty and dazzling ethos of her country – and shows why, for all its failings, India is still glowing, and going, strong. (Penguin, R189)

**CHORAL SOCIETY BY PRUE LEITH**  
Three middle-aged women join a choir where the focus is more on bonding than on singing. When they jointly restore a dilapidated hotel on the Cornish coast, the results are more than they bargained for.

Hugely entertaining. (Quercus, R133)

**HANI: A LIFE TOO SHORT BY JANET SMITH & BEAUREGARD TROMP**

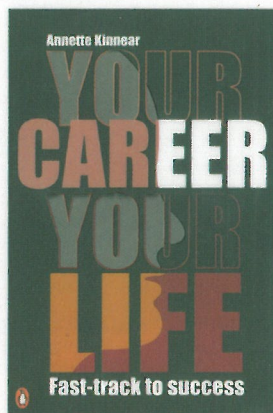


A portrait of the late, great Umkhonto we Sizwe Chief of Staff and Communist Party leader, offering intriguing suggestions as to what he might have become had he not been assassinated. It's somewhat short on substance and fails to answer many questions, but is nevertheless an earnest, well-intentioned biography. (Jonathan Ball, R194)

**BEST BUSINESS READ**

**YOUR CAREER, YOUR LIFE: FAST-TRACK TO SUCCESS BY ANNETTE KINNEAR**

Like most other things, career success is about establishing – and living by – carefully chosen principles, and applying them in balance with consistently hard work and a vision that's ambitious, but grounded in reality. This book draws on real-life examples, humour and inspiring quotations to show readers that success is not only achievable, but infinite. It also breaks the procedure down into weekly steps, helping to structure and streamline goals, and offers practical, empowering tips for managing time, emotions and relationships. (Penguin, R160)



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# MOVIE REVIEWS

**NINE**

This innovative, musical retelling of Federico Fellini's semi-autobiographical *8 1/2* revolves around Guido Contini (Daniel Day-Lewis), a world-famous film director, in the throes of a mid-life crisis. Contini's problems include trying to balance the many women in his life, from his wife (Marion Cotillard) to his mistress (Penélope Cruz), his film star muse (Nicole Kidman), his confidante and costume designer (Judi Dench), an American fashion journalist (Kate Hudson), the prostitute he picked up in his youth (Fergie) and his mother (Sophia Loren). Wonderfully entertaining. Release date: 12 February.

**WHITE LION**

A truly African tale about Letsatsi, a white lion born among the Shangaan tribe, who believe it to be a divine messenger. The story follows the hardships and pressures experienced by the animal while trying to survive and find a home of its own. Release date: 19 February.

**IMAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR PARNASSUS**

A Faustian tale with a stellar cast, including the late Heath Ledger in his final role, Johnny Depp and Colin Farrell, who stepped into Ledger's shoes after his death to complete the filming. The central character is the leader of a travelling theatre troupe who, having made a pact with Satan, takes audience members through an enchanted mirror to explore their fantasies. Release date: 10 February.

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**DVD TO STAY IN FOR ORPHAN**

After suffering the loss of their unborn baby, Kate and John decide to adopt Esther, a child from a nearby orphanage. However, no sooner is she in their home than disturbing events begin to take place. Kate's convinced the little girl's not to blame – but the evidence suggests otherwise... A spellbinding thriller.

