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### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SHORTLISTED NOMINEES OF THE S.A LITERARY AWARDS 2022**

The over 30 judges of the South African Literary Awards (SALA) Adjudication Panel spent months rigorously reading, scrutinising and scoring the 200+ books that answered to the Call for Submissions issued earlier in 2022.

Following this exhaustive process of adjudication, the South African Literary Awards (SALA) is proud to announce the short list for 2022 edition.

The huge number and diversity of books submitted are a testimony to the amazing journey SALA has travelled since the inaugural ceremony held at the Durban International Convention Centre, Kwa-Zulu Natal, on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2005, in honour of South Africa's world-renowned scholar, author, eminent yet unsung poet of majestic epics and literary genius, Prof. Mazisi Kunene.

Out of the 266 submissions received, 38 titles made it to the shortlist, under the following categories and languages:

#### **Children's Literature Award**

1. André Trantraal - KEEGAN & SAMIER (3) DIE STROKIESPRENT-KOMPETISIE
2. Fanie Viljoen - Ouma Mollie en die mensvreter
3. Nandipha Nomsobo - Qashi Qashi, Injani?
4. Niky Daly - On My Papa's Shoulders
5. Owethu Onez Ndlakuse-Mholweni - igama lam ngu-Owethu

#### **First Time Published Award**

1. Basil Lawrence - At the Edge of the desert
2. Razina Theba - A Home On Vorster Street
3. Herschelle Benjamin - In Slavenhuis 39
4. Mmabore Gladys Mogashoa - Bohwa bja rena

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### **Youth Literature Award**

1. Ashraf Kagee - By the Fading Light
2. Theodora Lee - Hashtag Happy
3. Daniëlla van Heerden - As jy droom
4. Thulani Alfred Simayile – Unolali
5. THEMBA QWABE - IMIZILA YEGAZI
6. Thatayaone Dire - Se sa feleng se a tlhola
7. Maureen Ngwanamahlole Ramusi - Matlampulele Meduping ya Lerato

### **k. Sello Duiker Memorial Literary Award**

1. Nick Mulgrew - A Hibiscus Coast
2. Lebohang Mazibuko - Bantu Knots
3. Mzoli Mavimbela - Amazwembezwebe KaGxuluwe

### **Poetry Award**

1. Ashwin Arendse – Swatland
2. Joan Hambidge - Nomadiese sterre
3. Bafana Charlse Peter - Umkhumezelo umqulu 1, Umkhumezelo umqulu 2
4. Sibongile Maputi - Unozala uyalunywa
5. Takalani Lishivha - Khali Ya Lufuno
6. Thatayaone Dire - Kgatsele ya puo

### **Nadine Gordimer Short Story Award**

1. Sally Cranswick - Women out of Water
2. Mzoli Mavimbela - Zigqitywa Kuhlwile Zibonwe Liwuhlabile
3. SJ Naudé - Mad Honey

### **Creative Non-Fiction Literary Award**

1. Ebrahim Harvey - The Great Pretenders: Race and Class Under ANC Rule
2. Pumla Dineo Gqola - Female Fear Factory
3. Nicol Stassen - Van Humpata tot Upingtonia

### **Literary Translators Award**

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1. Tuelo Gabonewe - Tshika Fa E Ya Baneng
2. Mr Moses Seletisha- Morwa'ka Ruri!
3. Ms Vesper Nkoane - NTO THIZENI

#### **Novel Award**

1. Damon Galgut - The Promise
2. Ingrid Winterbach - Voorouer. Pelgrim. Berg
3. Jan van Tonder - Grootgeluk
4. Yamkela Ntwalana - Intlungu Yevezandlebe
5. Phindile Memani - Emhadini Wemigulukudu
6. Patrick Khosa - Nhlokonho wa vele

Preceding the SALA Awards ceremony will be the **10<sup>th</sup> Africa Century International African Writers Conference (ACIAWC)**, 16H00 to 17H00 under the theme: **Indigenous Knowledge and Decoloniality: The Role of Education, Arts, Culture, Heritage and Recreation in Rebuilding Resilience Post-Trauma and Into The Future.**

**Dr Nokugcina Mhlophe**, actress, storyteller, poet, playwright, director and author., will deliver the 10<sup>th</sup> International African Writers Day Lecture, and the respondents will be **Ms Jane Mufamadi**, Chief Executive Officer of Freedom Park Museum and Heritage Site and **Ambassador Saul Molobi**, brand architect, author, editor, publisher and entrepreneur.

The SALA Awards ceremony will follow at 19H00 to 21H30.

For more information please visit [www.sala.org.za](http://www.sala.org.za) and [www.africacenturyconference.co.za](http://www.africacenturyconference.co.za)

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