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### [A hobo at Jo-Ann Richards book launch](#)

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After having been subjected to an unremittingly grim view of the country in the media , last night I felt like I needed some form of diversion. So off to the Exclusive books, which has become my favourite haunt, I went. Now this place its the antidote of my boredom and my evenings cannot be complete without it. I always sneak in here to browse through books. But even as a habitu  of this place, last night I got more than what I bargained for. I rocked up there to find that they were having a book launch without my knowledge. Look I am not complaining but as a denizen of this place I consider myself an honorary member and feel entitled to be informed about events like these.

Now it was one of those launches which are exclusive in a subtle way, were you would look at your image and automatically feel like a proverbial square-peg-in a round-hole without anybody saying so. No one was denied access but the forbidding eyes of the securities were so repellent. But with all the freebies that I saw, for me this was like a heaven-sent and I was not going to pass up the opportunity for anything in the world. So the Pigeon man got in posing like some black worthy. I wanted to start by socialising but, my freeloader side , prompted me to go straight to the grub and drinks. And here I was spoiled for choice in terms of food , so I picked anything which took my fancy. There was food for every palate, I mean whatever floats your boat. Aping other people I also took my glass of red wine and started mixing with the countries creme - de- la- creme.

The event was the launch of the popular Jo- ann Richards new book, My brothers book, which promises to take the literary stakes by storm. Now the launch was a subdued and low-keyed event , but I was more fascinated by the guest list that this launch boasted. All the Literati's, Chatterati's and Diggerati's were there. All the grandees and worthies in one place. But the man who really caught my eyes was Prof. Anton Harber. This man is in my little black book, and I felt like approaching him just to pick his brains as he seems to be having all the answers of the media industry. He cut out the image of coolness and I would really like to be as erudite as him when I grow up. I could not get access to the man so I went on socialising with other towering figures I did not know.

I even spotted some Avusa guys but they could not see me as I was now stuck on the freebie's trough. I was eating to my hearts content and knocking back stuff only booze reviewers would know. All these were like foreign objects to my system as I havent had life's finer things for like ages. I was so worried about gastric-disorders which might affect me later, maybe my gut would give me a problem I thought. But the more this idea came up the more I took the munchies, until I became full as a tick. Well finally the book launch ended and I left feeling replete and replenished, needless to say the launch was a gas. I cannot wait for another book launch.....

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LOL @ Alfred! I'm so glad you managed to get food and drink and the bonus was mixing with the various groups of "ratis"! Sorry I missed it. Your writing is brilliant ... so relaxed and descriptive.

Have a good day.  
Peace  
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