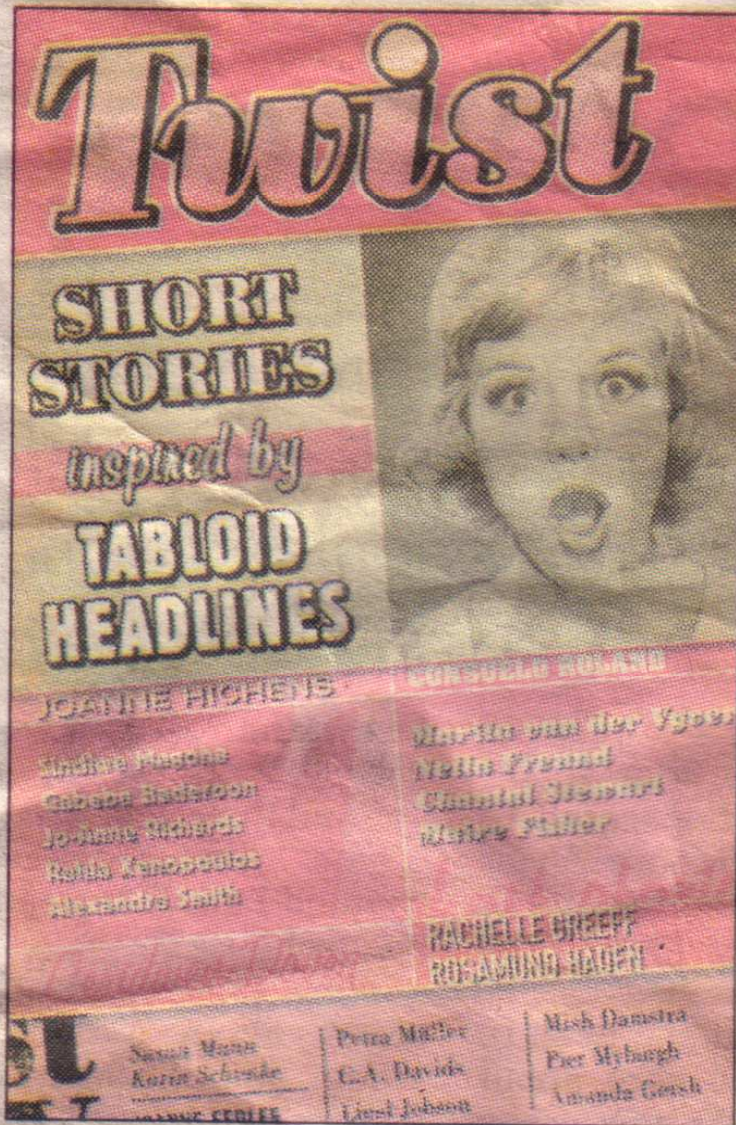


Short stories for discerning readers



TWIST: SHORT STORIES INSPIRED BY TABLOID HEADLINES published by Oshun:

WITH headlines as bizarre as *Duck hunters shoot angel* and *My face belongs to a killer* you know that this anthology is not going to be your average collection of short stories. Nor your average read.

This collection of fiction is strictly South African for it's the work of 23 talented women authors, most whom seem to have completed a master's in creative writing at UCT, covering various aspects of life in this country.

Take Petra Müller's *Last Eland of the Mountain* for example, set in Kloof Nek, or Ceridwen Dovey's

"Man Abandons wife to charging rhino" which takes place in Kruger Park.

Incidentally, the former tale is succinctly and poetically told and possibly one of the best in this nifty compilation.

The established Joanne Richards's *My face belongs to a killer* is another of the more memorable tales. But they're all pretty good with some great stings in the tail and, at an average of 18 to 20 pages per story, *Twist* is an ideal book to dip into.

And chances are you'll be inspired to put pen to paper yourself.

So how's about *My mother gave birth to an alien*?

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