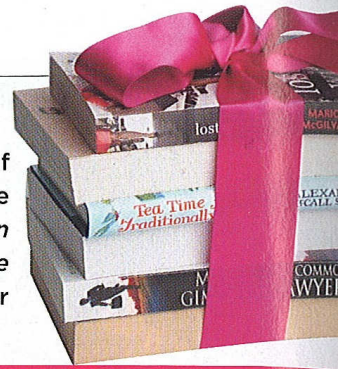


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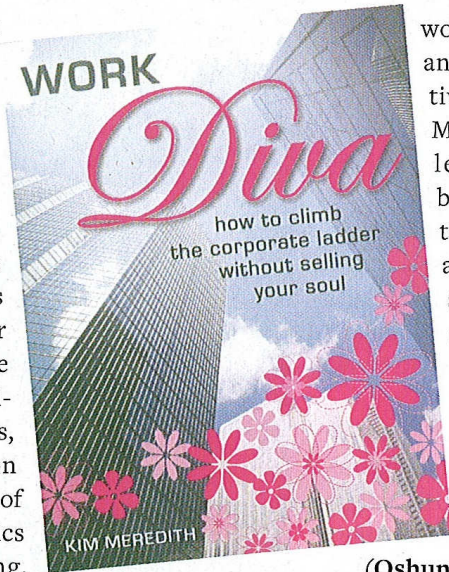
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(Oshun, R149,95) **D**

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Astrid Fleming, former investment banker and author of *White Knights*

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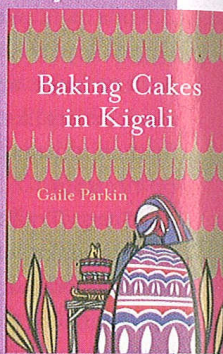
"Books that inhabit my dreams many years after I've read them are the ones that have the biggest emotional impact on me. These have included works by André Brink, JM Coetzee, Milan Kundera, Siri Hustvedt, Paul Auster and Alan Hollinghurst," says Fleming. **D**



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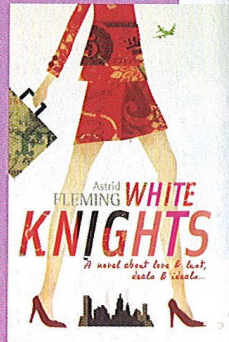
BAKING CAKES IN KIGALI BY GAILE PARKIN (PENGUIN, R190)

Angel Tungaraza has recently moved to Rwanda from her native Tanzania. With her husband, a daughter and five orphaned grandchildren, her life is chaotic - yet she finds time to bake and sell cakes for her new community, learning in the process many enduring lessons about herself, others, Africa and human nature. A poignant and often hilarious read.



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