

**White Knights** Astrid Flemming (A&A Publishers, R195) Emma leaves London for a top banking job in New York. On the surface, her life is great. Her boyfriend is saving lives in Africa, her job is awesome and her Manhattan social life is enviable. But truth be told, she's guarding a secret: she works till dawn and her love life is a mess. An entertaining read; you won't put it down. **AJ**

**La's Orchestra Saves the World** Alexander McCall Smith (Penguin, R220) This prolific author has struck gold once again. Living in pre-war Europe, La, a widow, creates an orchestra with Polish refugee Felix to help pass the time and keep neighbours entertained. When the war ends she is left with a fine friendship but also with uncertainty of heart and of what lies ahead. **SK**

**Black Petals** Bryon Rostron (Jacana, R165) Imagine discovering your life in a box. A box of police files, in fact, that describe you as someone you don't recognise. In this local crime thriller, archivist Macaulay Vogel's quest for the truth leads him down a twisting path of the past, taking with him many who don't want to take that road. The discovery of bones completes a great tale. **SK**

