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WELCOME TO THE BOOKISH PLAZA eZINE

OUT WITH THE OLD & IN WITH THE NEW. We wish all our readers a **BOOKISH reading year in 2018.** It's the **Year of Papiamento** on the island of Aruba. **20 Papiamento children's books** were published for use in schools. So Papiamento is definitely going to school, finally. Our **Events Calendar** is once more full of literary activities for the winter month. A must visit is the **VANTA - Première PAPIA & KNOCK KNOCK.** The Poetry Week and national reading to children days are two big events this month.



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For your reading pleasure we compiled some **highlights of Caribbean literature** of 2017. Starting with the 50th celebration of the novel *Cien años de soledad* by Gabriel García Márquez and ending with the fact that his archive of documents are now freely available. **New Arrivals** brings poetry, history and an autobiographical book. Last, but not least **New Books** with some new interesting titles. We wish all our readers a good read.

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LITERARY NEWS

20 New Papiamento Children's Books



20 New Papiamento children's books were developed by the Language Project of the Department of Education in Aruba for use in the primary schools and the exam classes of the secondary schools. A group of local collaborators, but also international persons, wrote, translated, illustrated and edited the material. A varied offer of original works and three translations was the result. The themes of the books were selected according to the age group. For the primary the topics are: friendship, bullying, nature conservation, sports, stamina and teambuilding. Topics selected for the teens are: peer pressure, love, social life, teen pregnancy and drug abuse. Authors who collaborated are: Desiree Croes, Lorena Boekhoudt-Almary, Beth Briñez Albertsz, Danielle Janga, Marvis Engelhardt, Shaila Vrolijk, Desiree Correa, Yolanda Croes, Diana Marchena-Martes, Ria Arrindell-Broeks, Gina Ramsbottom, Diana Lebacs (Curaçao), Loekie Morales (St. Maarten) and Sally Green (England). The books are not for sale, but are available at the library.

EVENTS calendar

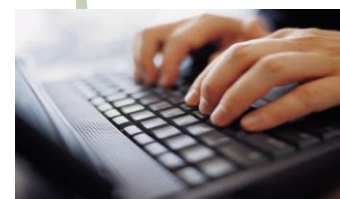
18 JANUARY 2018
[LECTURE Slavernij in de vroeg moderne kunsten](#)
 Amsterdam

18-21 JANUARY 2018
[WINTERNACHTEN](#)
 Den Haag

20 JANUARY 2018
[STORYTELLING WORKSHOP](#)
 Amsterdam

24 JANUARY – 3 FEBRUARI 2018
[NATIONALE VOORLEESDAGEN](#)

25 JANUARY 2018
[POETRYDAY](#)



25-31 JANUARY 2018
[POETRYWEEK](#)

2 FEBRUARI 2018
[VANTA - Première PAPIA: Caribische zangstijlen in een lounge jasje](#)
 Podium Mozaïek, Amsterdam

8 FEBRUARI 2018
[KNOCK KNOCK – AMSTERDAM with Aruban Spoken Word Artist Tammy Blue](#)
 Soul Food Poetry Event
 Amsterdam

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2017 Highlights of Caribbean Literature



- Commemorating 50 years of **CIEÑ AÑOS DE SOLEDAD** with an [illustrated version](#) -

- [Writing a new Caribbean](#): a picture of the Caribbean, as seen by a new generation of writers and poets -



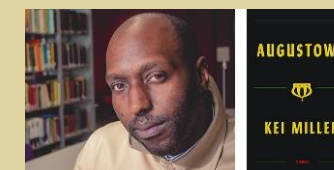
- **Derek Walcott, Nobel Laureate, passed away at 87** -



- **Ishion Hutchinson (Jamaica) wins the 2016 National Circle Award for his collection of poems HOUSE OF LORDS AND COMMONS** -



- **Sayifa Sinclair (Jamaica) wins the 2017 OCM Bocas Prize & the Addison M. Metcalf Award for her debut poetry book CANNIBAL** -



- **Award winning Jamaican poet & writer Kei Miller wins the 2017 OCM Bocas Prize for his novel AUGUSTOWN** -

- **Celebrating 25 years of the novel WITCHBROOM by Lawrence Scott** -



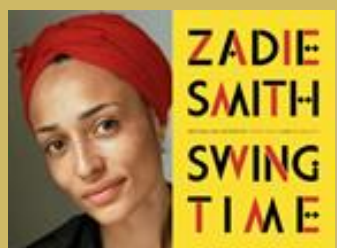
- **Linton Kwesi Johnson, Jamaica's premier dubpoet honored with a doctorate in literature** -



Highlights of Caribbean Literature in 2017



- Ingrid Persaud (Trinidad & Tobago) wins the Commonwealth Short Story Prize for her story 'The Sweet Sop' –



- Zadie Smith longlisted for the 2017 Man Booker Prize for her novel SWING TIME –



- André Alexis (Canada/ Trinidad) & Erna Brodber (Jamaica) are recipients of a 2017 Donald Windham-Sandy Campbell Prize, for fiction -



- Joey Garcia (Belize) is reinventing literary history by launching her country's first writers conference this Spring -



- Haitian-American writer Ibi Zoboi was on the Young People's Literature list of the 2017 National #Book Award Finalists with AMERICAN STREET –



- Edwidge Danticat (Haiti) wins the prestigious Neustadt International Prize for Literature -

The literary rhythms of the Caribbean



- Four Caribbean writers longlisted for the 2018 Dublin Literary Award: Nicole Dennis Benn, Kevin Jared Hosein, Lynn Joseph, and Diana McCaulay -



- Andrea Levy's THE LONG SONG to be adapted for TV -



- Colombian novelist Gabriel García Márquez's archive is freely available -

NEW ARRIVALS!



Sierlijke golven krullen van plezier
Walter Palm

In this collection the poems sound as music to your ears. They are about the sobbing heat drying, the savannas and the azure sea. About the tropical sun who tirelessly plows the island refinery at night. Dreams about the ghosts of slaves, popping lashes, swinging to a son montuno.

POETRY € 15,00



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Geest van Sefarad
Fred de Haas

After the fall of the last Arab bastion Granada in 1492 the Jews were expelled from Spain by the Catholic monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella. They took their 15th-century Spanish language and songs. A few years later the same happened to the Jews in Portugal. Sephardic Jews migrated to countries like Brazil, Italy, The Netherlands, the old Ottoman Empire and the colonies in the Caribbean. The book describes to what spiritual, cultural and political influences they were exposed.

HISTORY € 19,90



Zwemmen in de schaduw van doping
Enith Brigitha

Enith Brigitha (Curaçao, 1955) could swim as the best. And as long as the East German ladies stayed home, she won virtually every race. However, once the East-German female swimmers participated they won all gold medals. It was only in 1990 that she understood why: the State had systematically administered doping to the young female swimmers; without them knowing. Without the subject to doping, the 1976 gold medal would have gone to her.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NOVEL € 19,50

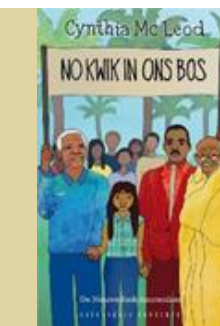
New Books



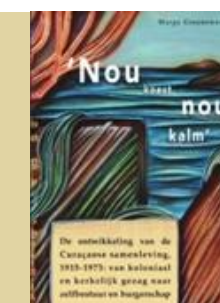
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