

SA book dethrones Dan Brown

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Johannesburg - Move over, Dan Brown, here comes Dalene Matthee.

After months as top seller on the Sunday Times top ten list of best-selling fiction, Dan Brown's *Da Vinci Code* has made way for Dalene Matthee's *Die Uitgespoeldes*.

And while J K Rowling's Harry Potter is hot on Brown's heels in third place, it looks like Matthee's book has nothing to worry about.

Matthee's book is 15th on the best-seller list on Exclusive Books' website, but it has been described as a "notable mover".

Penguin Books, publisher of Matthee's book, listed it as their number one "best-seller", with the English version, *Driftwood*, in second place.

Thandi Sindane of Penguin said on Wednesday they were "shocked" when they realised that Matthee's book had dethroned Brown's best-seller.

"Besides being Matthee's book, her death earlier this year also provided publicity.

"This was one of those books she had hoped to finish before her death - people who read her books, know where the story originated."

Gill van Zyl of Exclusive Books said it was uncommon to have an Afrikaans book as number one on the best-seller list, but that it had a lot to do with marketing.

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