



Murder on the platteland

With the release of the motion picture *Griekwastad*, the book on which it is based also got a new look.

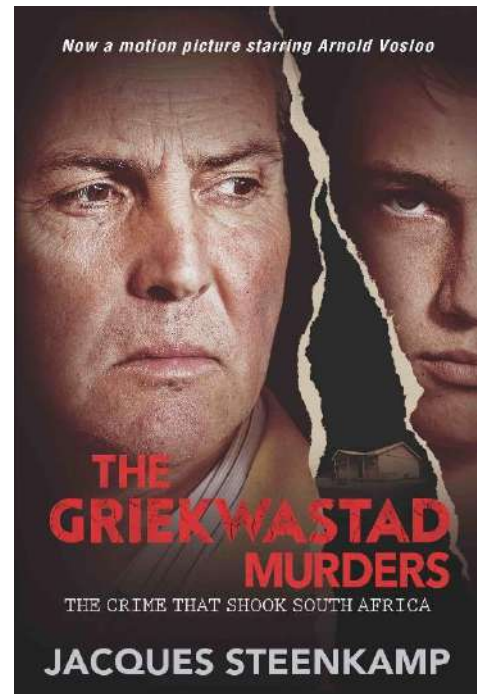
The book *The Griekwastad Murders* by Jacques Steenkamp is now a motion picture starring Arnold Vosloo and was recently released on DSTV BoxOffice. The movie, simply titled *Griekwastad*, is Vosloo's first performance in a South African film in more than 30 years. Other actors include Rolanda Marais, Jody Abrahams, Deon Lotz and Albert Pretorius.

Penguin Random House (PRHSA), publisher of *The Griekwastad Murders*, released a film tie-in edition. The e-book is already available from e-retailers and the print edition will be in stores soon.

'Innocence of Youth'

The movie tells the story of police investigator Dick de Waal who must relinquish his belief in the innocence of youth to solve a triple homicide on the Steenkamp farm outside Griekwastad.

Just after dusk on Good Friday, 6 April 2012, the peace and quiet permeating the small Northern Cape town of Griekwastad was disrupted when a young teenage boy sped into town in his father's Isuzu bakkie and screeched to a halt in front of the town's nearly deserted police station. It was shortly



before 19h00 when Don Steenkamp jumped out of the vehicle and ran into the station's charge office, covered in blood, to announce that his parents and sister had been brutally shot and killed on the family farm, Naauwhoek. Although the killings were initially thought to be just another farm attack, months later Don was arrested for the murders, setting in motion a chain of events that would grip South Africa and divide the people of Griekwastad.

Based on interviews with all the role-players, including the investigating officers on the case, the forensic and ballistic experts, and family and friends of the deceased, and concluding with the verdict and the sentencing, this is the riveting account of what really happened on Naauwhoek farm on that fateful day, as told by the reporter who followed the case from day one...

Hertzog Prize winner Tertius Kapp wrote the script while Jozua Malherbe directed. Both were awarded with SAFTA awards.

[Get your copy of *The Griekwastad Murders* here](#)

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Jacques Steenkamp covered breaking-news stories across South Africa for more than six years. During this time he reported on hundreds of murders and countless court cases. He was considered one of the country's top hard-news reporters and was awarded numerous journalism prizes over the years. He covered the Griekwastad murders from the beginning and, along with his contacts and sources, investigated and exposed the truth behind this gruesome case. He lives in Auckland, New Zealand, with his family, where he currently works as a communications advisor.

