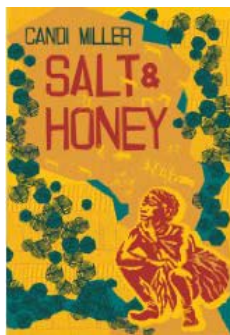




# LGBT Reading Group



## October/November 2008



### The Read... Salt & Honey

This story, which starts in 1950s, introduces Koba, a young tribe girl who witnesses her parents mercilessly murdered by Etienne, a pompous white land-owner on a hunting trip in the Kalahari. When Etienne gets his comeuppance, his well-meaning but misguided liberal sister-in-law takes Koba in... far from her home and everything she has ever known before.

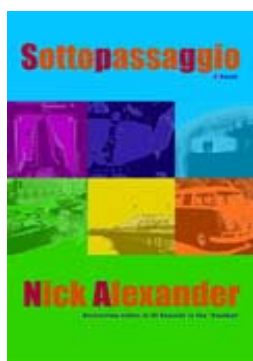
ISBN: 978-0955103223 - 224 pages



### The Author... Candi Miller

Candi was born in Zambia and educated in South Africa, then moved to the UK in the early 1990s. She lives locally and teaches Creative & Professional Writing at Wolverhampton University. To research this novel she undertook an expedition to the San people of the Kalahari Desert and during her stay she was caught up in one of the largest veld fires ever to sweep the sub-continent, charged by a bull elephant and enchanted by Ju/'hoansi story-telling around a campfire. This is her first novel.

**Our Opinion...** The two roots of this story start in the two vastly different families of Koba and Mani. After her parents are murdered by white Mani's uncle, Koba uses her tribal upbringing to survive in her new surroundings after she is taken in by Mani's mother Marta (who means well but is perhaps misguided). Eventually the two children grow into young adults, complete with all the emotions adolescence may bring... The use of traditional Ju/'hoansi words add depth to the feel and realism of the tale. This is a moving story and all readers wanted to know what happened next... We all felt that the glossary at the back would have been much more useful at the beginning of the book though.



### What Next? Sottopassaggio

by Nick Alexander

*"I don't know how I ended up in Brighton. I'm in a permanent state of surprise about it. Of course I know the events that took place, I remember the accident or rather I remember the last time Steve ever looked into my eyes before the grinding screeching wiped it all out. It all seems so unexpected, so far from how things were supposed to be..."*

Mark is recovering from the tragic loss of his lover and is now in Brighton trying to rebuild his life. He meets an interesting and varied selection of new friends and then falls in love with Tom, who unfortunately already has a partner. This book is the second part of Alexander's trilogy. ISBN: 978-2952489911



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