



## Ystervarkrivier: A Slice of Life

By Andy Capostagno, Jack

Jacana Media (Pty) Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Ystervarkrivier: A Slice of Life, Andy Capostagno, Jack, This delightful collection of humorous stories is set in the mythical village of Ystervarkrivier (Ace-Turf-Arc-Riff-Ear) - a forgotten outpost of the Drakenqua Municipality, somewhere in South Africa. The village has a church, a bottle store and a golf course, but not necessarily in that order. The central motif is the nine-hole golf course built by a displaced Yorkshireman, Harry Corkaby. The stories detail Harry's attempts to understand South Africa in the post-apartheid years and to make money for his retirement by encouraging people to play on his folly. The action is contemporary, reflecting current events such as Tiger's divorce, Seve's death and Louis Oosthuizen's Open Championship, but the setting is timeless, a pastoral South Africa with little racial tension. The rural setting allows incursions by such oddities as a one-eyed ostrich, a troop of violent baboons, Nguni cattle being fattened up for lobola and the eponymous porcupine ("Ystervark" means Porcupine in Afrikaans). Meet the richest man in the area, Inkosi Dlamini, as well as the poorest, Thabiso 'Joseph' Tshabalala, Harry's employee, and the rest of the entertaining cast - Ambrose Papenfus (bookworm...)



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