



THE FATUOUS STATE OF SEVERITY

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The Fatuous State of Severity is a fresh collection of short stories and illustrations that explores themes surrounding the experiences of a generation of young, urban South Africans coping with the tensions of social media, language insecurities and relationships of various kinds.

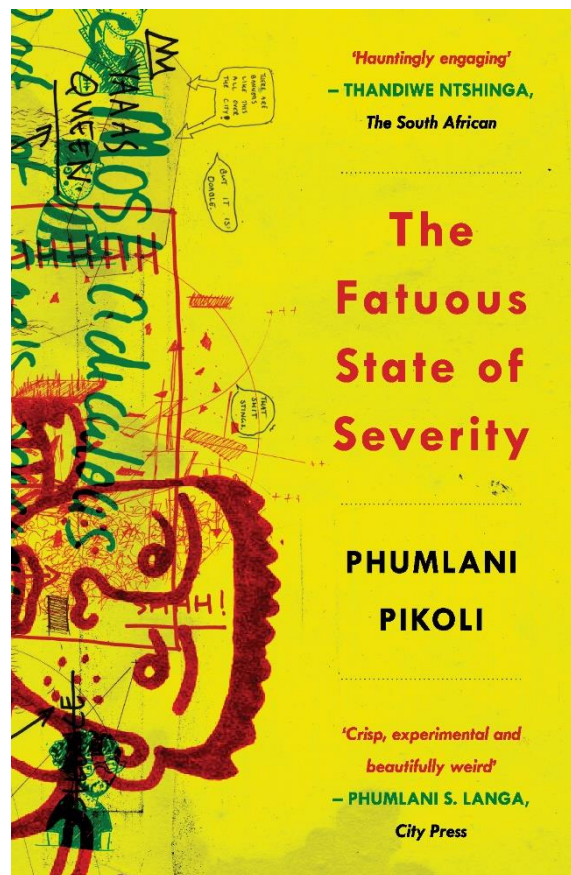
Intense and provocative, this new edition of the book, which was first self-published in 2016, features six additional stories as well as an introductory essay on Phumlani Pikoli's publishing journey.

PRAISE FOR *THE FATUOUS STATE OF SEVERITY*

'Hauntingly engaging' – Thandiwe Ntshinga, *The South African*

'Crisp, experimental and beautifully weird' – Phumlani S. Langa, *City Press*

PHUMLANI PIKOLI is a multi-media journalist and multi-skilled artist. He was born in Zimbabwe in 1988. This is his first time being published by an actual publishing house and he intends to write and publish many more books without restriction to form.



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