

WHEN ALL FAILS, HEAD FOR THE BORDER

JAMES Clelland is a compelling new voice in South African fiction and in this story his fiction is based on truth. In spite of his colourful language you cannot help laughing at what might be your *own* marriage, and his border duty stories are darkly funny.

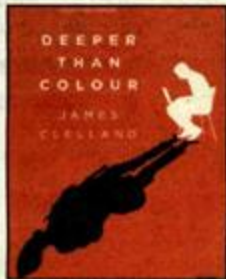
The story is about Angus, an angry young man, married to Dinah whom he dreads making love to. He even counts the tampons in the bathroom to try and escape his husbandly duties.

So much shocked me in this book and yet I became inured to the language eventually.

The fright and illogical need to be up at "the Border" is so well described that in spite of Angus's innate selfishness you feel a need to have sympathy with him in his awful situation.

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