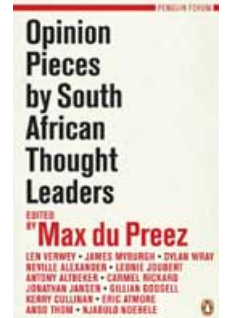


New book reflects on South African leadership, state of the nation

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