

No crying over Spilt Milk

OPRAH would have been proud at this month's **O MAGAZINE BOOK CLUB** when bubbly 25-year-old Kopano Matlwa did a reading from her novel, *Spilt Milk*. The novel is the second from the young doctor who is currently doing her internship, the first being *Coconut*, written when she was still in her teens.

Kopano was interviewed by Melanie Bala and *O* magazine, as readers listened. The passersby were intrigued by the sight of the engrossed women inside Vanilla restaurant at The Mall, and one shouted out: "Oprah!" when he saw the posters.

The press were amused by some of Jacana Press's latest titles, including *50 People Who Stuffed Up South Africa*.



IT WORKS. The cover of *Spilt Milk* from Jacana Press was attractive and eye-catching. Pictures: David Shekleton



VA-VA-VENUE. Vanilla restaurant fed readers healthy salads and pasta.



AN AUTHOR TO WATCH. Kopano Matlwa.



INTERVIEWER. Melanie Bala.



BOOK REVIEW. Deidre from *O* magazine.



FRILLER. The readers in their glad rags.

Edith celebrates a special day with friends

EDITH Venter-Schwartz is one of those rare people in life who is loyal to her friends through thick and thin, and they remember her loyalty. Some of the guests who attended **EDITH'S 60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY** at her house in Illovo had known her for many years, some of them good and some of them bad. But the best things in her experience had come to her late in life, she admitted over a slice of chocolate cake. One of them is her husband Johnny Schwartz, who is a keeper, a jolly good fellow with a kind heart.

Johnny had had a necklace made for Edith by top jeweller Kristen Malan. The necklace has the birthstones in it of everyone who had ever meant

anyone to her and holds great sentimental value. Edith and Johnny's friend from Manchester United, Polly Johnson, who had come out for the World Cup, was part of the celebrations and enjoyed herself thoroughly. Edith's domestic worker of many years, Mary Magahle (right), was also part of the party.

The champagne flowed (goodness, how many bottles did they open?) and cake maestro Franco provided glittery chocolate cupcakes and a gorgeous big cake. Vicky Crease sent over a fig pudding which Nina Morris got her hands on and proclaimed divine! Even the bitterly cold weather did not dampen everyone's spirits.



CELEBRATION. Edith lights the candles on her cake from Franco. Pictures by Heather McCann.



EDITH STALWARTS. Yolanda Klopper and Bernalee Daniels.



AW. Vanessa Carreira and baby Leo.



SNUGGLY. Nina Morris, Monique Strydom.

