

## Recent Books from Kenya – Sept 2021

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### **Biography/Memoirs**

Moi Cabinets , Volume II : The Nyayo Era – 24 Years (Drama, Intrigues, Triumphs) / Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board  
Nairobi: Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board, 2019  
284p.

Includes Index

Kenya Cabinets Biographical Series

9789966194749

\$ 80.00 / HB

1526gm.

Stories about Moi Cabinet during his reign as President of Kenya.

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Joseph Murumbi : A Legacy of Integrity / Karen Rothmyer

Nairobi: Zand Graphics, 2018 (Reprint 2019)

200p.

Includes Index

9789966117588

\$ 50.00 / PB

408gm.

In 1966, after serving first as Kenya's Foreign Minister and then as Vice-President, Joseph Murumbi resigned from Government. Having concluded that the country had made a wrong turn away from a concern for the poor and the ideals he believed in, Morumbi told an old friend that he could no longer 'be part of corruption in this country'. Tribalism, too, which was to

take Kenya to the brink of disaster years later, had already become firmly entrenched, and he wanted no part of it.

Today, Murumbi stands as a symbol of what Kenya could have become, and still could be. As the son of a Goan father and a Maasai mother, he disdained prejudice of any kind. As someone plucked from relative obscurity by Jomo Kenyatta thanks to his hard work and talents as an organiser, he was dismissive of those who depended on family or ethnic connections. And as a strong advocate of embracing and preserving African culture, he was a champion of African artists and their works.

This book, which combines interviews done with Murumbi in the 1970s with historical information and recollections of the people who knew him.

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One in a Million : The Biography of Dr. Manoj Shah / Sandeep Malu

Nairobi: Dr. Manoj Shah, 2021

256p.

9789914708042

\$ 35.00 / PB

540gm.

Sandeep Malu hails from Aurangabad, the tourism capital of Maharashtra, India. He is a renowned educationist since the last two decades. Reading and writing are at the topmost of his relentless passion list. He has a knack for creative writing with incessant flow of words, to articulate the content in a manner that produces vivid images in the minds of the readers. Sandeep is a corporate trainer and motivational speaker too. He belongs to the fraternity of Lions Clubs International and has excelled up to the position of Council Chair of Lions Multiple District 3234. He is a keen observer, precise articulator and enriched with a natural flair for writing, as evident in his maiden endeavor 'One in a Million.'

'One in a Million' is the biography of Dr. Manoj Shah, the Chairman of Kingsway Group of Companies from Kenya, Nairobi. Dr. Manoj Shah's noteworthy journey is a perfect encyclopedia for upcoming business stalwarts and leaders of Lions Clubs across the world, to be proud of and emulate.

Dr. Manoj Shah is a real glitterati in the Lions' fraternity - a persona whose more than three decades distinguished journey is an epitome of sheer brilliance. He has created a work empire in the Automobile, Property, Hospitality and Finance sectors which highlight his vast vision and effective

execution. What touches most about this personality is to give back to society in manifold ways.

If you want to become big, stop thinking small - this aptly describes the effervescent and virtuous Dr. Manoj Shah. His illustrious journey marked with impeccable finesse, utmost clarity of intent, diligent endeavours and successful outcomes has set precedents worth emulating for one and all. He is someone who has redefined the achievement standards, yet what defines him is the admirable trait of utmost humility and passion in every aspect of his multifarious life.

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Not Yet Uhuru : An Autobiography of Oginga Odinga / Oginga Odinga

(Foreword) Kwame Nkrumah

Nairobi: Kenway Publications (East African Educational Publishers Ltd),

1967 (Impression 2021)

266p.

Includes Index

Kenya Biographical Work Series

9789966460059

\$ 60.00 / PB

354gm.

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Honourable Deeds : The James Osogo Story as Narrated / Betheul Oduo

Nairobi: Keri Trust 2020

xiv, 206p.

9789966138514

\$ 40.00 / PB

294gm.

Honourable deeds, the James Osogo story is an illustrious story of an independence hero who was a member of Kenya's first parliament as an Assistant Minister for Agriculture.

This is a bold narrative laid bare by Honourable James Osogo who gives us the story of his life having been born in a quiet fishing community in Budalang'i, Busia County to his ultimate rise into parliament. As one of those who witnessed Kenya's transition from colonialism, Osogo also saw how tribalism, corruption and high handedness slowly crept into our society. In a candid no-holds barred narration, he demonstrates how the cancer of

corruption was not tamed early enough and Kenyans continue to fight a tough war against the vice.

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Undaunted : Stories of Freedom in a Shackled Society / Gabriel Dolan

(Foreword) Maina Kiai

Nairobi: Zand Graphics Ltd, 2021

184p.

9789914402490

\$ 40.00 / PB

248gm.

....to free oneself or assist in liberating others involves taking risks, being suspicious of the status quo, leaving the safety of the shore and launching out into the deep and the unknown. This is a very lonely calling too as one immerses oneself into the whole of reality with courage to confront and listen. Yet, the calling is not to be the liberator of the oppressed but to make a commitment to fight alongside them, as Paulo Freire wrote in *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*. — **Fr Gabriel Dolan**

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From his work in Turkana, Kitale, Kapenguria and Mombasa, Father Gabriel reminds us that true transformative change comes from the people themselves, from the bottom up. This is a challenge that the social justice/human rights practitioners must internalize and the sooner the better. The idea of being the “voice of the voiceless” must transform to facilitating, encouraging and giving space to those who suffer the indignities of injustice, violence, poverty and repression. Indeed, one of the most significant tasks for the human rights community is to devolve away from Nairobi, in real, practical, and substantive ways.

It is not easy for a white man, with all the attendant privileges that brings, to become an integral part of the struggle for pro-poor transformative change in Kenya, and be subject to arrest, harassment, and repression. For those who read these memoirs, please circulate them to everyone you know.

Translate them, read them in the mosques, churches and under trees so that Kenyans can get a sense of where we have come from, what we should avoid, and what it takes to make some gains that benefit the majority of our people.

— **Maina Kiai**

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Dialogue and Dissent : A Constitution in Search of a Country Kenya / Irungu Houghton

Kenya: Ssali Publishing House, 2021

x, 148p.

9780620937672

\$ 40.00 / PB

252gm.

"Dialogue and Dissent: A constitution in search of a country Kenya" is a valuable record of the fight for a society founded on constitutional values of inclusion, equality and social justice. Written for global audiences, it shares vivid insights and bold perspectives from some of Kenya's boldest advocates over 2010-2020. In their stories, lie the simple choices they take daily to uphold democracy and respect human rights in a world where these conditions are rapidly diminishing. It is a call to all citizens to inspire others, serve and act in the public interest. It carries that universal message of hope that we can rise above our circumstances and act free of our past. In so doing, we offer ourselves the possibility of societies in which all are dignified and safe.

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## **Economics**

Mobile Assemblages and Maendeleo in Rural Kenya / Leah Jerop Komen

Bamenda, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2021

xvi, 194p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Bibliography

9789956552849

\$ 30.00 / PB

304gm.

In this book, Leah Komen explores the impact of mobile telephony on the lives of people in rural Kenya. The book analyses the outcomes of complex intersections and interactions between mobile phones, individuals, and the broader society as distinct from the traditional cause-effect relationships in the discourse of development in the changing world. It subverts the traditional notion of synchronic development that ignores target populations' involvement in decision-making and sees development from the lens of developed economies where information and communication

technologies like mobile telephones have originated. Komen's analysis advances a diachronic type of development that focuses on human technology's interrelationships instead of the synchronic model that privileges technology as engendering social transformations and development. The diachronic model is fundamentally *Maendeleo*, a Swahili term denoting process, participation, progress, and growth, and views social transformations and development as an interaction between mobile telephony users and their specific contexts. The book argues that the mobile phone has become an increasingly personalised device. It encourages a sense of community through the sharing of the device by multiple users, promotes co-presence and interpersonal communication, enhances kinship ties and social connectedness, and creates new ways of organising and conducting everyday socioeconomic activities. However, it also can disintegrate relationships and remodel some. This is a book about power negotiation, gender relations, cultural inclinations, and socio-economic dispositions within the context of mobile telephony's domestic use to facilitate social change and development.

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12<sup>th</sup> Egerton University International Conference – Theme : Knowledge Solutions for the Society, the Economy and the Environment : Programme and Book of Abstracts, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 FEDCOS Complex, Njoro Campus

Egerton, Njoro: Egerton University, Faculty of Education Complex, 2018  
xlii, 160p.

\$ 60.00/ PB

544gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778810>

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## **History**

Kenya's 50 Years of Diplomatic Engagement from Kenyatta to Kenyatta / (Ed) Kipyego Cheluget

Kenya: Moran (E.A.) Publishers Limited, 2018

xx, 280p.

Includes Index

9789966631718

\$ 45.00 / PB

500gm.

Kenya's Fifty Years of Diplomatic Engagement is a collection of experiences by Kenyan diplomats and academic essays which traces Kenya's early diplomacy since independence in 1963 to 2013. The narrative of the history of a young nation's diplomacy is told by the men and women who took the mantle of steering the nation's diplomacy during the formative years. The story of the nation's struggle to find a place in the complex diplomatic world can at times read like a thriller. For example, the stories by Bethwell Kiplagat as he traversed the jungles of Mozambique as he sought peace for that country is something that will be cherished by future generations. The description of the methods Kenya used to win the bid to host the most important UN urgency in Nairobi is amazing, to say the least.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=657751>

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The Chocolate City : Untold Story of Life and Reality in Kibera Slum / Sibuur Omeno Sibuur

Nairobi: Sibuur Omeno Sibuur, 2020

132p.

Real African Stories Series No. 8

\$ 25.00 / PB

152gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778795>

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## **Law**

East African Community Law Journal, Volume 1, Number 1, 2020/2021 / (Ed-in-Chief) Shikoli Edmond Ashivaka

Kabarak, Nakuru: Kabarak University, School of Law, 2020/2021

viii, 248p.

ISSN: 2709-1260 ; 97727091260

\$ 60.00/ PB

398gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778796>

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African Journal of Commerical Law, Volume 1 2019/2020 / (Ed-in-Chief) Elisha Zebedee Ongoya

Kabarak, Nakuru: Centre for Commercial and Corporate Law, Kabarak University, School of Law, 2019/2020

vi, 190p.

ISSN: 2706-7661 ; 97727067661

\$ 60.00 / PB

320gm.

Content:

- Innovation Benefits of Software Patents in Kenya.
- Corporate Restructuring: Towards More Informal and Flexible Models.
- Backlash Against ISDS – A Case for a Sustainable Development Approach to Investment Arbitration for Developing Countries...

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778797>

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Kabarak Journal of Law and Ethics, Volume 4, 2019 / (Ed-in-Chief) Elisha Zebedee Ongoya

Kabarak, Nakuru: Centre for Jurisprudence & Constitutional Studies, Kabarak University, School of Law, 2019

xiv, 242p.

ISSN: 2707-1596; 97727071596

\$ 60.00/ PB

410gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778798>

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Kabarak Journal of Law and Ethics, Volume 5, 2020/ (Ed-in-Chief) Shikoli Edmond Ashivaka

Kabarak, Nakuru: Centre for Jurisprudence & Constitutional Studies, Kabarak University, School of Law, 2020

xii, 292p.

ISSN: 2707-1596; 97727071596

\$ 60.00/ PB

474gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778799>

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## **Literature**

Unbury Our Dead With Song / Mukoma Wa Ngugi

Nairobi: Jahazi Press, 2021

256p.

9781911115984

\$ 40.00 / PB

320gm.

Unbury our Dead With Song is a novel about four talented Ethiopian musicians – The Diva, The Corporal, the Taliban Man and Miriam, who are



competing to see who can sing the best Tizita (popularly referred to as Ethiopian blues). Taking place in an illegal boxing hall in Nairobi, Kenya, the competition is covered by a US educated Kenyan journalist, John Thandi Manfredi, who writes for a popular tabloid, The National Inquisitor. He follows the musicians back to Ethiopia in order to learn more about the Tizita and their lives. As he learns more about the Tizita and the multiple meanings of beauty, he uncovers that behind each of the musicians, there are layered lives and secrets. Ultimately, the novel is a love letter to African music, beauty and imagination.

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Inevitable Desires : First Love (Book One of the Inevitable Desires Trilogy) / Vincent De Paul

Nakuru: Mystery Publishers Limited, 2019

346p.

9789966134578

\$ 25.00 / PB

436gm.

When her boyfriend goes missing without a trace, Hedwig Sanzi Joe is not prepared to face the reality. As she tries to understand what really happened, she is drawn into a vortex of a dark past, secrets, and betrayal.

Every step she makes, everything she does, is a terrible mistake with catastrophic outcomes in her life.

As she navigates through the murky waters of her new life, her dead boyfriend comes back to life at a time her marriage has hit the rocks. Hedwig has a fierce battle to fight—desires of her heart and the ticking bomb that's her marriage.

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Twisted Times : Son of Man (Book One of Twisted Time Trilogy) / Vincent De Paul

Nakuru: Mystery Publishers Limited, 2020

298p.

9789966955142

\$ 25.00 / PB

372gm.

The dead can't rest in peace. The livings are in danger. And one man's run has begun. When Kennedy Paul Maina runs away from home, robbing the

dead and crime becomes his life at the university where to survive he has to do what he must ... and façade is a beautiful thing. He runs from the police as a criminal, runs from assassins, and ultimately runs from himself. Worse, the vengeance-ridden leader of the criminal gang he left is after him—he wants to make Ken’s life a living hell.

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Back-Fence Talk and Other Vices : A Collection of Stories / Caroline Kinya Mbaya

Kenya: Caroline Kinya Mbaya, 2020

110p.

9789914705638

\$ 25.00 / PB

150gm.

A young woman who finds love on her daily commuter train encounters an unlikely foe; an absent sister's letter arrives home in the nick of time; Swahili proverbs find their way into a strange airport encounter; a cunning loan shark finds herself in an unusual position; a young couple struggle with domestic violence; village superstition and gossip has a sensible school teacher turning to black magic; a prison break has two women confronting past trauma. With stories of superstition, murder, and unrequited love, this collection pokes fun at human folly and is bound to challenge your ideas about life, loyalty, and loss.

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The Beasts Under Your Bed / James Maina Mwangi

Nairobi: JM Rogoi, 2020

122p.

9789914700084

\$ 25.00 / PB

180gm.

Every day, the populace wakes before dawn to head to the blast furnaces of Nairobi’s Industrial Area leaving behind another bustling economy of daily subsistence carried on by the not so lucky. The drinking dens gobble up what they so work hard for. And so the cycle continues. The Beasts Under Your Bed follows the travails of one such young man raised in this cesspool that he refuses, is helpless or unable to say goodbye to. He looks for love and light at

the end of the bottle and illicit relations. Will he find what he's looking for? Will he finally manage to escape the chains that so tie him to the old adage, 'A man can leave the village but the village cannot leave the man?'

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Dance of the Monkeys / Ciku Kimeria

Kenya: Ciku Kimeria, 2020

256p.

9789914704075

\$ 30.00 / PB

348gm.

A fancy Nairobi engagement party turns deadly. What is to be a special night for Mwende and her fiancé, Oti, takes an unexpected twist. Private investigator, Wanjiru Mdaku, is in a race against time to find the culprit out to get Mwende, the daughter of the infamous local businessman, Al Capone wa County. In trying to solve this mystery, Wanjiru Mdaku finds herself navigating treacherous waters of the Lamu drugworld, county mafia, political rivalries, a well-connected megachurch and countless love triangles. Can our heroine solve this mystery before the culprit gets Mwende?

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Moran Pearls : Thunder Over Kandahar / Sharon E. Mckay

Nairobi: Moran (E.A.) Publishers Limited, 2010

264p.

9789966631220

\$ 10.00 / PB

258gm.

A powerful novel of enduring friendship set amid the terror and chaos of present-day Afghanistan. Best friends Tamanna and Yasmine cannot believe their good fortune when a school is set up in their Afghan village; however, their dreams for the future are shattered when the Taliban burn down the school and threaten the teacher and students with death. As Tamanna faces an arranged marriage to an older man, and the Taliban target Yasmine's Western-educated family, the girls realize they must flee. Traveling through dangerous mountain passes, the two unaccompanied teens find themselves in mortal danger as they confront land mines, a suicide bomber, and roving bands of Taliban. But when the two girls are separated, they are left without the one thing that has helped them survive—each other.

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## **Sciences**

Egerton Journal of Science and Technology, Volume 16 (2016) / (Chief Ed)  
Professor R. A. Mwonya  
Egerton, Njoro: Egerton University 2016  
iv, 142p.  
ISSN: 2073-8277  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
288gm.

Content:

- • Recombinant Protein from Trypanosoma Congolense a Good Diagnostic Antigen in Immunochromatographic Test.
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## **Sociology**

Egerton Journal of Humanities, Social Science and Education, Vol. XI, 2014 /  
(Ed) Joseph Walunywa  
Egerton, Nakuru: Egerton University, 2014  
vi, 242p.  
ISSN: 1021-1128  
\$ 60.00/ PB  
328gm.

- Elections and Security in Africa: Between Theory and Practice.
- The Continued Relevance of African Traditional Religious Principles of Peace and Reconciliation in Contemporary Kenyan Society.
- The Curse of AK 47: Socio-Economic Impacts of Livestock Rustling in the Turkana West Pokot and Turkana East Baringo Axes...

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Egerton Journal of Humanities, Social Science and Education, Vol. XII, 2019 /  
(Ed) Fugich Wako  
Egerton, Nakuru: Egerton University, 2019  
iv, 244p.  
ISSN: 1021-1128  
\$ 60.00 / PB  
304gm.

- “Broken Temporalities of the ‘New’ South Africa”: Variegated Rainbow Nation in K. Sello Duiker’s *The Quiet Violence of Dreams* and Phaswane Mpe’s *Welcom to Our Hillbrow*.
- Autobiography and the Deconstruction of Femal Selfhood in Karen Blixen’s *Out of Africa* and Elspeth Huxley’s *The Flame Trees of Thika*.
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