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### Art

Arrows, Quivers, Bows from Africa / Aart van Beek  
The Aart van Beek Collection  
Netherlands: Aart van Beek, 2023  
104p. ; illus., (detailed) maps.  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789082777420  
\$ 150.00 / HB  
840gm.  
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### Biography/Memoirs

Food for the Famous: A Celebrity Chef in Africa : An Autobiography / Eamon Mullan  
Nairobi: Footprints Press, 2017  
296p.  
Includes Celebrity Recipes.  
9789966022196  
\$ 100.00 / PB  
1000gm.

This is the colourful story of Eamon Mullan, a renowned English chef who arrived at the famous Norfolk Hotel in Kenya and never quite left. The hilarious biography told in Eamon's idiosyncratic English manner weaves his journey across the many countries and kitchens in which he fought, taught, cooked and lived. Across the way he met several celebrities of the day from Brazilian soccer player Pele, Sarah Ferguson – the Duchess of Kent, to the late actors Peter Ustinov, Richard Burton and present day actresses such as Angelina Jolie. Despite rubbing shoulders with so many high and mighty individuals he remained rooted to the ground. The book also presents several recipes of the favourite meals he cooked for some of the celebrities, including the Mullan Lamb Chops prepared for former Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi.  
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Seasons of Hope: Memoir of David Musila / David Musila & Caleb Atemi  
Nairobi: The David Musila Foundation, 2019  
369p.  
Includes Index

9789966097316  
\$ 65.00 / PB  
756gm.

Seasons of Hope is one of the most honest, frank and revealing memoir ever written by a Kenyan leader. It delves deep into David Musila's extraordinary life from colonial Kenya and cuts across the reign of four Heads of State. Musila tells it all with absolute honesty and frankness. As a young administrator during the sunrise of Kenya's self-rule, Musila rose in experience and stature from the ranks of District officer to Provincial Commissioner. presiding over tumultuous moments of politics of witch-hunting to emerge as an influential player in both government and opposition, Musila has, in Seasons of Hope, shared a story of integrity and truthfulness that Kenya needs to reclaim the dreams and ideals of its founding fathers.

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My Life's Journey: An Autobiography / Hon. Titus Mbathi, EGH  
Kenya: Bounce Back Books, 2022  
236p.  
9789914744828  
\$ 75.00 / PB  
384gm.

Distinguished former Cabinet Minister who has led an accomplished life tells all about the journey to becoming. At 94 years old and with a lucid memory, you want to read this book on what it takes to lead a successful life with equally successful children and daughters in law.

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GookA: From the Village to the City / Eng. Peter Nduati (Ed) Wilson Macharia  
Kenya: Engineer Peter Nduati (Self-Published), 2022  
xviii, 302p.  
Includes Biographical Bibliography  
9789914994520  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
486gm.

Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Grandfather (Gooka).  
Live life forwards but understand it by looking backwards. In the book are the author's 21st century daily experiences mirrored in his village days. From the comfort of a ZOOM class, jog around the estate and make rare encounters. Walk with him through libraries, hit ( ) golf balls, visit the beach and learn a thing or two about hyenas, lions and leopards. These experiences are made especially interesting with historical, social, scientific, and mathematical satire as the author seeks to fulfil his 10,000-step daily requirement for fitness, monitored by his new master, 'Googlefit'. Whatever age or career, the experiences in this anthology of 24 stories make you reflect on your life and laugh or cry.

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The General and I: A Memoir / Helen Pilale Nkaiserry  
Kenya: Santuri Media Limited, 2022  
598p.  
Includes Index  
9789914740097  
\$ 75.00 / PB  
882gm.

This is the story of an imposing military man whose appointment to head the country's security apparatus made Kenyans feel relatively safe again after multiple terror attacks. A disciplined patriot and a fitness-enthusiast, Nkaisery's sudden death, on the eve of a General Election, sent shock waves worldwide. In the list of his unfinished work, was his wish to write his life story.

His widow, Helen, steps up courageously to bear witness and realize the General's dream. She weaves this memoir in the context of a Maasai cultural world set against a fast-changing political landscape.

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Beyond the Shadows of My Dream: A Biography of Dr. Martin Oduor Otieno, CBS / Dr. Martin Oduor Otieno, CBS

Updated Edition

Kenya: House of Wealth Publishers, 2022

366p.

9789914998252

\$ 90.00 / PB

500gm.

Here is a robust inspirational story that any youth would do well to be intimate with, while the mature reader will want to see why some people seem to get it right the first time, all the time. From the humble origins of village life in a slow and laidback lakeside village, Martin grows up to hone his faculties amidst some of the most brilliant youth anywhere, in preparation for a breathtaking career that traverses both the private and public sectors beyond the confines of his native Kenya. A compelling and trenchant narrative, rendered in accessible idiom by a strong team of seasoned storytellers.

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Nothing But the Truth: The Story of a Surgeon with Four Wives : An Autobiography / Yusuf K Dawood

Nairobi: Kenway Publications, 2002

xii, 348p.

Includes Index

9966251227; 9799966251229

\$ 37.00 / PB

520gm.

A wonderful and interestingly written saga of the authors life, there is certainly connect with the trials, tribulations of the young teenager, a college student and the joys highs and lows of life as a medical student in Britain. The book also throws light on the Indian independence struggle and the specific cultural and family values prevalent in the bantwa Muslim community.

The saga covers the authors journey of life from pre independent India to partitioned India and Pakistan .we do not know whether the author had the habit of maintaining diaries if not we have to salute his memory and vivid recall of earliest memories as a child and as a teenager.

A wonderful read gives you a warm feeling that there is hope and accomplishment and an enriching life for those who are determined and persevere against all odds.

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Tower of Transformational Leadership / George Magoha

Nairobi: Kenway Publications, 2017

xx, 364p.

Includes Index

9789966561848

Kenya Biographical Works Series  
\$ 65.00 / PB  
750gm.

In physical stature, academic achievements and leadership acumen, Prof. George Magoha is a towering figure that continues to bestride the medical profession and corporate leadership like a colossus. As is evident in this memoir, he has led many institutions and risen through the ranks purely on meritocracy. He was the first competitively recruited Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, which he transformed into its current world-class excellence status. His transformative leadership style saw him steer the University during one of its most challenging periods, surmounting the perennial impediments hitherto associated with the institution – financial constraints; staff apathy; students’ unrests – among other challenges.

Prof. Magoha is Professor of Urological and Transplant Surgery. Born in Gem, Kenya, he received his medical training at the College of Medicine of the University of Lagos Nigeria; Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria; Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland; and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School Hammersmith Hospital, London.

Currently, he is the Chairman of the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) where he has introduced transformative measures that have seen the Council regain its integrity. He has also been Chairman of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board (KMPDB) since 2009. In addition, Prof. Magoha represents Africa in the Global Council of Confucius Institute, Beijing China; he is Chairman of African Network for Scientific and Technological Institutions (ANSTI) Governing Board; has served as President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), and has been President of the Association of Medical Councils of Africa (AMCOA) from 2013 to date.

Prof. Magoha is a recipient of many local and international awards and honors, including State recognition with: Member of the Burning Spear (MBS) and Elder of the Burning Spear (EBS). The choice of Prof. Magoha would appear to lend credence to the government’s commitment to reform KNEC. He is one of Africa’s best respected academics who as UoN boss helped establish Kenya’s Premier university as a world class institution. A disciplined Professor of surgery and urologist, he has the reputation of a results-oriented administrator. His high level administrative experience and surgeon’s scalpel should stand him in good stead in diagnosing and treating KNEC sickness and prescribing modus operandi for the immediate

, medium, and longer terms.

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Me: My Journey to Freedom / Tatu Reginaldah; (Ed) Paulah Norah  
Kenya: Tatu Reginaldah (Self-Published), 2022  
178p.  
9789914404364  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
224gm.

Tatu opens up about her life as an 18 year old held hostage by a close family friend and forced to be a “wife” and a mother of three.

She tells her story recounting events from the day she is locked up to the day she finally frees herself in a way that can help anyone else going through a similar or near similar case.

While we may all know or have heard about abuse, young parenting and teen marriages, a few people have experienced it. Some we know, some we don’t and many have lost their lives where they could have helped themselves or sought help.

The memoir takes through the transformation of Tatu from a fearful, naive little girl to a grown up aware of her emotions, picking herself up, learning, unlearning and relearning many things and valuing freedom.

ME is a story put together in both an entertaining and emotional way, opening us up to the life of a naive girl, a distraught family and a man deeply in love.

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The Pains We Live : A Story of Love, Pain, Betrayal, and Redemption : A Memoir / Sophie Kiwelu Nakuru: Mystery Publishers Limited, 2023

372p.

9789914995398

\$ 40.00 / PB

394gm.

When Lydia Mkunde falls in love, it is hard, fast, and at first sight. She doesn't listen to the 'small voice' telling her that Jabez Kimoni is not the one. Her happily-ever-after is a nightmare, and she wishes to end the pain when the man she marries becomes someone she can't recognise.

Hoping to find solace in the church, she is betrayed by those she trusts most. Her only hope is in the God she trusts, and redemption is the restoration of her happiness.

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The Girl from Kyondoni : A Memoir / Ruth Mawia Mwanzia (Ed) Verah Omwocha

Nairobi: Writers Guild Kenya, 2023

118p.

9789914964004

\$ 38.00 / PB

148gm.

This is a story of a little girl who grew up in a little-known village called Kyondoni. A little girl who later moved to the city, and from a little duckling, became a swan. This is the story of Ruth Mawia Mwanzia. The story of my life.

A story of my life in school and the different experiences that have made me the woman I am becoming today. A story that punctuates my journey, desires and hopes. A story that reveal the rocks of my foundation, God.

Captured in an enticing fashion, I remember the different experiences and pieces of everything that weaved into my beliefs today. I hope that this story reminds you of God's will of your life. May this story remind you of your journey and where we all connect; God?

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The Disruptor: Championing Reforms in Kenya's Prison Service with Passion / Wanini Kireri

Kenya: Wanini Kireri (Self-Published), 2019

144p.

9789966135490

\$ 30.00 / PB

172gm.

Due to her humble nature, meeting her for the first time, Wanini Kireri might pass of as another ordinary Kenyan woman. That is until you are told of her trailblazing exploits in the Kenya Prisons Service.

Having risen steadily through the ranks in the Prison service, in the 80s and 90s, Wanini set out on what many thought was mission impossible. She unwaveringly purposed to give a human face to the then infamous Kenyan prisons and she ended up succeeding beyond her wildest imaginations. Hers is a story of tenacity, resilience and great passion for change that is characteristic of a true trailblazer.

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Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow / Yusuf K. Dawood  
Revised Edition  
Nairobi: Longhorn Publishers (Kenya) Ltd., 2016  
224p.  
9966497935; 9789966497932  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
300gm.

In Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Yusuf K. Dawood, the surgeon-writer, has dissected both body and soul. He has given an account of his surgical cases and has woven them round his own life. In both instances he has opened his heart out.

The book relates his fascinating experiences in three different countries - India where he was born and became a doctor, England where he trained to be a surgeon and Kenya where he settled to practise the art and science of surgery. In this book there is candour and suspense, laughter and tears, hope and despair, triumphs and failure and the reader cannot fail to be touched by all the human emotions the surgeon and his patients experience.

In Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Yusuf K. Dawood has shown he is as deft with his pen as he is with his scalpel.

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The Last Word / Yusuf K. Dawood  
Nairobi: Sasa Sema Publications (Longhorn Kenya Ltd), 2012  
iv, 292p.  
9966369937; 9789966369932  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
366gm.

The Last Word by Yusuf Dawood concludes the quartet of the Surgeon's Diary - in book format. The other three are Yesterday Today and Tomorrow, Off my Chest, and Behind the Mask.

The beautifully executed stories in the Last Word are adorned with occurrences from the author's extensive travels and medical experiences, some heart-rending and others with exultant endings. Dawood's stories are lit with humor and wit that make the myriad medical challenges seem surmountable.

The stories though appearing in the Surgeon's Diary are fresh and authentic. Just like in the other three titles that form the quartet, the author has once again used his scalpel and pen with prowess to bring real surgical drama to our doorstep. Dawood, a celebrated surgeon and formidable author, has authored The Price of Living, One Life too Many, Water Under the Bridge, among others. The Last Word is his eleventh title.

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Benga Maestro: The Life and Genius of Dr. Osito Kalle / Okeyo Sojah & Agutu Onagi  
Nairobi: Okeyo Sojah & Agutu Onagi (Self-Published), 2023  
xii, 196p.  
9789914491098  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
300gm.

Music is a therapy that lulls and comforts the human soul. With its growing audience in a highly dynamic world, there's a bulging desire to not only listen but also imbibe its philosophy through diverse literature. Benga Maestro is one such classic—a thrilling thread that avails music to your bookshelves. This rare text explicates and contextualizes the world in which Dr. Osito Kalle performs. It chronicles the journey of Benga from its initial sprout around Nam Lolwe to the

modern Social Media era, touching albeit passingly, on the other giants of the genre like D.O Misiani, Collela Mazee, George Ramogi, Ouma Omore, Ochieng' Nelly, and Okatch Biggy, amongst many others. This story is told through the lenses of Dr. Osito Kalle, the string doctor, Dokta Waya, and lyrical cricket who plucks and chirps out wisdom, traditional aphorism, humour, and consolation, to 'edutain' his audience. A viable offspring of the Victoria Jazz family, stemming from his mentor's Awino Lawi-led Victoria C, the Mabinju songbird has grown into a gallant ballad of his current Nabii Kings Band . Thus, Benga Maestro, narrates his Benga odysseys and magnanimously shares his foresight for music, its makers, and its consumers. It is a pleasurable exploration of both the kingly Kalle, and the benign world of Benga.

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From Grass to Grace: A Story of Resilience, Hope and Determination / Faleri Muthoni

Kenya: Faleri Muthoni (Self-Published), 2022

104p.

9798888312162

\$ 30.00 / PB.

128gm.

From Grass to Grace is an inspiring story of resilience, hope, and determination told with vivid descriptive past experiences. It is Faleri, Muthoni's story of self-invention and survival, coupled with the unsparing intrigues of fate. Inspired by his single mum and the struggles they faced; This story will leave you believing that nothing is cast on stone. Faleri, hopes From Grass to Grace will be the needed nudge to get anyone out of their comfort zone and catapult dormant and undiscovered talents to pursue their dreams.

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Promises to Keep and Miles to Go: Memoirs of the 11<sup>th</sup> \*\*\* Star Kenyan General / Lt. Gen (Rtd) H W Njoroge

Nairobi: Three Legs Consortium, 2023

304p.

9789966123824

Three Legs Consortium Reminisces Series No. 1

\$ 60.00 / PB

338gm.

In this captivating Memoire, Lt. Gen. [rtd.] Humphrey Njoroge, 3-Star of Kenya, traces his life and that of the modern Kenya military from the late 1940s, until his retirement from active service in 2004.

It is a story of dedication and commitment, and loyalty and belief in the enduring principles of all great and worthy life. From classroom to war and back again, to strategic commands in the military in between, Gen. Njoroge gives an idea of what it was and what it meant. It ultimately leaves the reader to ponder whether in truth, that calibre of folk patrol the institution's corridors.

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Ministry of Misdemeanour: Sequel to the Boy with Shoes: A Memoir / Hillary Lisimba Ambani

Nakuru: Mystery Publishers Limited, 2020

xiv, 170p.

9789966955166

\$ 40.00 / PB

234gm.

Life in high school: raging hormones, peer pressure, rebellion, and self-discovery. A paragon of adolescence, it embodies unplanned pregnancies for young girls and boys becoming fathers, all in

the name of exploring. Relationships are formed, rules broken, and, sometimes, lifelong mistakes made. Ministry of Misdemeanour exemplifies the height of tempting fate—daredevil teenage antics, intrigues, mischief, and pushing the limits at Akili High School.

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From the Village to the World: Reflections on Setbacks that Turned into Breakthroughs / Jeremiah Nzioka

Nairobi: JNN Global, 2022

150p.

9789914748963

\$ 46.00 / PB

180gm.

Jeremiah, a UK-based Kenyan Counsellor, Economist, and Pastor, was born and raised in a small village called Kamanzi in Kenya. His childhood was spent in the midst of tremendous challenges including poverty and deprivation. Their family struggled to afford food and school fees. That notwithstanding, Jeremiah received education through providential circumstances. By sharing reflections from his own life story, Jeremiah offers the reader an example of how setbacks in real life turned into breakthroughs.

In addition to Jeremiah's life story, you will read reflections from four other similarly inspiring stories. This message will encourage and inspire you to convert life's inherent setbacks to your advantage.

Jeremiah holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Nairobi and a master's degree in Theology from Africa International University, Nairobi.

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Journeys and Stories: Step into the Power of Calmness / Elizabeth Mueni Kituku

Kenya: Wikitabu Publishers Ltd., 2022

xviii, 156p.

9789914747973

\$ 30.00 / PB

202gm.

Journeys and Stories carries an inspirational chronicle packed with life experiences that will rouse your inner spirit, help you unpack your limitations, learn skills to embrace the power of calmness, understand how expensive it is to protect your dignity and also guide you into a state of being 'Wonderfully You'.

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## History

Shrouded Witness: Unearthing Padre Reuben Omulo's Mission Praxis / Canon Francis Omondi

Kenya: Canon Francis Omondi (Self-Published), 2022

291p.

9789966005359

\$ 50.00 / PB

652gm.

This book examined the Anglican Church's history of mission in Central Nyanza, focusing on the formative role played by Reuben Omulo, a Luo mission innovator. It explores the key features of the mission praxis of Omulo and his encounters with the Church Missionary Society (CMS).



The pre-colonial encounters forged the diverse Luo people into a nation, as this research clarified, and further described those complex relations, which shaped critical features of the Southern Luo world, priming them for their encounters with the European colonialist and the CMS missionaries.  
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On the Wings of a Sparrow: How the Seventh-day Adventist Church came to Western Kenya /  
Godfrey K. Sang & Hosea K. Kili  
Nairobi: Gapman Publications Ltd., 2016  
xxii, 282p.  
Includes Bibliography  
9789966094971  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
814gm.

The year was 1912 when a middle-aged man European man named David Sparrow trudged along a heavy ox-drawn wagon up the Nandi plateau to settle in the area which is today known as Burnt Forest. There was nothing extraordinary about this settler farmer. He was only one of hundreds seeking their fortune off the Plateau. He however, happened to be a Seventh-day Adventist – possibly the only settler farmer who practiced that faith in the whole of British East Africa. He then set out to share his faith with the Nandi on whose land he had settled. Two years later, he moved out to his own farm a short distance from Eldoret town and named it 'Ndege Farm' in Kipkenyo. David Sparrow and his wife Sallie led the first Nandi to the faith in 1916 and helped organize the first Adventist church at Kaigat in 1931. From that humble start, the Western Kenya region today has well over three thousand Churches and Sabbath-schools directly and in them hundreds of thousands of members. This story captures the humble origins of Adventism at Sparrow's Ndege Farm and how they met and overcame serious challenges and resistance to their faith. This story looks at the entry of Adventism from the four perspectives – the work of David Sparrow and his wife Sallie, the work of the early Nandi converts at Kaigat and the dispersal of 1941, the entry of Adventism to Luhya country and the Mt. Elgon / Kitale and the Northern rift region and the work among the Kipsigis. It centres mainly on individuals and the pioneers of the faith in various parts of the mentioned regions.

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Mathare : An Urban Bastion of Anti-Oppression Struggle in Kenya / Samuel Gathanga Ndung'u  
Canada/Kenya: Daraja Press & Zand Graphics Ltd, 2022  
74p.  
9781990263422

1. Kenya – History – Mau Mau Emergency, 1952-1960.
2. Mau Mau.
3. Mathare Valley (Nairobi, Kenya). – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century.
4. Nairobi (Kenya) – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century.
5. Nairobi (Kenya) – Social conditions – 20<sup>th</sup> century.

\$ 35.00 / PB  
130gm.

History is written by the victors of any war. But what happens when the victors forget to write down their history or omit the cog of the struggle? This is the untold story of Mathare Slum that has never been told to the world: of the role it played in anti-colonial struggle and the planning ground for the Mau Mau struggle which culminated with the fall of the British Colonial Empire in Kenya in the midnight of December 12th, 1963. Mathare has also played a critical role in anti-oppression struggle against the four regimes that we've had since independence and continues to do so up to date. This history has not been documented and has only been done piecemeal. This has overtime eroded the rich history of Mathare and led to a distorted history of once a planning

ground and a bulwark of Kenya Land and Freedom Army (KFLA). The current generation are not cognizant with the critical role Mathare played in the independence of our country. Presently, Mathare is majorly known for all the negative reasons and its proximity to Mathari Mental Hospital has contorted its image to the outside world. My story tries to re-tell the history of Mathare from an informed insider perspective by threading the struggles from the colonial era to the present day and the role it has played in agitating for social justice. My story brings to view the past history of this informal settlement in the heart of Nairobi, the present struggle and the promising future through community organizing.

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Lamu : A Brief History / Roland Minor  
Kenya: Roland Minor (Self-Published), 2021  
iv, 56p.  
9798529485941  
\$ 30.00  
90gm.

This book gives an insightful look at the early history of the island of Lamu on the Kenya coast, as well as the surrounding area. Arab and Indian sailors dominated the maritime trade of the western Indian Ocean from earliest times. Greek sailors operating out of Egyptian ports joined them and it was from them that the first written records of the East African coast are derived. Lamu, with its fine natural harbour and abundant supplies of fresh water, likely played a major part in this maritime trade.

By the 14th century the renowned Moroccan traveller, ibn Battúta, reported that the whole East African coast had been Islamicized. Then came the Portuguese in the last years of the 15th century. With their faster ships and gunnery, they dominated the existing trade resulting in a catastrophic collapse of local economies. In the mid-17th century, the ruler of Mombasa appealed to the Sultan of Oman for aid in driving off the Portuguese. This heralded Omani interest in East Africa and the founding of the Sultanate of Zanzibar. The British took an interest in the coast in their attempts to stop the slave trade. Eventually, under pressure from the British, the Sultan of Zanzibar ceded the administration of the coastal strip to the British, leading in due course to the establishment of Kenya Colony. Lamu played a key role in the evolving history of the Kenya coast.

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Cabral Pinto – Willy Mutunga Under Cover: Selected Opinion-Editorial Columns by Willy Mutunga, Published Between 2006 and 2011 / Willy Mutunga  
Nairobi: Vita Books, 2022  
xx, 406p.  
9789914992199  
USD 50.00 / PB  
686gm.

For over 30 years, Willy Mutunga has blazed the trail in starting many important public conversations about remaking Kenya and the wider world into a better society. As a public intellectual, he has consistently challenged convenient stereotypes in an effort to bring down the social barriers erected by fear and ignorance, and led in persuading individuals and communities to re-examine widely held prejudices and to start difficult dialogues. Between 2006 and 2011, Mutunga wrote a weekly column in the Saturday Nation. It is from these contributions, under the pen name Cabral Pinto – a combination of the surnames of the two African ideologues he greatly admired – that the 146 articles in this volume are selected. The clarity of Willy's moral voice is unmistakable on a broad variety of themes, ranging from exhortations for an alternative leadership that would deliver a human rights state, to an unapologetic call for mass action as a peaceful way

to bring change. This collection by Cabral Pinto is the story of Kenya's long democracy struggle, told by a pro-democracy activist.

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Mohamed Bakari: Collected Essays Vol. 1 / Mohamed Bakari

Nairobi: Wasomi Africa, 2023

312p.

Includes Bibliography

9789914963731

\$ 60.00 / PB

395gm.

- Kenyan Election 2002: The End of Machiavellian Politics?
- A Place at the Table: Political Integration of Muslims in Kenya 1963-2007.
- Ali Mazrui and Turkey
- An Others.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846409>

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Mohamed Bakari : Collected Essays Vol. 2 / Mohamed Bakari

Nairobi: Wasomi Africa, 2023

349p.

9789914963717

\$ 60.00 / PB

418gm.

- The Contemporary African Economic Plight.
- Thinking Critically: Essays Inside and Outside Kenya.
- History of Literatures in European Languages in East Africa.
- And Others.

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Mohamed Bakari: Collected Essays Vol. 3 / Mohamed Bakari

Nairobi: Wasomi Africa, 2023

352p.

9789914963717

\$ 60.00 / PB

432gm.

- The Politics of Language in Europe: Turning Challenges to Advantages.
- Globalisation and Muslim Societies.
- The Triple Heritage in East African Literature.
- And Others.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846411>

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The Sultan's Spymaster: Peera Dewjee of Zanzibar / Judy Aldrick

Naivasha: Old Africa Books, 2015

292p.

9789966757203

\$ 55.00 / PB

460gm.

The Sultan's Spymaster tells the story of Peera Dewjee, an Ismaili merchant who crossed from India to Zanzibar as a boy. Later he became Sultan Barghash's barber and valet, where he became

a confidant to the Sultan and a trusted advisor. Peera Dewjee acted behind the scenes during momentous events in the history of Zanzibar and East Africa - the closing of the slave markets and imperial expansion by Germany and Great Britain. The Sultan's Spymaster displays 16 pages of rare photographs from Zanzibar as well as numerous old line drawings in the text of the book itself.

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### Linguistics

Gikuyu-English Dictionary / Wambui M. Gikuyu & Mumbi Women

Kenya: Wambui M, 2022

160p.

9789914490107

\$ 50.00 / PB

154gm.

English & Gikuyu Languages

This is a translation of words in Gikūyū language to English. It also has an explanation of the Gikūyū alphabet which is quite distinct from the English one. It is an easy to read book and offers even young learners an opportunity to learn Gikūyū language on their own or through teachers and masters of the language.

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### Literature

Return the Bride Price and Other Poems / Ayeko Jakoyo

Kenya: Williams Publishers Ltd, 2020

vii, 148p.

9780692465615

\$ 20.00 / PB

194gm.

The poetry anthology Return The Bride Price And Other Poems by Ayieko Jakoyo is a collection of poems with diverse subject matters ranging from culture, love, marriage and other contemporary issues touching on human life. The thematic and structural diversity by the poems in this anthology makes it a masterpiece for the lovers of poetry. The anthology has a well arranged poetry notes and first five poems well analyzed to suit the standards of Kenya National Examination Council. The book is therefore of great help to secondary students, upcoming poets and lovers of poetry in the entire universe. The author creatively and artistically addresses issues affecting the current society and goes an extra mile to provide a long lasting solution through his artistic work.

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Unchartered Mind: Poems About Life and Living / Imali J. Abala

Second Edition

Kenya: Nsemia Inc. Publishers, 2022

108p.

9789966082817

\$ 24.00 / PB

126gm.

Uncharted Mind: Poems about Life and Living is Imali J. Abala's most impressive poetry collection to date. The poems are lyrical, imagistic, and thought-provoking. Exploring the complexity of life and living, the poems take the reader on a journey of self-discovery as they probe the very essence of our humanity and existence, a real delight to read.

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Siege of Utuopia : Fictional Poetry / Gregory Mwendwa (Poet Greg)  
Kenya: The Writers Pen Publishers, 2020  
xiii, 77p.  
9788511922645  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
140gm.

The chaos that befalls the world pushed the globe to a transformative state. The protagonist Munene steps in as a pacifying force to bring stability after a reign of terror in Siege Of Utuopia (THE MOTHER CITY OF THE WORLD)...

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Selected Poems (A Collection of Poems) / Chris Hawley  
Kenya: Chris Hawley (Self-Published), 2021  
84p.  
2370000810281  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
102gm.

The twenty-seven poems in this little book represent the majority of the poetic works written by the author between 2005 and 2008. All were composed in Kenya: some in the City of Nairobi, some in rural Meru, where the magnificent Mt. Kenya, the second highest mountain in Africa, appears shrouded in mist on the Western horizon; one by beautiful Lake Naivasha, perched high up in the stunning Rift Valley; most in the tranquil atmosphere in Lamu, on the North coast of Kenya, where a generous helping of creative inspiration is bestowed upon anyone who dares to stay there for more than a few days! Two were written on scraps of paper with a jittery pen, in a dreamy state, while the bus rattles and jolts along the rough highway from Mombasa, bound for distant Lamu.

The majority of the poems in this volume have a message, some subtle but most of them the message is clear.

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What Does a Man Want? / Muthoni Gachanja Likimani  
Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau, 1974 (4<sup>th</sup> Reprint 1991)  
210p.  
9966441204  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
180gm.

In this book, author Muthoni Gacharija Likimani explores with feeling the continuing struggle of women to come to grips with the demands of their men. Men are mysterious and inaccessible. Their irrepressible egoism drives the women to total despair and apathy. What should a woman do to understand her man?

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Place of Cool Waters: A Novel / Ndirangu Githaiga  
Kenya: Ndirangu Githaiga, 2022

vi, 258p.  
9781735041742  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
394gm.

When Jude Wilson decides to travel halfway across the world to visit the graves of his childhood Boy Scout heroes, he unwittingly signs up for a lot more than he imagined. Growing up in the placid little Pacific Northwest town of Clarksville could never adequately prepare him for what he encounters in the vibrant, mercurial streets of Nairobi, where context defines meaning and words alone are not always sufficient to communicate across a cultural gap. He meets Qadir Mohamed—the affable manager at the youth hostel where he is staying—and a valuable friendship develops between two people from disparate backgrounds with seemingly little in common. In Kenya, the past is never far away, though it is sometimes remembered differently by insiders. As a result, the unexamined triumphal legends from Jude’s scouting days begin to unravel in the face of new discoveries. It is, however, a disastrous taxi ride and ensuing case of mistaken identity that emerge as the defining moments of this life-changing trip, leading him to stumble upon truths about himself that he was previously unaware of.

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I'll Fix It Myself, Volume II: The Suitor / David W. Mutisya  
Nairobi: David W. Mutisya (Self-Published), 2022  
v, 191p.  
9789914748314  
\$ 39.50 / PB  
312gm.

Dr. Paul Ngene, Ph.D, is a successful businessman and an aspiring statesman from Machakos County, Kenya. But he has got a little challenge—he is a senior bachelor. For this reason, he cannot be allowed to pursue his political ambitions without a wife. A time has come for him to marry, and there is no room for mistakes. He has got options as far as ladies are concerned. He has got inflexible rival and steady enemies too. Decisiveness is not a choice; he must outwit his opponent and be ahead of his enemies. He must wrestle with culture and traditions and possibly set some new rules. At his wedding, he receives a gift which no money cannot buy. Is he ready to become the Governor of Machakos County and afterwards the President of the Republic of Kenya?

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Disco Matanga: 10 African Love Stories / Alexander Nderitu  
Kenya: Alexander Nderitu (Self-Published), 2022  
272p.  
9789914744026  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
540gm.

A Kikuyu woman is set to be 'inherited' by her brother-in-law after her Luo husband's sudden demise...  
In the literal heat of a Love Parade, an East African boy falls for a South Asian beauty but fate has other plans...  
The arrival of a famous princess stirs up a quaint tourist hotel...  
A writer battling a neurological disorder attempts to navigate the heart-breaking urban dating scene...

On the banks of the Gura River, a sassy city girl re-unites with her childhood playmate... A terrible secret threatens to tear a 'campus couple' apart...

A Kenya Defence Forces commando parachutes into the life of a charming Meru university student...

A poetic Eritrean émigré meets a madly handsome and philosophical Ethiopian music producer...

A beauty queen goes on the run, assisted by an intelligence officer with a top-secret agenda of his own...

A suave Nigerian delegate's encounter with a voluptuous Kenyan receptionist sparks an explosive romance...

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'Romantic, liberating, and totally addictive. This short story collection will obsess you, possess you, educate you, and stay with you forever...Through this book, you will understand that we (all human beings) are truly living in a global village.' – David Mayen (South Sudan), Journalist/Editor/Media Entrepreneur

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An Answer for the Accusers / Leo Masore Nyang'au

Nairobi: Lemanya Publishers Ltd., 2020

vi, 242p.

9789966825735

\$ 35.00 / PB

310gm.

Pastor Basil, an otherwise happily married clergyman, finds himself in situations in which a casual observer would condemn and hang him for conduct unbecoming. But is the churchman guilty of the charges leveled against him? First the Pastor is found in a house where a young girl is defiled. Second he is found in possession of bloodied clothes of his lawyer and former girlfriend whose body was never discovered. Leo takes Pastor Basil through different situations in the life of the man of God, where he is confronted with monumental challenges, and leaves the reader to judge whether or not the Pastor has given an answer to his accusers. This is a story with several stories within the story that show how the characters in those other stories faced their own challenges.

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Carrying Someone Else's Cross / Leo Masore Nyang'au

Nairobi: Lemanya Publishers Ltd., 2014

vi, 168p.

Includes Bibliography

9789966078308

\$ 35.00 / PB

192gm.

Momanyi, an orphaned form three student, falls head-over-heels in love with Kemunto, a beautiful primary school drop-out, and a daughter of a witchcraft-practicing woman. Kemunto's parents want her to urgently get married to a particular man, whom she doesn't love, but she wants Momanyi whose sister opposes the marriage on account of Kemunto's despicable family. The two lovebirds decide to elope which endangers them and results in a murder and changed vocations as every character carries not his or her own cross but someone else's. Leo uses the Gusii tribal beliefs, suspense, tension and courtroom action and its consequences, to weave a story that captures the reader's attention throughout.

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Sons Against Fathers / Leo Masore Nyang'au

Nairobi: Lemanya Publishers Ltd., 2018  
x, 326p.  
9789966096098  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
366gm.

Andrew entangles himself, at different periods of his life, with three women- Monica, Juliana and Anita. Each of whom has a child with him and each wants him for a husband to the exclusion of the other.

None of the children knows Andrew has any other child with any other woman elsewhere. Andrew gets married to Juliana, the mother of Esther his only daughter. Anita, Samson's mother, immigrates to Uganda during Samson's infancy, where Samson, who has no idea is a Kenyan, grows up excels in studies in Uganda and gets a scholarship to Massachusetts institute of technology where Esther too goes after her own scholarship from Kenya. The two fall in love, Esther conceives and the two plan to wed, unknown to their parents. Juliana dies in Kenya, Andrew reaches out to Anita in Uganda their love is rekindled and they too plan to wed unknown to their children. When the secret of the relationship among the characters pops out and neither man wants to leave his woman nor woman her man, the battle sons against fathers starts in earnest. From cultural standpoints in rural Kenya, charismatic Christian's retreats in Uganda, romantic liaisons in the USA, advocate. Client altercations in legal chambers and courtroom battles in Nairobi. The author weaves an unforgettable story which keeps the reader turning page after page to see who, between the son and the father is the victor as each man clings to his woman and woman to her man.

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Bound to Last / Anyango Nyar Aketch  
Bungoma: Intercen Books Publishing Company, 2022  
186p.  
9789914999013  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
240gm.

Bound to Last is a novel sewn from the heart. It is a journey of different characters weaved through their personal encounters with each other. Betrayal, family ties, gender issues, religion, and the obvious twists that make life fascinating are expertly knitted into this narrative, making it a thriller.

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White Men in Black Skin: The Rot in Africa / G. K. Njue  
Nairobi: Simpet Kenya Limited, 2018  
480p.  
9789966804402  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
518gm.

For God so loved Black People that He gave them Paradise in Africa which they turned into Hell. African politics and governments are nothing but dynasties of organized, foreign supported and sustained metamorphic criminal gangs, masquerading as faceless cartels, parasiting on zombiecally complacent, helpless masses. Less than one percent of Africans illegally own and control the entire wealth of Africa, while more than ninety nine percent of black Africans live in deplorable squalor cannibalizing one another. This is all what happened and happening.



This novel is dedicated to the downtrodden masses of Africa and the rest of the world. The fictional story is hilariously humorous, thrilling, entertaining and above all very educational and enlightening.

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Dispersing Seeds of Discord / Leo Masore Nyang'au

Nairobi: Lemanya Printers, 2014

252p.

9789966074263

\$ 35.00 / PB

278gm.

Pious Wilberforce, who lives with Fr. Diaz, receives university student and former teacher, Saul, who himself is addicted to pornography and walks around with amatorial cassettes. The priest is away. Saul stays overnight but mistakenly leaves behind two of the cassettes. Sr. Lucina, Wilberforce's classmate who lives in a nearby convent, inadvertently picks one of the cassettes from the priest's house and takes it to the convent where it is likely to be viewed. The priest returns and is poised to play the other cassette. There is pandemonium, both at the convent and at the priest's house, with drastic and disastrous consequences to both Wilberforce and Sr. Lucina, which shape their later lives. Leo uses suspense, satire, different scenes, and Catholic practices and traditions, so superbly that a reader has no choice but to keep turning a page after another to see who is dispersing which seed and how do such cause discord in which society or relationship.

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Ebalu Superstar and the Impossible Became Possible / Roy Gachuhi

Nairobi: Sun Ellen Media Ltd., 2020

228p.

9789966138842

\$ 25.00 / PB

232gm.

Timo Ebalu is a football prodigy. At only 17, he gets a call-up to the Kenya national football team, the Elephants of the Mara. He instantly becomes for the country what he has been for his high school team – a one-man goal scoring machine.

But Ebalu has a monumental battle on his hands – that with his parents. They frown on football, or any sport, as a career and won't settle for anything but academic excellence.

Unfortunately, Ebalu, unlike his whiz siblings, is poor in academics. His life at home becomes unbearable just as his football career soars to the stratosphere. The collision between two seemingly irreconcilable positions is epic.

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For What Are Butterflies Without Their Wings: Short Stories / Troy Onyango

Nairobi: Jahazi Press, 2023

228p.

9789789987870

\$ 35.00 / PB

218gm.

Troy Onyango's For What Are Butterflies Without Their Wings is a collection of 12 short stories that have a quickening pulse and pages crackling with sharp observations and gentle revelations about solitude, loneliness, connection, loss, love, and the infinite intricacies of daily human life.

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Transference: Nothing is as it Seems / Jacob Aliet  
Kenya: Jacob Aliet (Self-Published), 2022  
284p.  
9798738583513  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
286gm.

Lupkes is a hard-working young man shooting his shot in a toxic work environment with dim prospects. In the wake of COVID19 travel restrictions, businesses are suffering globally. As the economy tanks and job losses accrue, Lupkes loses his job. He is devastated. As he is despairing, a lady he has been desiring appears at the lowest point in his life. Will things work out between them under his current situation? Desperate for a means of survival, he finds a job opportunity at a pineapple plantation thirty miles away. He packs his belongings and leaves them in Nairobi to explore this new prospect. As he settles in his new job on a far-flung farm, he sees red flags and questions his decision. After a nightmarish first night, he wants to leave, but his peculiar host has a fiendish plan for him. He decides to go back to Nairobi but realizes, rather late, that he is on a very dark farm where diabolical forces are at play, and he is their new target. Will he survive his nemesis?

Transference is an anthology of sixteen short stories. Some roar with passion and twist in agony, others are tearjerkers, yet some are dark. Very dark.

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Eye of the Storm / Yusuf K. Dawood  
Nairobi: East African Educational Publishers Ltd., 2010  
vi, 394p.  
9789966256300  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
390gm.

Eye of the Storm is a fast-paced mystery thriller written with hospital background. It is the story of a surgeon tortured by the trauma he suffered in the past.

To release himself from the psychological shackles imposed on him as a result, he turns into a modern-day, Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

It is a study of a genius bordering on lunacy and keeps the readers on the edge until the story unravels and the ghastly truth comes out. It makes the reader wonder where the writer is leading to until the climax explodes in the reader's mind making it impossible to put the book down until the storm blows over.

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Betrayal / Nyangoto Okuro  
Kenya: The Writers Pen Publishers, 2022  
iii, 157p.  
9789914409253  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
208gm.

Tommy goes into hiding as the air clears. The storms and waves at the coastal region where he hid typified the entanglement in his heart; he was fully conscious: but again, love no matter how ludicrous it turned him as it always does to every- one else, it still swept his feet again; he strenuously fell into it's ditch, it found him when he least expected; with Sophie on the other hand it wasn't a coincidence unfortunately, reality and fantasy were two very different worlds; it was as complex as drawing a comparison between a want and a need! Sophie at last betrays Tommy for

Ronnie; just similar to what Tommy does when he betrays Elsie's love to keep his career; to succeed in the investigations that meant the world to him. Basically; threads of family relations and friendships eventually got loose on the way, strings were unattached and promises consequently broken as well for lack of the three T's-Trust, Talk and Truth. Therefore, everyone got entitled to their own opinions as justified by their actions that unfortunately included malice, nefarious-ness and betrayal as copiously exhibited by Kate.

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Nearly Every Man is Mad? And Other Stories / Wafula Khisa

Kenya: African Publishers, 2022

v, 186p.

9789914962475

\$ 30.00 / PB

212gm.

Nearly Every Man is Mad? & Other Stories is a collection of fresh and exciting stories that seek to educate, entertain, correct and invite us to reflect on various contemporary issues that affect our society. The stories explore and present, brilliantly and interestingly, themes such as parenting, love, faith, moral decay, environmental degradation, hypocrisy, injustice, extortion and betrayal among others. Moreover, the stories are written in a simple language using various literary techniques to help readers understand, appreciate and relate with the experiences easily.

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The Song of Destiny: A Novel / Isaac Ndolo

Kenya: Stratcom Experts Limited, 2022

viii, 320p.

9789914407228

\$ 35.00 / PB

352gm.

The Song of Destiny is a thriller, a creative re-tale of how nations dominate others, how dominions lose World dominance and the cost that must be paid, and why Africa has more strategic economic and political value than the Africans know. It is a fast-paced action that reveals deep secrets that influence the decisions of empires, which most often look foolish and ill-informed in the eyes of the common man. Though set in historical East Africa, the plot and storyline clearly explain what's happening in the contemporary, and why the USA will invest billions of dollars to see to it that the Russians are defeated on the battlefield. The story clearly reveals why Europe deliberately invested in underdeveloped Africa. Soon, hegemonic conspiracies will end, but how?

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The Cortexide Mission: An Historical Thriller / Isaac Ndolo

Kenya: Stratcom Experts Limited, 2020

xii, 304p.

9789966693754

\$ 39.50 / PB

364gm.

A dreadful conspiracy threatens Humanity. It must be broken .... But who will? Shaken by a sudden change from the unhurried life of his African homeland, Kamala must make the greatest sacrifice to save his people. Unknown to him, destiny proffers redemption in the form of a spy women, who in a bid to save her father's life pledges her services to the British Empire on the eve of the First World War.

Anne resolves to sojourn into one of the deepest jungles in Africa in search of the enemy's biological pathogen. Kamala and Anne face fundamental cultural and social differences, a relentless enemy hell-bent on shoving its hegemony over the earth and the desire to survive at every possible cost. Soon they realize that the choices each makes will be pivotal to the human race's survival.

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The Memoirs of the Village Boy / Duncan Barkebo

Nairobi: Aura Publishers, 2020

128p.

9789966955067

\$ 20.00 / PB

174gm.

Kipsorno, a young man from Orta, is brought up and taught in the ways of the village. He knows the value of hard work and is teeming with pure chivalry. He outwits the shortcomings of his humble background and sashays his way into a prestigious university. As though fate conspires to support his dreams, he lands a prestigious career in the big city, but not before taking the hand of Jelalang, a submissive and seemingly naïve girl, in marriage. He marks his territory thus, and leaves his new bride to tend his home. But the city has other ideas for him. There are vicious girls who do not respect the village boy's rural commitments. Kipsorno has to do the delicate juggle between the enlightenment that comes with urban limelight, modern conveniences and the alluring social open-mindedness on one hand and the conscience from his roots that bags him daily on the other hand. This does not prove easy.

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The Below Average Life of Baba Zoya / Ohaga Ohaga

Kenya: Daraja Books, 2022

v, 127p.

9789914406894

\$ 20.00 / PB

168gm.

A short story about a man caught in the winds of time. Unable to escape the trouble that befell him and his family. A tale of triumph and true sorrow. Baba Zoya braved it all. Did he conquer life? Did he finally live in fulfillment? Catch this fantastic book in your local bookstore. A perfect read for teenagers and college students. As well as anyone who loves a good tale. Get wrapped up in the story and obvious innuendos as you appreciate African literature.

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The Spear: Novel / Ngugi Ndegwa

Kenya: Ngugi Ndegwa (Self-Published), 2021

vi, 146p.

9789914403732

\$ 25.00 / PB

216gm.

The Spear is a thriller novel that tells the story of a man who returns from abroad with the hope of getting a job but gets embroiled in the fight for justice.

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A Collection of Erotica Tales / Monica Lerato

Kenya: Creativity Defined, 2000

96p.  
9798201772932  
PWP, Volume 5  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
124gm.

All my erotica tales gathered under one umbrella for your enjoyment.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846443>

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Many in One and Other Stories: Short Stories from Africa / (Compiled) Andrew Nyongesa & John Mugubi (Ed) Sally Boyani  
Kenya: Nsemia Inc. Publishers, 2019  
130p.  
9789966082435  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
170gm.

Many in One and Other Stories is a convergence of stories by budding writers of both genders from diverse regions of Kenya. The anthology breaks the monotony of classical Kenyan writers and captures emerging voices on the Kenyan literary scene. This meticulous and careful selection has considered a range of subjects from post election violence, political animosity, national integration, greed, broken love and cultural alienation. Set in contemporary African settings with vivid characters, the stories seek to entertain, challenge, inform and chastise the readers.

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With precision of eye and word, the writers in this anthology make lucid their creative territories. Ingenious and original, this anthology of resonant, assured and gratifying stories comes from a true connection with lived places and experiences accruing there-from. All the writers treasure language and deftly use its resources of metaphor, voice and syntax to explore their worlds and offer readers new knowledge about their worlds. I trust that readers will find this anthology a sizzling good yarn bubbling with edutainment.

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Fatal Conception: Telling African Stories / Cynthia Wangech  
Narok: Elong'o Publishers, 2021  
98p.  
9798450329406  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
132gm.

It is a common saying in Africa that a child comes with its own plate (to mean blessings) but does it really? Or could the plate be in fact a barrel of horrors?  
Brought together by a series of misfortunes, Hannah and Pauline strive to overcome the hurdles of being a young woman in a third world country. Will they overcome or shall it all end up in flames?

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One Life Too Many / Yusuf K. Dawood  
Revised Edition  
Nairobi: Longhorn Publishers (Kenya) Ltd., 2016  
152p.  
9966986529; 9789966986528  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
170gm.

Sydney Walker, young and carefree, came to Kenya in search of adventure, fell in love with the country and decided to make it his home.

This is the story of the joys and sorrows of a man who worked hard and loved even harder. A magnificent account of expatriate life, set in the awe-inspiring beauty of Kenya, it confirms Yusuf K. Dawood as one of the greatest storytellers of our time.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846447>

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The Hot Chalice: A Novel / Hamisi Wawire

Kenya: African Ink Publishers, 2022

vi, 215p.

9789914962079

\$ 20.00 / PB

198gm.

Should we let our children into our marriage squabbles? Does it help or worsen the already worse situation? Does it mould them into responsible parents and patriotic citizens? Must we doubt each other in marriage?

In this lovely but tragic story, Injendi's true love to his family – wife and daughter comes to an abrupt end when his wife's doubts lead to Nekesa's killing. A rosy union turns once into a bed of thorns that dates back to Nawusino's early orientation to love and marriage. Nandako has to step in strongly to make the unimagined happen.

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Deception / Amal Abdikadir Mohamed

Kenya: Reset Company, 2021

112p.

9789914700961

\$ 25.00 / PB

114gm.

Deception is a novel that follows the journey of a girl named Wilkister who joins a girls' boarding school. It follows a series of deceit, trafficking of drugs and injustices which leads to pregnancies and Wilkister's only solution is abortion. Will Wilkister go through with the abortion or will justice be served at the end?

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The Price of Living / Yusuf K. Dawood

Nairobi: Longhorn Publishers (K) Ltd, 1983 (Reprinted 2016)

172p.

9966497943; 9789966497949

\$ 20.00 / PB

134gm.

'For those who make it to We top, there is the joy of good living. There is also a price.

In his world of cut-throat competition and un-ethical dealings, Maina Karanja can judge success in two units only money and power. Power to live and love in style, and money to sustain that power. But then there are things also that no money can buy and no power can obtain. This Maina learns the hard way.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846450>

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The Children of the Rain and Other Stories / (Ed) Samwel Ralph Nyongesa

Nairobi: Teknobyte Publishers Limited, 2023  
112p.  
9789914960044  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
94gm.

*The Children of the Rain and Other Stories* is a collection of short stories that explore themes of social, cultural, economic, political and spiritual aspects of modern life. These stories are colourfully narrated in a charming and fast moving chronicle about noticeable issues that are close to many people's emotions. The issues include love, school, family, relationships and diseases among many other contemporary concerns. The stories unveil a great deal of originality with a striking style. The book is a must read for students and junior readers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846451>

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A Tale to Tell / (Ed) Brian Ongoro  
Kenya: The Writers Pen, 2021  
vii, 97p.  
9781678096083  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
126gm.

A tale to tell is a collection of African short stories that cut across cultures and times. It is the first collection of short stories by The Writers Pen.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846452>

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Why We Tell Stories / Dorcas Kiptoo & Arthur Dobrin (Ed) Rose Keya  
Kenya: Nsemia Inc. Publishers, 2022  
80p.  
9789966082770  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
100gm.

Storytelling was an intrinsic activity in traditional African communities. Typically told by older people, usually grandmothers and grandfathers, stories were a way of life for the young and old alike, linking the past, present and future of those societies. Set as they were around a fire, the storytelling tradition strengthened communal ties between the old and the young, and as reinforced bonds among the young.

Stories emphasized shared culture, cultural values and history that were the foundation of the society's ties. They underscored important societies' traditions, beliefs and other norms. From the old, the young learnt lessons about their community that affirmed their collective identity. They learnt and internalized moral values such as honesty, courage, respect, solidarity and caring for others. Invariably, stories discouraged greed and selfishness. Further, the tales captured the essence of the environment in which the people lived while reinforcing their core values. They contributed to character-building through appreciation of the moral of the stories. In *Why We Tell Stories*, Dorcas Kiptoo and Arthur Dobrin bring their storytelling experiences and expertise to the fore through a selection of from the African folklore. Even as the two look back to societies of yore to dig up the tales, the inherent lessons remain as relevant in contemporary times as they were ages ago.

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Buster goes for a Christmas Walk / Marie Louise Boleij & Muhoro Thuo  
Kenya: Sahihi Concepts Ltd., 2022

34p.  
9789914749373  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
58gm.

Woof! Woof! Woof! ..... I went for a walk. Want to see what i saw, heard and propose? Buster has no idea that it is Christmas Day. He also has no idea what the day has in store for him. This day becomes a very special day to him as some new friends join him for a walk. He goes for a walk that makes him look forward for more Christmas Walks Ogaoand hopes that perhaps there should be twelve Christmas Days.

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Forgive Me, Sunita / E.B. Ogalo  
Nairobi: Vishal Company Limited, 2020  
96p.  
9789914704785  
\$ 16.00 / PB  
130gm.

Sunita, a Standard Seven pupil at Nairobi Primary School finds herself in difficult situation. She is a student leader and is loved by both teachers and most of her colleague learners. However, she notices that one of the student leaders is a bully and chooses to address the problem but what follows makes her come face to face with betrayal, hatred and the dire need to forgive. Will she forgive the people who hurt her?

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### Religion - Christianity

The Church and Politics: A Theological Reflection / Bernard Boyo  
Cumbria, UK: Langham Publishing, 2021  
xii, 210p.  
Includes Bibliography  
9781839734144  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
336gm.

The Church and Politics offers an introduction to African political theology that is thorough, practical, and deeply powerful. From traditional power structures to the political ramifications of colonialism, Dr. Bernard Boyo provides a foundation for understanding Africa's contemporary political concerns in their cultural and historical context. Alongside this overview of African political history, Boyo traces the impact of Western missionaries, evangelicals, liberation theology, and African theologians on the church's understanding of itself and its role within society. This book critiques the emphasis on individual salvation that has so often led the church into abdicating its societal responsibilities and provides an exegetical analysis that firmly roots political engagement within a scriptural framework. The church, we are reminded, has a mandate to bring justice and righteousness into every aspect of human experience. As we follow Christ, it is not just our personal lives that should be transformed but our communities and even our nations.

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Take Nothing with You: Rethinking the Role of Missionaries / Skeeter Wilson  
Oak Glen, California, USA: Quoir, 2020  
204p.



9781938480751  
\$ 55.00 / PB  
270gm.

For more than a decade, Skeeter Wilson has been interviewing elders in Kenya to better understand them as they see themselves, rather than defined by the missionary culture. Take Nothing With You does not doubt the sincerity and good intentions of most missionaries worldwide-especially in Africa, where the author grew up. Neither does it question the sincerity that drives them to believe that they are fulfilling a divine calling. What Take Nothing With You does question is how faithfully the missionary movement reflects the teachings and examples of the Christ-the One who is the purported subject of their message. It questions if the message, as delivered in the missionary context, can really be considered "Good News."

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Born A Prince Lived a Slave / James Murage Kweri  
Nairobi: Garland Silver Publishers, 2019  
120p.  
9789966130723  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
166gm.

Born a Prince is primarily about opportunity cost. What happens when a man who has naturally been endowed with privileges tramples them and chooses to follow his own path? A prince is privileged from birth. What happens if the prince tramples down his privileges? He becomes a slave. The Earth is created for man to thrive. It has features, possibilities, plants, gases and liquids that are specially made to enable man to thrive. When man is not thriving on the Earth, there is a problem. And this is the problem that this book seeks to address. Why does man seem to be in conflict with nature? The level of suffering on the earth in form of poverty, disease, political and emotional upheavals are exceedingly great. The level of crime, divorces, suicides, terrorism and lack of basic provisions is a paradox to the perfect environment.

God has set for his beloved creation. Adam was a wonder creature of God; God set the earth for his provision. When you walk across the world today, this does not seem to make sense. It seems man is under cruel war from nature, and many would appear to have lost. It is a far cry from the garden of Eden where Adam was first given a dwelling. In this book, a proposal is made that a man has to obey certain laws in nature to regain his rightful position.

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The Gift of Presence / Jimmy M. Nzioki (Ed) Susan Mwangi  
Kenya: Jimmy M. Nzioki (Self-Published), 2020  
88p.  
9789914701821  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
88gm.

Have you ever asked yourself why God's presence is something we desire at one time and loathe at another? What is it about God's presence that makes it so invaluable? Is it because as the Psalmist put it, that in His presence there is fullness of joy? Can man's presence be desirable as well? What makes an individual's presence a gift or otherwise? Ever heard of the three manifestations of God's presence? Or have you ever wondered why God hides from us? Have you ever heard of the different types of man's presence spanning from value presence, necessary presence, honorary presence to the presence of companions? If not, then this book is for you as it attempts to answer some of these questions and more, regarding both man's presence and God's presence. Indeed, God's presence and man's presence can be an invaluable gift in your life.

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The Grand Love Story of All Time / Joyce Maina  
Nairobi: CLC Kenya, Print on Demand, 2020  
210p.  
9789914990324  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
258gm.

Travel from Genesis to Revelation, as a captivating story unfolds, the grandest love story of all time. A story full of Bible nuggets, told in a hybrid of poetry and prose, it journeys through the many tributaries that start at the beginning of time and culminate to the end that is yet to come. Watch as a loving God settled Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden where they had intimate relationship with God. However, they disobeyed a loving God, and obeyed Satan who deceived them. Therefore, they lost eternal life and had to get out of the garden.

But because God is love, he sought after them. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

The begotten son is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. His death on the cross is the mission accomplished. When He said, "It is finished," the debt of sin was fully paid and captives were set free. The year of jubilee was fulfilled.

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## Religion – Islam

Islam in Kenya: Proceeding of the National Seminar on Contemporary Islam in Kenya / (Eds)  
Mohamed Bakari & Saad S. Yahya  
Nairobi: Wasomi Africa, 2023  
274p.  
9789914963700  
\$ 60.00 / PB  
338gm.

This publication is a collection of papers on the historical, social, economic, cultural and political aspect of Islam in Kenya society presented by both Muslim and non-Muslim scholar drawn from the academia, the public service and the private sector during the national seminar on Islam in Kenya held at

Mombasa, April 1994. The seminar was convened to provide basic data about Muslims in the country, Attempts were made to cover as many aspect of Kenya Islam as possible, so that politicians, administrators, policy makers and ordinary Kenyans were furnished with some information about Islam and Muslim as an integral part of Kenyan multi-ethnic, multi-cultural society.

The paper in this collection are divided into six broad categories, namely: the Muslim Community; perception of Muslims in wider society; the intellectual and cultural traditions; economic development social changes, and education.

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## Travel Guidebook

I Set Foot: Adventure, Love, Travel / Anthony Muchiri & Damaris Muchiri  
Nairobi: Anthony Muchiri (Self-Published), 2019

326p.  
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384gm.

Anthony's love for the great outdoors has seen him excel in water rescue/s and highly regarded in matters water safety and rescue.

When you take away the career side, then the wild side of Anthony comes alive with every day yearning for the next destination from camping to seven-star hotels and anything in between, Anthony is good to go.

Having started off as a scout and backpacking in Europe and the middle east. Anthony enjoys the company of family and friends in equal measure.

Anthony has a unique way of giving everyone around his space unique ideas and insights for a better life. He keeps everyone entertained with laughter and a new way of being that leaves all inspired to really do what matters to you and in your life.

Driven by the past is in the past where it belongs, Anthony will push you to decide on what you want in life, plan for it and go get it.

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