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A Man of the People Longhorn Kenya
This is one of the most stirring tales from the folklore of East and Central Africa. Mugasha is a deity-king who harness natural elements and uses them to recapture the usurped kingdom of his father. He is in many ways a symbol of the indefatigable human zeal in the search for liberty and justice.

Shreds of Tenderness East African Publishers

An award-winning Scottish and Sierra

Leonean novelist “brilliantly portrays the atmosphere” of Croatia in this haunting tale of war, history, and secrets (The Guardian). Visitors are not common in the small Croatian village of Gost, so Duro is surprised to see a strange car pull up to a well-known farmhouse just outside of town. Laura, a British woman, and her two children are refurbishing the home to be their summer cottage, and Duro agrees to lend a hand, becoming Laura’s confidant along the way. But the rest of the residents of Gost are not so pleased to have outsiders in their midst. As Duro works to shield Laura and her family from the town’s hostility, volatile

secrets begin to bubble to the surface—secrets that could threaten everyone in the seemingly sleepy town, even the unwitting new residents. *The Hired Man* is a story of lost love, dangerous history, and quiet malice. “Not since *Remains of the Day* has an author so skillfully revealed the way history’s layers are invisible to all but it’s participants, who do what they must to survive” (The Boston Globe).

My Life with a Criminal: Milly's Story
Penguin

Blossoms of the Savannah is the story of two sisters, Taiyo and Resian, who are on the verge of womanhood and torn between their personal ambitions and the humiliating duty to the Nasila tradition. Relocation to their rural home heralds a cultural alienation born of their

refusal to succumb to female genital mutilation and early marriages. In pursuit of the delicate and elusive socio-economic cultural balance in Nasila, Ole. Kaelo, the girls' father is ensnared by a corrupt extortionist. To extricate himself he sends his daughters into a flat-spin labyrinth from which they have to struggle to escape.

The Burdens Heinemann

A study of the abuse of power by military dictatorships in contemporary Africa, and of the dehumanising effect that this has on both the power-drunk agents of the state and those of the oppressed who escape total liquidation at the hands of the former. Also examines the inhibitory effects of class and privilege on personal relationships. Set on an imaginary island in Lake Victoria,

Uganda.

A Cowrie of Hope East African Publishers

Betrayal in the City, first published in 1976 and 1977, was Kenya's national entry to the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture in Lagos, Nigeria. The play is an incisive, thought-provoking examination of the problems of independence and freedom in post-colonial African states, where a sizeable number of people feel that their future is either blank or bleak. In the words of Mosese, one of the characters: "It was better while we waited. Now we have nothing to look forward to. We have killed our past and are busy killing our future."--Page 4 of cover

The Floods Fountain Pub Limited

Shreds of Tenderness is a heart-rending,

masterfully crafted play which is replete with shocking revelations and reversals. Not long ago, a tyrant took over the reins of government and unleashed terror throughout the Motherland. Wak fled. Throughout the first half of the play, we are led to believe that Odie, Wak's brother, is the innocent homeboy with the right to speak for those who remained to fight for the Motherland. Conversely, Wak is depicted as a pest of the highest order who comes home from a "comfortable" exile to sponge on the hard-earned harvest of those who stayed, fought and brought a semblance of peace to the nation. Some things are not what they seem to be, or are they? Wak unexpectedly comes back home. What follows is one of the most brilliant creations of any drama.

Coming to Birth East African Publishers
 From the renowned author of *The African Trilogy*, a political satire about an unnamed African country navigating a path between violence and corruption As Minister for Culture, former school teacher M. A. Nanga is a man of the people, as cynical as he is charming, and a roguish opportunist. When Odili, an idealistic young teacher, visits his former instructor at the ministry, the division between them is vast. But in the eat-and-let-eat atmosphere, Odili's idealism soon collides with his lusts—and the two men's personal and political tauntings threaten to send their country into chaos. When Odili launches a vicious campaign against his former mentor for the same seat in an election, their mutual animosity drives the country to

revolution. Published, prophetically, just days before Nigeria's first attempted coup in 1966, *A Man of the People* is an essential part of Achebe's body of work. [The Caucasian Chalk Circle](#) East African Publishers

This reference book surveys the richness of postcolonial African literature. The volume begins with an introductory essay on postcolonial criticism and African writing, then presents alphabetically arranged profiles of some 60 writers, including Chinua Achebe, Nadine Gordimer, Bessie Head, Doris Lessing, Tsitsi Dangarembga, Tahbar Ben Jelloun, among others. Each entry includes a brief biography, a discussion of major works and themes that appear in the author's writings, an overview of the critical response to the author's

work, and a bibliography of primary and secondary sources. These profiles are written by expert contributors and reflect many different perspectives. The volume concludes with a selected general bibliography of the most important critical works on postcolonial African literature.

The Alien Woman East African Publishers Mema engages the reader with its dramatic tale of a woman struggling against the constraints of her community, yet proves to be a multi-layered novel exploring a culture in transition.

Peak Revision K.C.S.E. English LAP Lambert Academic Publishing

This reimagining of the Robin Hood legend tells the story of the young boy behind the bandit hero's rise to fame.

Will Shackley is the son of a lord, and though just thirteen, he's led a charmed, protected life and is the heir to Shackley House, while his father is away on the Third Crusade with King Richard the Lionheart. But with King Richard's absence, the winds of treason are blowing across England, and soon Shackley House becomes caught up in a dangerous power struggle that drives Will out of the only home he's ever known. Alone, he flees into the dangerous Sherwood Forest, where he joins an elusive gang of bandits readers will immediately recognize. How Will helps a drunkard named Rob become one of the most feared and revered criminals in history is a swashbuckling ride perfect for anyone who loves heroes, villains, and adventure. From the

Hardcover edition.

Muntu East African Publishers

In his last play published posthumously the late Francis Imbuga presents the dramatic dialogue of his characters as mind games. In addition to using a narrator, Sikia Macho, to fill us in on the broken politics of Kafira, centring around detention without trial, Imbuga deliberately delays the inciting action, the formation of the Green Party of Kafira which then challenges the hitherto political monolith called the National Party. The candidate of the new party, former detainee Pastor Mgei, wins the election, and thereby dethrones the so-called Chief of Chiefs. In *The Green Cross of Kafira*, Imbuga, with a renewed sense of urgency, addresses the theme of dictatorship in Africa, and completes his

trilogy of the Kafira plays which begins with *Betrayal* in the city followed by *Man of Kafira*.

Aspects Of Orature In Francis Imbuga's Drama Moses Atwoli East African Publishers

An in-depth survey of the history, culture, and customs of Kenya.

Mema Heinemann

In this quietly powerful and eminently readable novel, winner of the prestigious Sinclair Prize, Kenyan writer Marjorie Macgoye deftly interweaves the story of one young woman's tumultuous coming of age with the history of a nation emerging from colonialism. At the age of sixteen, Paulina leaves her small village in western Kenya to join her new husband, Martin, in the bustling city of Nairobi. It is 1956, and Kenya is in the

final days of the "Emergency," as the British seek to suppress violent anti-colonial revolts. But Paulina knows little about, about city life, or about marriage, and Martin's clumsy attempts to control her soon lead to a relationship filled with silences, misunderstandings, and unfulfilled expectations. Soon Paulina's inability to bear a child effectively banishes her from the confines of traditional women's roles. As her country at last moves toward independence, Paulina manages to achieve a kind of independence as well: She accepts a job that will require her to live separately from her husband, and she has an affair that leads to the birth of her first child. But Paulina's hard-won contentment will be shattered when Kenya's turbulent history intrudes into her private life,

bringing with it tragedy—and a new test of her quiet courage and determination. Paulina's patient struggles for survival and identity are revealed through Marjorie Macgoye's keen and sensitive vision—a vision which extends to embrace the whole of a nation and a people likewise struggling to find their way. As the *Weekly Standard of Kenya* notes, "Coming to Birth is a radical novel in firmly asserting our common humanity."

Poems from East Africa East African Publishers

The spirit of the poetic flowering of the 1960s is encapsulated in this comprehensive anthology. The collection gives voice to some fifty poets from Kenya, Uganda and Zambia, writing in English. The diversity of the interests

and styles of the individual poets is illustrated: a blend of the gentle lyricism that is a feature of East African writing. All the major poets are included, and many not so well known. Amongst the best known are Jared Angira, Jonathan Kariara, Joseph Kariuki, Taban Lo Liyong, Okot p'Bitek, and David Rubadiri - one of the editors.

Redemption London : Heinemann Educational

This book is an attempt to interrogate the link between orature and contemporary African drama. It seeks to demonstrate that orature is still relevant and able to adapt to forms of contemporary verbal expression, particularly African drama. The researcher investigates how, why and with what effect aspects of orature have

been incorporated in drama. Francis Imbuga's plays: *Aminata* (1988), *The Burning of Rags* (1989) and *The Return of Mgofu* (2011) have been studied. Orature texts have been identified and discussed in terms of context, function and technique. Ways in which these orature forms adapt to new modes of thought through contemporary African drama have been examined. Conducting this study was necessitated by the need to investigate and validate the assumption that Imbuga's drama borrows from certain genres of orature. Literary scholars and researchers, or anyone else who may be interested in African literature, would find the book useful.

Telling the Truth Laughingly East African Publishers

Two brothers - Opito and Obina from northern Uganda, are grappling with the strict creed of their culture. Opito is in love with beautiful, educated Gladys but his parents reject his choice. He is seized by a spirit in her form - the alien woman. Obina, is courted by a southern beauty who is at the same university. She is seen as an alien woman by Obina as well as his family and at first she is rejected. But she has qualities that transcend generations and cultures.

The Last Plague The Feminist Press at CUNY

The play is about Wamala, a simple teacher whose job was 'thumbing pieces of chalk', who on the eve of independence, miraculously finds himself as a minister with all the

associated luxuries befitting the office.

Miracle of Remera East African Publishers

John Kiriamiti's best-selling novel *My Life in Crime* has become a classic. Here Milly, his girlfriend, tells the poignant story of her life with the bank robber. They were in love, and he was gentle, kind and considerate. But after she moved in with him, she discovered his double life. She remained devoted, but the stress of his life bore its toll, and finally they parted. This sequel novel is also a bestseller in Kenya.

Postcolonial African Writers East African Publishers

Culture and Customs of Kenya Routledge