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Art

The Art of the Zaramo : Identity, Tradition and Social Change in Tanzania
/ Fadhili Safieli Mshana
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Mkuki n Nyota Publishers Ltd, 2016
xiv, 194p.
Includes Index
9789987753567
\$ 36.00 / PB
324gm.

This excellent book , is about the Zaramo and their figurative wood carving tradition, and it is written as an attempt to not only understand the origins, development, and centrality of this figural carving tradition to the Zaramo, but also, the ways the Zaramo have used select sculptural objects to interpret change and continuity in the midst of modernization and social change.

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Economics/Development Studies

Development Perspectives from the South: Troubling the Metrics of
[Under-]development in Africa / (Ed) Munyaradzi Mawere
Bamenda, North West Region, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2016
xii, 438p.
9956764973; 9789956764976
\$ 44.00 / PB
638gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=237984>

Towards Democratic Developmental States in Southern Africa / (Ed)
Godfrey Kanyenze (et al.)
Harare, Zimbabwe: Weaver Press, 2017
xviii, 366p.
9781779223074
\$ 40.00 / PB
548gm.

The dawn of the twenty-first century heralded an apparent change of fortunes for most sub-Saharan African economies, with annual growth averaging over 5% for fifteen years. However, this was not accompanied by structural transformation: poverty, food insecurity, unemployment and inequality persist. Structural transformation has not been - and indeed cannot be - delivered by market forces and neoliberal economic policies; it requires a state committed to development, and to achieving it in a democratic way. To what extent do the countries of Southern Africa exhibit the characteristics of such a 'developmental state'? What steps, if any, do they need to take in order to become one? The book answers the questions with respect to South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Angola and Malawi. Godfrey Kanyenze and his colleagues have assembled a distinguished team of writers to take the temperature of the regional political economy, and chart a path for its future development.

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The Delusion of Knowledge Transfer : The Impact of Foreign Aid Experts on Policy-making in South Africa and Tanzania / Susanne Koch & Peter Weingart

Cape Town: African Minds, 2016

xii, 384p.

Includes Bibliography

9781928331391

\$ 52.00 / PB

736gm.

With the rise of the 'knowledge for development' paradigm, expert advice has become a prime instrument of foreign aid. At the same time, it has been object of repeated criticism: the chronic failure of 'technical assistance' – a notion under which advice is commonly subsumed – has been documented in a host of studies. Nonetheless, international organisations continue to send advisors, promising to increase the 'effectiveness' of expert support if their technocratic recommendations are taken up. This book reveals fundamental problems of expert advice in the context of aid that concern issues of power and legitimacy rather than merely flaws of implementation. Based on empirical evidence from South Africa and Tanzania, the authors show that aid-related advisory processes are inevitably obstructed by colliding interests, political pressures and hierarchical relations that impede knowledge transfer and mutual learning. As a result, recipient governments find themselves caught in a perpetual cycle of dependency, continuously advised by experts who convey the shifting paradigms and agendas of their respective donor governments.

For young democracies, the persistent presence of external actors is hazardous: ultimately, it poses a threat to the legitimacy of their governments if their policy-making becomes more responsive to foreign demands than to the preferences and needs of their citizens

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History

A Balancing Act : A History of the Legal Resources Foundation in Zimbabwe 1985-2015 / Mary Ndlovu

Harare, Zimbabwe: Legal Resources Foundation, 2016

xvi, 368p.

Includes of Index

9780797476127

\$ 42.00 /PB

500gm.

A Balancing Act: A History of the Legal Resources Foundation 1985-2015 examines the impulse, growth, development of an NGO which has steadfastly sought to bring law to the people of Zimbabwe over three turbulent decades. Through a study of its outreach, publication, advocacy and education programmes, the author, Mary Ndlovu implicitly explores the social, economic and political framework of society and the state that determined the LRF's trajectory.

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The Raging Storm : A Reporter's Inside Account of the Northern Uganda War 1986-2005 / C. Lamwaka (Ed) Ronald R. Atkinson

Kampala, Uganda: Fountain Publishers, 2016

xxviii, 464p.

Includes Index

9789970252213

\$ 54.00 / PB

902gm.

The Raging Storm: A Reporter's Inside Account of the Northern Uganda War, 1986-2005 is a highly personal and inside account of the northern Uganda war by a young woman whose early encounter with the conflict was as an on-the-ground war correspondent. Caroline Lamwaka's experiences as a war-time journalist inform the narrative, the research and the broader perspective of an academically trained war and peace researcher. The book examines four phases of the northern Uganda war. These are: the war in Acholi, Lango and Teso; the peace efforts to end the war; the impact of the war; and coping with the impact of insurgency. Caroline Lamwaka joins other authentic voices examining the northern Uganda war

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Taming my Elephant / Tshiwa Trudie Amulungu
Windhoek, Namibia: University of Namibia (UNAM) Press, 2016
308p.
9789991642185
\$ 38.00 / PB
400gm.

In Oshiwambo, the elephant is likened to the most challenging situation that people can face. If an elephant appears in the morning, all planned activities are put on hold and the villagers join forces to deal with it. For Tshiwa Trudie Amulungu, the elephant showed up on many mornings and she had no choice but to tame it. Growing up in a traditional household in northern Namibia, and moving to a Catholic school, Amulungu's life started within a very ordered framework. Then one night in 1977 she crossed the border into Angola with her schoolmates and joined the liberation movement. Four months later she was studying at the UN Institute for Namibia in Lusaka Zambia, later going on to study in France. Amulungu recounts the cultural shocks and huge discoveries she made along her journey with honesty, emotion and humour. She draws the reader into her experiences through a close portrayal of life, friends and community in the different places where she lived and studied in exile. This is a compelling story of survival, longing for home, fear of the return, and overcoming adversity in strange environments. It is also a love story that brought two families and cultures together

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My Camera, My Life : Sir Mohinder Dhillon (Set) / Gordon & David Kaiza
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Mkuki Na Nyota, 2016
3v. Boxed Set
9789987753604 (Set)
\$ 70.00 / HB
1300gm. (Set)

The remarkable life-story of Mohinder Dhillon, a frontline news cameraman on the world stage, from his start as a budding photojournalist in Kenya. His story covers many of the seminal African and world events from the 1950s, documenting the changing face of an Africa liberated from colonial rule. His reporting covers many of the following internal conflicts including the Zanzibar Revolution of 1964, the Simba Rebellion in the Congo, the Siege of Stanleyville, the Aden War, the rise and fall of Idi Amin and the expulsion of the Asian minorities, and was on the frontline recording the fall of Ian Smith's Rhodesia and the birth of Zimbabwe. He was the official cameraman to Haile Selassie, and later recorded the Ethiopian famine in the 1980s, footage that shocked the world, raising millions of dollars in famine relief. After this golden age of television news, the waning of foreign interest in Africa, and rapidly advancing video technology, he focussed on making full-length television documentaries. In this period, he recorded the grim ecological impacts post the Vietnam war; and also undertook another news assignment to film the shattered, war-torn country of Afghanistan in the aftermath of the Soviet invasion. He recalls the horrific events of the 1988 US Embassy bombing in Nairobi and the 2013 terror attack on the city's Westgate Mall. Reflecting on the triumphs and tragedies of his life, his story is imbued with passion and gentle humour, a love of his adopted Kenya from his Sikh roots in the Punjab. It is a moving story of what it means to be human in the face of unspeakable suffering and violence

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=237991>

Linguistics

The Syntax & Semantics of Yoruba Nominal Expressions / (Author)
Oladiipo Ajiboye (Series Ed) Prof. O. M. Ndimele
Port Harcourt, Nigeria: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Ltd, 2016
(First Impression 2015)

xvi, 268p.

Includes Subject Index

9789785416459

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744gm.

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The Syntax of Igbo Causatives : A Minimalist Account / (Author) Ogonna
Ndubuisi Anyanwu (Series Ed) Prof. O. M. Ndimele
Port Harcourt, Nigeria: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Ltd, 2016
(First Impression 2007)

xvi, 172p.

Includes Subject Index ; Bibliography

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A Grammar of Igala / Salem Ochala Ejeba (Series Ed) Prof. O. M. Ndimele
Port Harcourt, Nigeria: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Ltd, 2016

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ICT, Globalisation & The Study of Languages & Linguistics in Africa / (Ed)
Ozo-mekuri Ndimele
Port Harcourt, Nigeria: M & J Grand Orbit Educational Books, 2016
x, 440p.
9789785416435
\$ 46.00 / PB
552gm.
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Proceedings of the 7th World Congress of African Linguistics, Buea, 17-21
August 2012, Volume One / (Eds) Gratien G. Atindogbe & Evelyn Fogwe
Chibaka
Bamenda, North West Region, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2017
xii, 468p.
9789956764389
\$ 48.00 / PB
718gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=237996>

Literature

Fate's Promise : Sequel to The Lost Princess / Rita Akoto Coker
Accra, Ghana: Afram Publications (Ghana) Limited, 2015
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\$ 20.00 / PB
208gm.
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Denial is the Killer and Other Stories / Charles Nfon
Bamenda, North West Region, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2016
iv, 44p.
9956764140 ; 9789956764143
\$ 16.00 / PB
66gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=237998>

Verses from my Roost / John Ngong Kum Ngong
Bamenda, North West Region, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2016
88p.
9956764027 ; 9789956764020
\$ 16.00 / PB
110gm.
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Modern Rasputin : Poems / Rosa Lyster (Ed) Nick Mulgrew
Cape Town, South Africa: uHlanga Press, 2016
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\$ 16.00 / PB
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Trinity High : Investigation Galore / CNN Lokko
Accra, Ghana: Afram Publications (Ghana) Limited, 2015
236p.
9789964705596
\$ 20.00 / PB
254gm.

Novel
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238004>

Birthcry / Obi Nwakanma
Ibadan, Nigeria: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2016
78p.
9789789183685
\$ 16.00 / PB
114gm.

With unspeakable tenderness and palpable trepidation, Nigerian poet Obi Nwakanma captures the universal experience of childbirth. From his earlier collection *The Horsemen and Other Poems*, Nwakanma has become a “sojourner from a tangled past traveling to an uncertain future”, trying to root, shape and steel his unborn child to a world filled with graphic horror and indescribable wonder. Along the way he meets his muse, the sixteenth century mystical Indian poet Mirabai, and recites Elizabeth Bishop over tea. Thematically, Birthcry is intimate, lyrical and unrestrained while retaining a measured, coherent and precise form
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238006>

Spells of Solemn Songs : Poems / Khabyur Fasasi
Ibadan, Nigeria: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2015
90p.
9789789183241
\$ 16.00 / PB
128gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238008>

Naked Truth : Poems / Chris Anyokwu
Ibadan, Nigeria: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2015
102p.
9789789183296
\$ 16.00 / PB
144gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238009>

The Switch / (Author) Mary Karooro Okurut
Kampala, Uganda: FEMRITE – Uganda Women Writers Association, 2016
216p.
9789970480081
\$ 17.00 / PB
284gm.

The Switch is the story of the travails of Chelimo , a brilliant young girl from Kapchorwa, Eastern Uganda, whose life, when she is circumcised, in accordance with the tradition of her tribe, takes a horrendous turn. Chelimo’s struggles in the life are at odds with the promises she was given at circumcision and as a government minister, she embarks on a delicate personal crusade to ensure that the girls of her tribe do not ever have to face the dangers posed by the knife. But not everyone is happy with her crusade.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238011>

No Empty Dream / Ida Fynn-Thompson
Rev. Ed.
Accra, Ghana: Afram Publication (Ghana) Limited, 2016
(First Published 2001, Revised Edition)
74p.
9789964702281
\$ 16.00 / PB
138gm.

In many African societies, education for the girl-child, no matter how brilliant she may be, is considered a waste of the family's resources. A determined young girl, Ama Ataa, encouraged by a retired school master, fulfils her ambition of getting an education and becoming the first female doctor in her district

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Fate And Faith : Poems / Tunde Adeniran
Kraftgriots Series
Ibadan, Nigeria: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2015
120p.
9789789183265
\$ 16.00 / PB
166gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238012>

Imibongo Ibhawe Yi-CYPHER : The Cape Youth Poetry Hub for
Expression & Rhythm / Imbewu Yesini (Ed) Koleka Putuma & Javier
Perez
Cape Town, South Africa: uHlanga Press, 2016
60p.
9780620735292
\$ 15.00 / PB
104gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238010>

Religion – Christianity

Malawi Assemblies of God : Church Planting and Discipleship / Lawrnce

J.H. Chipao

Luwinga, Mzuzu, Malawi: Luviri Press, 2016

66p.

9789996096860

\$ 20.00 / PB

98gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238007>

African Feminist Hermeneutics : An Evangelical Reflection / Rachel

NyaGondwe Fiedler

Luwinga, Mzuzu 2, Malawi: Mzuni Press, 2016

186p.

9789996045202

Mzuni Books No. 18

\$ 28.00 / PB

274gm.

This book has six chapters: The first Chapter deals with a brief history on the genesis of African Feminist theologies as an 'irruption within an irruption' of Feminist theological movements in the world including a reflection on its relationship to the secular Feminist Movement, and to similar theologies such as Contextual Theology, Liberation Theology and the Holiness Feminist Movement. The second chapter deals with an introduction to African Feminist Hermeneutics. In this chapter, the three branches of African Feminist Hermeneutics, the general theories, principles and approaches to African Feminist Hermeneutics are highlighted. The third chapter deals with an Evangelical Feminist Biblical Hermeneutics of the Old Testament. The fourth chapter deals with an Evangelical Feminist Biblical Hermeneutics of the New Testament. The fifth is about how Malawian Christian women interpret culture, Bible and power relations to realise their own liberation and chapter 6 concludes the book.

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Culture, Development & Religious Change : The Nigerian Perspective /
(Eds) Abdulrazaq O. Kilani & Ngozi N. Iheanacho
Port Harcourt, Nigeria: M & J Grand Orbit Educational Books, 2016
xiv, 406p.
9789785420883
\$ 46.00 / PB
536gm.

The book is an introduction to the study of culture, with emphasis on the dynamism factor intrinsic and susceptible to generating growth, development initiatives and change, especially in religion and other aspects of Nigerian society. The collection of 19 papers is organised into five parts: Concepts and Theoretical Alignments, Social Institutions in Culture Change and Development, Religious Traditions and Change Experience, Votaries and Sectarian Reaction to Culture and Religious Change, and Pastoral Objective and the Management of Cultural Diversity and Change in Christianity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238003>

Fake Healing Claims for HIV and AIDS in Malawi / Klaus Fiedler
Luwinga, Mzuzu 2, Malawi: Mzuni Press, 2016
54p.
Includes Bibliography
9789996045264
Mzuni Texts No. 5
\$ 20.00 / PB
94gm.

In this book Klaus Fiedler offers a candid critique of religious faith healing claims - a critique that extends to the Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision Campaign (VMMCC). The book reveals the lack of substantive evidence to back such healing claims and the contradiction between the VMMCC claims and the consequences of those claims in sexual health and practice.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238001>

Dual Religiosity in Northern Malawi : Ngonde Christians and African
Traditional Religion / Joyce Mlenga

Luwingu, Mzuzu 2, Malawi: Mzuni Press, 2016

332p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789996045073

Mzuni Books No. 21

\$ 36.00 / PB

468gm.

Over a century much of Africa south of the Sahara embraced the Christian religion. Malawi, where 80% of the population identify as Christian is no exception, nor are the Ngonde at its northern border with Tanzania.

While it is difficult to find someone who does not claim to be a Christian, African traditional religion is by no means dead and often practiced by many. While the two religions are not “mixed”, but they are both realities in many a Christians life, though realities of a different kind. The author explores the intricate and often varied relationship between the two and considers factors which increase or decrease dual religiosity

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