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### **Biography/Memoirs**

An American in Africa : 50 Years of Exploring African Heritage and Overcoming Racism in America / Alan Donovan

Kenya: Alan Donovan, 2021

392p.

9789914991154

\$ 50.00 / PB

625gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775012>

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Homecoming : Through the Eyes of Three Generations / Daniel Gachukia (Eds) Suzanne Gachukia-Openbe, Wacuka Mungai & Ciku Gachukia

Nairobi: Riara University Publishing House Limited, 2020

xxii, 246p.

9789914700589

\$ 50.00 / PB

470gm.

This is Daniel Gachukia's first book. In it he recounts a pivotal incident in his family's history that triggered a chain of events with far reaching repercussions. When his aunt Wanjiku ran away from her Kiambaa home to Muisuni over a century ago, here single act of rebellious self-preservation would reverberate through the generations to come. Her arrival and subsequent settlement in Ukambani in the 1890s led to a chain

reaction that gave rise to questions of identity and belonging. These questions carried over all the way into the 1940s, with devastating and unjust consequences for a family that was already grappling with the increasingly repressive reach of British colonial rule in Kenya.

Gachukia's story offers a rare glimpse of Kikuyu and Kamba life in a bygone era. He takes us on a journey from the past to the present narrating his family's harrowing forced migrations at the hands of the colonial administration; his earnest adolescent quest for self identity, and his delight and pride in the emergence of a strong, determined, independent Kenya. He provides a keen insight into the new country's burgeoning civil service, in which he worked as nation's longest-serving Chief of Protocol and as a pioneering member of the diplomatic corps. He closes by recounting his journey to creating the Riara Group of Schools and the Riara University, including the issue that he holds dearest to his heart: education.

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"Kenya Matters" : Ralph Palmer 1955-1969 / Ralph Palmer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Nairobi: Akis Investments, 2020

viii, 236p.

9789966701749

\$ 45.00 / PB

355gm.

The story ... The author regales us with an exciting journey into the past; you will witness momentous events that shaped Kenya's history; these were exhilarating times. You shall meet the pioneering personalities of a newly independent Kenya; those who helped to mould the country before and after independence. You will travel the path they took during the struggle from colonial rule to the raising of the Kenyan flag. Districts mentioned in detail are Nyeri, Meru, Ukambani, Nakuru, Kitale, Turkana, Baringo, and the Capital City in the Sun.

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My Life, My Dignity / Dr. (Mrs.) Jean W. Kagia

Nairobi: Arba Publications Ltd., 2020

x, 42p.

9789966194398

\$ 15.00 / PB

75gm.

This book is about dignity of human life. It is asserted in the book that every person has a right to life and this life should be protected from conception until natural death.

Abortion is the main thrust of this book although euthanasia, assisted reproductive technology and surrogacy are given short coverage. Abortion, everywhere in the world, has two camps i.e. prolife and prochoice. Dr. Kagia belongs to the former. In Kenya, abortion should not be undertaken except as provided under the law. To defend, protect and uphold the dignity of human life, Dr. Kagia quotes verses from the Holy Bible such as Proverbs 6.17 'God hates hands that shed innocent blood'.

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Beyond Politics : A Conversation with Kiraitu Murungi / Njeri Rugene

Nairobi: Kenway Publications (East African Educational Publishers Ltd.), 2021

xvi, 216p. ; 229x152mm.

9789966566331

\$ 35.00 / PB

300gm.

Kiraitu Murungi easily fits into the category of 'Philosopher-King', a leader who, according to Plato, combines intellect, intelligence and wisdom in leadership. An alumnus of the University of Nairobi and the prestigious Harvard University, Kiraitu has applied these qualities to serve the society at

constituency, county and national levels. In this candid interview with veteran journalist, Njeri Rugene, Kiraitu is blunt, brutal, frank and rational on politics and development issues. The first of its kind in the country, this lengthy interview is not only inspiring, but also an insightful and igniting exposé of realpolitik in Kenya.

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The Old Lion of Africa : An Autobiography / Walter N. Masiga  
(compiled) Julie Masiga

Nairobi: Mikisa Publishers, 2019

xxv, 247p.

9789966960191

\$ 35.00

285gm.

Dr. Walter Nyamori Masiga's life story is an extended miracle of sorts. He stayed in his mother's womb for three years, was immobilized by yellow fever at five years age and was so done with life when he lost his father at a tender age that he failed his first-ever exam. Yet he went on to earn the highest accolades from some of the best universities in the world. And when he joined the world of work, holding some of the highest positions in the world of science and research, his name became synonymous with eradication of Rinderpest in Africa. His sterling record saw his European peers fondly christened him 'The Old Lion of Africa'. In this inspiring book, he recounts his life as an official of the AFC Leopards football club, at a time when Ingwe pounced so menacingly that they maintained their signature 3-0 win. Dr. Masiga recalls brushing shoulders with the high and mighty at home and in faraway lands, as well as meeting his future wife, the late Elizabeth Semo Masiga, who later rose to become permanent secretary in the Ministry of Education.

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Willy Munyoki Mutunga of Kenya : Our Hero of Justice : A  
Semi-Fictionalised Biography for Young People / Elizabeth  
Orchardson-Mazrui

Nairobi: Elizabeth Orchardson-Mazrui, 2020

128p.

9789914701401

\$ 50.00 / PB

278gm.

This book is mainly about the life and times of former Chief Justice and president of the Supreme Court of Kenya Dr Willy Mutunga, with a specific focus on the trajectory of his human rights and overall justice attainment efforts. In that sense, we can argue that indeed it is a semi biography since it focuses on a particular aspect of the persona's life.

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Lieutenant General Daniel Opande : In Pursuit of Peace in  
Africa : An Autobiography /

Kenway Biographical Works Series

Nairobi: East African Educational Publishers Ltd., 2019

xvi, 240p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

9789966564313

\$ 40.00 / PB

430gm.

Lieutenant General Daniel Opande, in his autobiography In Pursuit of Peace in Africa, shares his experiences in childhood, education, family and military career until his retirement. He wore many hats: soldier, military leader, peacemaker, humanitarian, peace ambassador and mediator.

Notable highlights include his role in Kenya's Shifta Campaign of the 1960s and engaging with rebels during peace operations he led in Namibia, Mozambique, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. In retirement, General Opande has occasionally mediated conflicts; among them the 2007, 2008, 2013 and 2017 election

crises in Kenya and the aftermath of the 2015 upheavals in South Sudan. This book is a rich inspirational resource for aspiring leaders.

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## **History**

People's Resistance to Colonialism and Imperialism in Kenya  
And Reflections on Resistance : Includes A Portrait of  
Resistance: Karimi Nduthu / Shiraz Durrani

Nairobi: Vita Books, 2018

126p. ; 210x148mm.

9789966114525

Kenya Resists No. 3 (2018)

\$ 35.00 / PB

205gm.

This book looks at the third pillar of resistance to British colonialism – people's resistance, the others being Mau Mau and radical trade union movement. It brings together several aspects of people's resistance to colonialism and imperialism – before and after independence and includes resistance by nationalities, women, students, peasants and workers in what can only be described as people's resistance. While Mau Mau and trade unions were essential in the liberation struggle, on their own they would have faced innumerable difficulties to achieve their goal. Peasants, nationalities, women, children and young people, students, independent churches, independent schools, all played a part in reinforcing the organized and ideology led resistance of Mau Mau and trade unions.

Additional material is included to provide thought for reflections. The first two essays deal with the question of nationalities and with the contradictions between capitalism and socialism with the collapse of USSR. They point to the fact that the struggle in Kenya influences, and is in turn influenced by, developments around the world. The next section is the

presentation at the launch of Kenya's War of Independence in Nairobi on February 21, 2018. The final section contains solidarity messages from Shiraz Durrani, Abdilatif Abdalla and Kang'ethe Mungai at the event to commemorate and celebrate the revolutionary work of Karimi Nduthu held on March 24, 2018 at the Professional Centre in Nairobi.

The Kenya Resists Series covers different aspects of resistance by people of Kenya to colonialism and imperialism. It reproduces material from books, unpublished reports, research and oral or visual testimonies. The three aspects chosen for the first three publications in the Series – Mau Mau, Trade Unions and People's Resistance – make up the three pillars of resistance of the people of Kenya.

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Fountain of Knowledge : History of University of Nairobi, 1952-2020 : From A Technical College to a World-Class University / Prof. Bethwell A. Ogot & Prof. Madeara Ogot  
Kisumu: Anyange Press Ltd., 2021

xxii, 618p.

Includes Index

9789914400601

\$ 70.00 / PB

820gm.

Fountain of Knowledge: History of the University of Nairobi 1952-2020 follows the development of the University from its origins as the Royal Technical College in 1952, to the World Class University it has become in 2020. As the 'mother' university in Kenya, its history also provides a narrative of the evolution of university education in Kenya over the same period. Major events, activities and policies changes that have shaped university education are presented in the context of the University of Nairobi's growth. Throughout the text, a large collection of photographs brings to life the development of the university over the past 68 years.

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The Luo Trek : An Elaborate History of Luo Migration and  
Settlement in Kenya and the Rest of Africa / Sibuur Omeno  
Sibuor

Nairobi: Career Gestalt International, 2020

220p.

9789966085399

Real African Stories Series

\$ 35.00 / PB

260gm.

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**Law**

The Juris 48 Compendium, No. 2, Vol.1 A (i) Doctrines and  
Principles of Law : Constitutional Law – Doctrines on the  
Establishment and Operation of the Constitution With  
Annotated Bibliography and Case Law / (Ed) Felix Okiri  
Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2021

1v.

9789914402506

\$ 100.00 / PB

845gm.

Book Details:

No.2 Vol. I A (i) is a rich compilation of case law and annotated  
bibliography analysing the doctrines on the Establishment &  
Operation of the Constitution. This issue analyses the  
following doctrines - the doctrine of basic structure, the  
doctrine of constitutional entrenchment clauses, the concept of  
the supremacy of the constitution, and concept of sovereignty  
of the people.

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The Juris 48 Compendium, No. 2, Vol.1 A (ii) Doctrines and Principles of Law : Constitutional Law – Doctrines on the interpretation and applications of the Bills of Rights 1, With Annotated Bibliography and Case Law / (Ed) Felix Okiri  
Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2021

1v.

9789914402506

\$ 100.00 / PB

610gm.

No.2 Vol. I A (ii): DOCTRINES & PRINCIPLES OF LAW - CONSTITUTIONAL LAW is a rich compilation of case law and annotated bibliography entailing the doctrines on the interpretation and application of the Bill of Rights. This issue covers the following doctrines - the concept of equality before the law; the principle of access to justice; due process; the doctrine of fair trial; the principle of human dignity; principle of sanctity of life; doctrine of laches in constitutional law; and the principle of limitation of rights/ fundamental freedoms.

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The Juris 48 Compendium, No. 2, Vol.1 A (iii) Doctrines and Principles of Law : Constitutional Law – Doctrines on the interpretation and applications of the Bills of Rights 2, With Annotated Bibliography and Case Law / (Ed) Felix Okiri  
Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2021

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No.2 Vol. I A (iii): DOCTRINES & PRINCIPLES OF LAW - CONSTITUTIONAL LAW is a rich compilation of case law and annotated bibliography entailing the doctrines on the interpretation and application of the Bill of Rights. This issue analyses the following doctrines - the doctrine of proportionality; and the doctrine of Accommodation.

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The Juris 48 Compendium, No. 2, Vol.1 A (iv) Doctrines and Principles of Law : Constitutional Law – Doctrines on Justiciability With Annotated Bibliography and Case Law / (Ed) Felix Okiri

Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2021

1v.

9789914402506

\$ 100.00 / PB

490gm.

No.2 Vol. I A (iv): DOCTRINES & PRINCIPLES OF LAW - CONSTITUTIONAL LAW is a rich compilation of case law and annotated bibliography entailing the doctrines on the justiciability of constitutional issues. No.2 Vol. I A (iv) analyses the following doctrines - the political question doctrine; the doctrine of mootness; the doctrine of ripeness; the doctrine of pith and substance; the doctrine of judicial restraint/ judicial deference; the doctrine of harmonious construction of the constitution; the doctrine of constitutional avoidance; doctrine of eclipse; and the doctrine of severability of ultra vires or void sections of a law.

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The Juris 48 Compendium, No. 2, Vol.1 A (v) Doctrines and Principles of Law : Constitutional Law – Doctrines on Separation of Powers With Annotated Bibliography and Case Law / (Ed) Felix Okiri

Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2021

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No.2 Vol. I A (v): DOCTRINES & PRINCIPLES OF LAW - CONSTITUTIONAL LAW is a rich compilation of case law and

annotated bibliography entailing the doctrines on the doctrines on Separation of Powers. The book analyses the following doctrines - the doctrine of separation of powers; the principle of judicial authority/ power; concept of judicial independence; the doctrine of judicial review; and the doctrine of parliamentary privilege.

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The Juris 48 Compendium, No. 2, Vol.1 F (i) Doctrines and Principles of Law : Administrative Law – The Doctrine of Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies With Annotated Bibliography and Case Law / (Ed) Felix Okiri  
Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Publishing, 2021

1v.

9789914402841

\$ 100.00 / PB

830gm.

The Juris 48 Compendium is a thematic compilation of excerpts of case law based on the broad areas of law. The Series of 48 titles seeks to demystify Kenya’s jurisprudence in a manner that largely reduces the turnaround time of legal research. No.2 Vol.1 F (i) is a rich compilation of case law and annotated bibliography entailing the doctrine of Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies. Whereas the annotated bibliography comprises of a synthesis of the doctrine from the perspective of various jurisdictions, the compilation of case law cases from Kenya’s superior courts.

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The Constitution of Kenya : A Commentary /Luis Franceshi & PLO Lumumba

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Nairobi: Strathmore University Press, 2019

9789966054265

\$ 175.00 / HB

1435gm.

In 2014, Dr Luis Franceschi and Prof PLO Lumumba sought to provide a pioneering and important guide to understanding the Constitution through the first edition of 'The Constitution of Kenya: A Commentary.' The developments in the Judiciary, Executive and Parliament in both theory and practice of governance, rule of law and human rights have rendered a second and updated edition necessary. Through this second edition, they affirm that implementation of each of the provisions of the Constitution is core to the realization of the hope, desires, and aspirations of the Kenyan people for a society that is founded on social justice, respect for human rights, good governance and sustainable development.

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Crimes Against Humanity in Kenya's Post-2007 Conflicts : A Jurisprudential Interpretation / Charles Alenga Khamala  
The Netherlands: Wolf Legal Publishers (WLP), 2018  
lii, 518p.

Includes Index

9789462403628

\$ 125.00 / PB

885gm.

In 2012, the International Criminal Court confirmed trials against four suspects for bearing the greatest responsibility for crimes against humanity perpetrated during Kenya's post-2007 election violence. In 2016, however, the Office of the Prosecutor withdrew all charges, decrying intolerable interference and political meddling in Deputy President William Ruto and journalist Joshua Sang's cases. In President Uhuru Kenyatta's case, the Court ultimately referred the government to the Assembly of State Parties for failing to cooperate with her investigations. The decision to prosecute has sparked outcry from some African countries, not only because the evidence is thin, or even since the suspects are senior leaders enjoying political power, but alleging selective

justice. Suspects from strong Western countries tend to be overlooked. This book evaluates the ICC's controversial decisions conferring its jurisdiction over the situation in Kenya, confirming the charges and even compelling unwilling witnesses to appear and testify. It is true that in 1999 Kenya ratified the Rome Statute through which the international community seeks to promote retributive justice to hold leaders accountable and punish mass atrocities. However, in the context of transitional justice, domestic authorities preferred to respond to the alleged mass atrocities through structural reforms. Indeed, two ICC indictees, Kenyatta and Ruto won the 2013 presidential elections, indicating that the local public lacks confidence in the Hague process. From a practitioner's perspective, this book demonstrates the sociopolitical, cultural and contextual background which caused the ICC's legitimacy crisis. It is a must read for international criminal lawyers, policymakers, scholars, and other stakeholders.

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Litigating Human Rights in African Institutions : Law, Procedures and Practice / Clement J. Mashamba  
Nairobi: LawAfrica Publishing (K) Ltd., 2017 (Reprint 2019)  
xlviii, 488p.

Includes Bibliography

9789966530509

\$ 65.00 / PB

700gm.

Given the foregoing set up, it is apparent that Africa is a continent with a myriad of courts working both jointly and severally in their endeavours to promote and protect human rights at various levels of the justice machineries. These courts have several similarities as well as differences, basically reflected in terms of their guiding principles, procedures and practices. These diversities warrant the need to have a publication of this nature – that is, a publication that sets out

the underlying legal instruments, principles, procedures and practices obtaining in these cases. This will enable the users of these courts to have a clear understanding of the respective roles of these courts in the promotion and protection of human rights in their respective jurisdictions.

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African Customary Law : Developing an African Jurisprudence  
/ Peter Onyango Onyoyo

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Nairobi: LawAfrica Publishing (K) Ltd., 2019

xxiv, 220p.

Includes Bibliography

9789966530721

\$ 75.00 / PB

285gm.

In the 1st Edition Dr. Onyango is discussing the significance of the African jurisprudence in the age of constitutionalism, human rights and post modernism. The book is handy for those who are interested in the jurisprudence, social foundations of law, sociology of law, human rights, and legal systems. Some law schools in Kenya have scrapped African customary law as a unit for law students but the topic is shifted to other units such as family law, law of succession, and social foundations of law.

This edition is handy for those who are interested in law. It includes practitioners, researchers, jurists, magistrates, law students, and civil servants engaged in administrative justice. By extension, this book is handy for academic researchers and policy makers. It adds so many ingredients into the knowledge of legal problems such as community land rights, customary land rights, marriage and burial rights, child custody, and understanding of the unwritten aspect of law.

This edition is aware of the new dispensation in Kenya and how much the provisions in the new constitution add to the knowledge of law. It upholds the African ideals in the

constitution such as principles of justice, values, and law. It is presented in a way that favours the interest of readership from variant background. It avoids unnecessary technicality and exaggerated legal terms that are difficult for lay persons to understand. The book is simple and well thought out.

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Practical Approaches to Criminal Investigations, Prosecution and Criminal Defence in Kenya : An Advocacy Book for Criminal Investigators, Prosecutors and Criminal Defence Counsels / Orondo Tuli

Nairobi: Quality Thoughts Limited, 2020

xxii, 278p.

Includes Bibliography

9789914701289

\$ 35.00/ PB

322gm.

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## **Literature**

J.E. Sibi-Okumu Collected Plays 2004-2014 / J. E. Sibi-Okumu

Nairobi: Jahazi Press, 2021

188p.

9789914401226

\$ 40.00 / PB

545gm.

J.E. Sibi-Okumu is a playwright from Kenya. The socio-political evolution of his country is a constant inspiration for him.

Almost all these plays involve music and dance. He also writes prose and poetry and is a regular columnist. He is a Chevalier des Palmes Academiques.

On Role Play:

“Role Play, which was first performed in 2004, gives us a ‘zoomed out’ perspective of Kenya’s history and society and

gives African drama, and posterity, a new point of reference.” -  
Anne Manyara, *The East African*.

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Daddy’s Daughter and Other Stories / Otieno Odongo, Usha  
Jose & Ochieng’ Obunga

Eldoret: Utafiti Foundation, 2020

302p.

9789966262226

\$ 35.00 / PB

525gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775038>

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The Borders Runners / James Irungu & James Shimanyula

Nairobi: Moran (E.A.) Publishers Limited, 2019

152p.

9789966631930

\$ 15.00 / PB

158gm.

Waichari joins the dangerous smuggling trade between the  
Kenyan/Ugandan border after his parents are killed in a car  
crash and he is left responsible for his younger brother and  
sister.

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Digital Bedbugs : 2019 Anthology of the Nairobi Fiction

Writing Workshop / (Ed) Makena Onjerika

Nairobi: The Nairobi Fiction Writing Workshop, 2020

188p.

9789966138149

\$ 25.00 / PB

240gm.

Straight out of Nairobi, come 12 stories of convicts and their  
mobile phones; an illicit house warmer who swears he didn't  
kill the kid; a man who cannot help running through the night



stark naked; a cop who excels at making bodies disappear; a husband who doesn't want sex and a wife who must have some with him by all means necessary; a mother who sends her son interesting photography; a music instrument that induces psychosis; the unhealthy consequences of Nairobi nightlife; incels who know their knives; a reverend, his farm and his prize bull; horses, oaths and machetes; and of course, an unplanned trip to Kerala. Featured writers include -Sophie Gitonga-Sanaa Jabeen-Sheeba Jacob-Alvin Kathembe-Olivia Kidula-Munene Kilongi-Dennis Mugaa-Awuor Mugeni-Shalom Ndiku-Gladwell Pamba-Kiprono Tonui-Shiru Waweru This anthology represents the work of new and emerging writers based in Nairobi who, in 2018 and 2019, participated in the Nairobi Fiction Writing Workshop, led by Caine Prize for African Writing winner, Makena Onjerika.

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Equipoise : 2020 Anthology of the Nairobi Writing Academy / (Ed) Makena Onjerika

Nairobi: Nairobi Writing Academy (NaiWA), 2020

156p.

9789914706581

\$ 25.00 / PB

225gm.

Ten new stories from Kenya. Herein are to be found vampires and gods; sex toys and exhibitionists; divorces and soon-to-be divorcees; heart attacks and heartbreaks; grief unending, bad decisions and unexpected salvation; the unemployed, troubled expatriates, hustlers and conmen; adventures in Nairobi, Dar es Salam, Mt. Elgon and everywhere in between; friends who are not just friends, unruly relatives and beloved but complicated parents.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775044>

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The Whorehouse / Njoki Kamande  
Kenya: Under the Floor Boards Publications, 2021  
248p.  
9789914400786  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
280gm.

When you go to bed, the whorehouse wakes up; when you rise in the morning, the whorehouse goes to bed. The gentlemen of the whorehouse have no place that they want to go home to; the ladies of the whorehouse call it home, at least for now. But what happens when the events of the night are exposed to the light of the day?

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Untamed : Glee and Throes Of Love In Sub-Sahara : Novel /  
Irene Melissa Ojoro & Calvin Chikwata (Ed) Esther Musembi  
Nairobi: Irene Melissa & Clavin Chikwata, 2021  
252p.  
9789914401783  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
330gm.

Zuri, the daughter of a diplomat, is used to a life of traveling around the world, until Zimbabwe where she meets the enigmatic Ngoni.

Ngoni on the other hand has known loss and heartache all his life. From losing his mother to mistreatments by his step mother until he meets Zuri.

Will their love be enough to bridge a physical and emotional chasm? Will it conquer cultural differences and family beliefs? Will a fatal accident change the way they feel about each other?

Untamed is a story of loss, identity, and most importantly, love.

And all the things that line up the road leading to it.

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The Coming of Otungwi / Darius Grant

Kenya: Darius Grant, 2020

vii, 417p.

9789914704303

\$ 40.00 / PB

500gm.

This is a story about a nation called Otungwi located deep in the heart of Africa. It follows its journey through the struggle of peace and prosperity. This is seen through the eyes of dynasties that have ruled over this country since its beginning. The story captures the different dynasties' perspectives and visions for their homeland and the lengths to which they are willing to go in order to attain their goals at the end of the day. It entails the challenges the rulers of this nation face and how they overcome diversity.

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Alphabet of Kenya and Other Poems / Salem Lorot

Nairobi: Salem Lorot, 2019

viii, 214p.

9789966130327

\$ 20.00 / PB

174gm.

Alphabet of Kenya and other Poems offers an eclectic mix of Lorot's poetry on such themes as law, love, death, friendship, Kenya and music.

This collection, written since 2010, consists of more than one hundred poems and is a kaleidoscope to the perceptions and contradictions of law, the beauty and ugliness of love, the joy and foolishness of friendships, the celebration and betrayal of nationhood, and the joy of life and the emptiness of death.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775048>

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## **Politics**

Taking Stock of Devolution in Kenya : From the 2010  
Constitution, Through Two Election Cycles, to the BBI Process  
/ (Ed) Mumo Nzau

Nairobi: HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies,  
2021

xxxvi, 418p.

Includes Index

9789966196286

\$ 70.00 / PB

672gm.

This book volume takes stock of devolution in Kenya with specific reference to theoretical, legal, constitutional and policy, leadership, governance, and development debates as well as experiences in the 47 counties. Its scope falls within the 2010 Constitution, through two election cycles in 2013 and again in 2017, up to the transformative change proposals presented by the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) and the ramifications that all these issues, events and processes portend for the future of devolved governance in Kenya.

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## **Sociology**

Feminism and Feminist Research : Making Research Work for  
African Women / Wanjiku Mukabi Kabira & Lanoi Mafoiy (Ed)  
Anna Petkova Mwangi

Nairobi: African Women Studies Centre, 2018

48p.

9798672619040

\$ 15.00 / PB

75gm.

This book sheds light on African Feminism Theory and Methods from an African perspective. African women centred research it is hereby argued must look at African women in their own context, address their own experiences within their different communities and within the large regional contexts. This is an important approach because the more we argue that women are conditioned by the society, the more we shall appreciate that the emancipation of women would transform our societies. This is because some of the major gender and social cultural problems women face in the African context result from misunderstanding and hence misrepresentation of women. This by extension affects women and the society at large.

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