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Architecture

Beyond the Reeds and Bricks: Historical Sites and Buildings in Kampala, Jinja and Entebbe
Kampala: The Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda, 2019
159p.
9789970996605
\$ 180.00 / HB
1578gm.

Often best known for magnificent flora and fauna, there's much more to Uganda's heritage. The country can indeed be proud of its stunning buildings and sites of historical significance. These provide character and identity to its cities, towns and villages, and reflect ways of life associated with traditional governance, colonial administration, religious diversity and co-existence, commerce and trade, as well as relationships between Uganda and other nations.

This publication, compiled by the Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda, takes readers on an exciting journey from the beginnings of Uganda as a nation, through its colonial period and into its post-independence era.

This book also points to the urgent need to preserve historical buildings and sites as an important aspect of Uganda's rich heritage.

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Biography/Memoirs

Unlikely: A Memoir / Benoni Mugarura Mutana
Kampala: Inaka (Tokra Innovation (U) Ltd., 2022
172p.
9789913999700
\$ 45.00 / PB
238gm.

You may think you know Uncle Ben, the charismatic leader and preacher who travelled Uganda with the Anglican Youth Fellowship Choir, and raised the number of congregants at St. Francis Chapel Makerere, to 3000+ worshipping souls per Sunday. You would be wrong.

In these pages you will be sucked into a fascinating history filled with legends and leaders, crash through Mugarura's boyhood, meander through shenanigans of his youth, and rise with the man you know and have come to love, Uncle Ben. The transformative power of a living and loving God will overwhelm you, a stark reminder that anyone's beginnings and missteps are easily overcome by His saving grace.

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From Journeys to Words: Wobbly Tales of Expat Lives / Pearl Kasujja-Van de Velde & Julie Epenu-Robert

Uganda: Pearl Kasujja-Van de Velde & Julie Epenu-Robert (Self-Published), 2022

xii, 224p.
9791069979451
\$ 35.00 / PB
254gm.

"Expatriate life is such a unique experience. This book gives a glimpse of that life to those who haven't lived it while for those who have, it's a relatable dose of nostalgia. It's a great read for anyone curious about life beyond the borders of their own country." – Mina Yan, Managing Editor, Jing Kids International

From the shores of the tiny Comoros Islands, through the resilient streets of Beirut and Dhaka, to the gigantic Middle Kingdom of China;

From Journeys to Words is a collection of personal stories on our journey as expat spouses. We have Bonjour'd, Ni Hao'd, Kemon Achen'd and Salaam Alaikum'd our way through several countries, bypassed some pesky firewalls, ordered food in languages we don't speak, tasted a few quirky meals and survived some dodgy economic and political crises.

These travel tales take you through the thrum (and supposed perks) of expatriate life to bring you anecdotes from and insights into our day to day lives and experiences as 'trailing' wives. We also take a deeper look into the lives of remarkable, vivacious and eternally optimistic people we have met as well as the enchanting cultures we have been a part of.

Many of these countries may not exactly inspire you to spontaneously book a flight and go visit them but for us, they've been more than temporary homes; they have been barrels of laughter, love, despair, kindness, heartache, panache, resilience and charm that isn't shown on the 9 o'clock news or in a traditional tourist guide.

This book is an ode to all this... and more.

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From Skins to Robes and Wigs: The Story of Challenging and Rewarding Judicial Career / Justice John Bosco Katutsi (Ed) Daniel Kalinaki

Kampala: Dominant Seven Ltd, 2021

xx, 246p.

Includes Index

9789970902033

\$ 50.00 / PB

328gm.

From Skins to Robes and Wigs by Justice John Bosco Katutsi is a collection of several jurisprudence cases, in Uganda, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, life breakthroughs, breakdowns and ups, threats and challenges of a 38-year judicial service. It is also, an 81-year-life autobiography and a thrilling experience for a reader.

The book sheds some light on his trial of the First Lady Mama Mariamu Amin as one of his first cases as a young magistrate in Mbale to heading a tribunal in Masaka District to handle economic crimes under President Idi Amin to a life in private law practice after Katutsi's resignation from court following Obote's return to power. And, finally getting back to making landmark judgments in some of the most publicised and anticipated cases in the Museveni regime. The book also contains judgments such as those in the trial of John Sanyu Katuramu for murder of Prince Charles Happy Kijanangoma; the bail application for Dr Kizza Besigye; and the 21 People's Redemption Army suspects that led to the Black Mamba invasion of the High Court and later the strike of the judiciary; the trial of Dr Besigye for rape in 2006 and the Teddy Seezi Cheeye conviction.

On retirement, Justice John Bosco Katutsi presided over courts in Sierra Leone and Liberia also making landmark anti-corruption judgments. The book is a jurisprudence read for criminal justice that any criminal, law student, judicial officer or law abiding citizen ought to have on their shelf.

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Betrayed by My Leader: The Memoirs of John B. Kazoora / (Ed) Patricia Liz Acen (at el.)
Kampala: BlackCandle Media Ltd, 2021
xx, 274p.
9789913608008
\$ 65.00 / PB
398gm.

This self-published memoir spans the life of John Kazoora. The author joined the Uganda Bush War early on after finishing university and later held important posts in the National Resistance Movement (NRM) government, including Special District Administrator of Kabale and later Kampala, Director in Internal Security Organization (ISO) and MP for Kashari from 1996-2006. However, in 2005 he defected to become a founding member of the opposing the elimination of presidential term limits.

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Compelled to Action: Struggle for Self-Determination / Major General Katirima Manoni Phinehas
Kampala: Author Pad, 2020
xlii, 324p.
9789970999200
\$ 45.00 / PB
424gm.

Compelled to Action is a captivating story of a boy born to peasants who against poverty and his father's initial protests, pursued an education and through the years sharpened his consciousness of the then socio-economic and political situation that obtained in Uganda and choosing to join the guerrillas then in the bush, under Yoweri Tibuhaburwa Kaguta Museveni, in fighting for freedom and national liberation later rising to serve in the various senior capacities in the civil service and the military, becoming a Member of Parliament, military Major General and a Diplomat. The author opens the curtain and takes us behind the scenes to share what made the Bush War a phenomenal success. He makes note of the losses and challenges encountered and the strategies at various levels that were employed. The author is happy with the achievements to date and conscious of the challenges still ahead in the arduous journey of the country to prosperity and affluence in the First World.

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Quarantined: My Uganda's Covid-19 Isolation Centers / Jimmy Spire Ssentongo
Kampala: Ubuntu Reading Group, 2021
186p.
9789970733026
\$ 35.00 / PB
200gm

After 23 days in quarantine in Uganda — far longer than required — Jimmy Spire Ssentongo walked free in part because of a cartoon he drew. It showed a bound prisoner begging for liberation after multiple negative tests, while a health minister demanded to know where he was hiding the virus. An Inside Account from Uganda's Coronavirus 'Quarantine Prison Hotels'.

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Economics

Entrepreneurship Across Generations: Facts and Reflections on Family Business in Uganda / Martin M. Lwanga

Kampala: Fountain Publishers, 2020
xiv, 130p.
9789970195770
\$ 30.00 / PB
156gm.

Entrepreneurship Across Generations highlights issues of succession planning in family business and corporate governance in Uganda to ensure continuity in different generations after the passing of the founder. The author presents different ways for the smooth transfer of wealth between generations and avoiding the collapse of businesses in Uganda. He highlights the need to interest, initiate and groom family members in developing skills to manage a business in a sustainable way.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846350>

History

Uganda: An Indian Colony, 1897-1972 / Samwiri Lwanga Lunyiigo
Uganda: The African Studies Bookstore, 2021
xlii, 250p.
Includes Index
9789913623070
\$ 40.00 / PB
320gm.

Every generation has a book that defines its struggles. From Frantz Fanon's Wretched of the Earth, Walter Rodney's How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, to James Ferguson's, Anti-Politics Machine, these books gave us the eyes with which to see the world colonialism had created--and the urgent battles of the time.

This recently published book, tellingly titled, Uganda an Indian Colony: 1897-1972, by historian, Prof Samwiri Lwanga Lunyiigo is surely the book of our time and our struggles. Perhaps the most important book to be ever published in Uganda since independence.

Carefully woven into one powerful narrative that zooms in on Indians in Uganda, and East African, without the too-common corruption of the Indian story with the politics of President Idi Amin, Lwanga-Lunyiigo tells the commercial life of native Ugandans--from Bunyoro, Lango to Buganda powerfully roaming the Great Lakes region--before colonialism.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842050>

Literature

The Ugandan Tales / Victor Rumanyika
Kansas City, MO, USA: BookTrail Agency, 2021
198p.
9781637673638
\$ 35.00 / PB
302gm.

Poetry Collection

The book is set in Uganda and about the struggles of ordinary Africans against post independence African rulers that preach freedom and emancipation but have turned into oppressors. Ordinary people seek to reassert their rights against an intransigent regime that is determined to keep them oppressed. The poems chronicle everyday struggles that are faced at the hands of fellow Africans masquerading as Pan Africanists. Through peaceful and non-violent means, a new generation of ordinary people is now taking a stand against social, political and economic segregation.

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Tropical Fish: Stories Out of Entebbe / Doreen Baingana
Uganda: Doreen Baingana (Self-Published), 2021
160p.
9789970995424
\$ 35.00 / PB
188gm.

In her fiction debut, Doreen Baingana follows a Ugandan girl as she navigates the uncertain terrain of adolescence. Set mostly in pastoral Entebbe with stops in the cities Kampala and Los Angeles, *Tropical Fish* depicts the reality of life for Christine Mugisha and her family after Idi Amin's dictatorship. Three of the eight chapters are told from the point of view of Christine's two older sisters, Patti, a born-again Christian who finds herself starving at her boarding school, and Rosa, a free spirit who tries to "magically" seduce one of her teachers. But the star of *Tropical Fish* is Christine, whom we accompany from her first wobbly steps in high heels, to her encounters with the first-world conveniences and alienation of America, to her return home to Uganda. As the Mugishas cope with Uganda's collapsing infrastructure, they also contend with the universal themes of family cohesion, sex and relationships, disease, betrayal, and spirituality. Anyone dipping into Baingana's incandescent, widely acclaimed novel will enjoy their immersion in the world of this talented newcomer.

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Beautiful Problems: A Nouvelle / Matsiko Godwin Muhwezi
Uganda: Matsiko Godwin Muhwezi (Self-Published), 2021
ii, 168p.
9789913989107
\$ 35.00 / PB
190gm.

Beautiful Problems is set in several parts of Uganda and Kenya. It follows the lives of two young lawyers starting their legal careers. The lead protagonist Goldie works in a law firm and his friend Victor in a bank. Whereas they both share ambition, it is the contrast between the maverick lifestyle of Goldie and his friend's conservatism that sets the tone. Goldie starts a relationship with a young lady still at the University and while he plans to marry and settle with her, the sudden change in fortunes at his workplace checks to see if the relationship can survive the temptations of materialism. Goldie's sexual trysts overlap his loyalty and friendships, but the stresses of work and excessive indulgences are all but light trials. The story crashes into a cornucopia of political undertones when Goldie's work brings him the most unlikely client, a member of a political outfit. Personal relations and proximity to the players in the subplot guarantee that everybody is sucked into the sweeping storm, with revelations of betrayals and connections that are bound to change everyone's life forever.

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Official Publications

Background to the Budget 2022/23 Fiscal Year: Full Monetization of Uganda's Economy through Commercial Agriculture, Industrialization, Expanding and Broadening Services, Digital Transformation and Market Access
Kampala: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, 2022
1v.
\$ 90.00 / PB
574gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=845865>

The State of Uganda Population Report 2021: COVID-19 and Beyond – Prospects for Harnessing the Demographic Dividend

Kampala: National Population Council, 2021

1v.

\$ 70.00 / PB

346gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=845866>

The State of Uganda Population Report 2022: Accelerate Demographic Transition: Refocus Investments to Attain a Favorable Population Age Structure for Sustainable Development

Kampala: National Population Council, 2022

1v.

\$ 70.00 / PB

316gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=845867>

Politics/Current Affairs

Islam in Uganda: The Muslim Minority, Nationalism and Political Power / Joseph Kasule (Series Eds) Barbara Bompani (et al.)

Rochester, NY, USA: James Currey (Boydell & Brewer Ltd), 2022

270p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

ISSN: 2398-8673; 9781847012432

Religion in Transforming Africa Series

\$ 95.00 / HB

508gm.

Examines the historical, political, religious, and social dynamics of Muslim minority status in Uganda, and important themes of pre- and post-colonial political community, religion and national identity.

Between 2012 and 2016 several Muslim clerics were murdered in Uganda: there is still no consensus as to who was responsible. In this book Joseph Kasule seeks to explain this by examining the colonial and postcolonial history of the Muslim minority and questions of Muslim identity within a non-Muslim state. Challenging prevalent scholarship that has homogenized Muslims' political identity, Kasule demonstrates that Muslim responses to power have been varied and multiple. Beginning with the pre-colonial political community in Buganda, and Muteesa I's attempted Islamization of the country using Islam as a centralizing ideology, the author discusses how the political status of Islam and Muslims in Uganda has been defined under successive regimes. Muteesa I's Islamization faltered when Christianity entered Buganda in the latter half of the 19th century, resulting in division between Muslim and Christian sections. The colonial period created a new type of political project that defined the Muslim question as one of representation, and Kasule discusses how this laid the foundation for a politics of Muslim containment within a predominantly Christian power. He examines contrasting urban-based Muslim organizations and rural expressions of Islam; tension between representative claims of Muslim leaderships within the demand for Muslim autonomy; and the rise of new reform groups. As these splits turned violent, 'new' Muslim 'publics' emerged around opposing centres of Muslim power which sought different resolutions to their minority situation.

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The House That Museveni Built: How Yoweri Museveni's Vision Continues to Shape Uganda / Paul Busharizi

Kampala: Paul Busharizi (Self-Published), 2021

1v.

9798496370431

\$ 50.00 / PB

520gm.

President Yoweri Museveni has straddled Uganda's political landscape like a colossus for almost four decades. During this time Uganda has pulled back from the edge of the political abyss and has recovered from being an economic basket case.

Uganda today truly is the house that Museveni built-- warts and all.

In this book a compilation of commentaries, award winning journalist Paul Busharizi, tries to unravel why Uganda is what it is and how Museveni by building the most powerful political machine in the history of Independent Uganda is what rules the day.

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The Patient: Sacrifice, Genius, and Greed in Uganda's Healthcare System / Olive Kobusingye

Bloomington, IN, USA: AuthorHouse™ UK, 2019

xiv, 218p.

9781728395852

\$ 50.00 / PB

328gm.

The Patient is the story of Ugandan doctors and their patients through the decades. It's the story of mostly young enthusiastic medical students becoming doctors, and choosing their paths in a corrupt and impoverished world where their own needs, wellbeing, and sanity, compete with the needs of their patients. It is the story of a hospital badly in need of healing, a health care system that is designed to fail, and a country whose continuing existence is proof that resilient and subservient people can survive exploitation and abuse for a long time. It is the story of a society coming unstuck at the seams, of leaders blinded by power and greed, and of health workers sacrificing their lives to help their patients. It is the story of the patient.

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Non-Essential Humans: Essays on Governance, Ruin and Survival in Covid-19 Uganda / Yusuf Serunkuma

Kampala: Editor House Facility Ltd, 2022

xxii, 142p.

9789913620055

\$ 39.95 / PB

166gm.

Non-Essential Humans is both a critical documentation and commentary on the world that Covid-19 created. It focuses on the diametric, but supposedly harmonious ways in which the state on the one hand, and the governed on the other, responded to their progressively altering and scary worlds. While the Ugandan state ventured wantonly, ordinary folks- the so-called "vulnerable poor"- struggled to cope, survive and understand the anti-Covid measures that were not only scientifically inexplicable, and terribly inconsistent but also disconnected from their local context.

"...these essays are serious, authoritative, brutally honest, beautifully written, and thoroughly readable critique of the real world of our politics..." Robert Spin Mukasa, Editor, The Observer.

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Power Back to the People: The Relevance of Ethnic Federalism in Uganda / Vick Lukwago Ssali
Bamenda, Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, 2023

xviii, 234p.

9789956553242

\$ 35.00 / PB

384gm.

The infamous "Scramble for Africa" resulted in random and unlikely borders that remain today. The West partitioned territory for the sake of its short-term goal of influence or mastery. They gave little thought to the long-running consequences for the Africans themselves. This arbitrary carving up of Africa, the colonial policy of divide and rule, and the resultant segmental cleavages in most post-colonial African states may be blamed for the horizontal inequalities, conflicts, and insecurity rampant since independence. In Uganda, as in many other African countries, the most evident of such cleavages have been tribal and ethnic. Recently there have been calls for constitutional reform that would devolve power to the tribal regions and revive the idea of federalism which was the organizing principle in the immediate aftermath of independence. This book highlights the dynamics of ethnic politics in the post-independence sub-Saharan setting in general and the background, meaning, and relevance of the debate on ethnic federalism in Uganda, in particular. Part of the book covers Vick Lukwago Ssali's own experiences growing up in an independent but troubled Uganda. However, its central thesis is based on the voices of selected samples of ordinary people in ten different tribal areas of Uganda and what they comparatively think about the issue of federalism. Is their loyalty growing towards the centre or fading outwards from the troubled state to their integral traditional and cultural units?

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