

## Encounters From Africa An Anthology Of Short Stories Various

This book features much-needed perspectives of people of African descent and delves into those perspectives through the use of literature, film, short stories, poetry, and philosophy. Through various academic disciplines, Sandra M. Grayson provides a wide variety for this remarkable anthology. Contributors to this anthology include activists, award-winning writers, internationally recognized professors, and new scholars, each with their own distinct voice.

A one-of-a-kind collection showcasing the energy of new African literature. Coming at a time when Africa and African writers are in the midst of a remarkable renaissance, *Gods and Soldiers* captures the vitality and urgency of African writing today. With stories from northern Arabic-speaking to southern Zulu-speaking writers, this collection conveys thirty different ways of approaching what it means to be African. Whether about life in the new urban melting pots of Cape Town and Luanda, or amid the battlefield chaos of Zimbabwe and Somalia, or set in the imaginary surreal landscapes born out of the oral storytelling tradition, these stories represent a striking cross section of extraordinary writing. Including works by J. M. Coetzee, Chimamanda Adichie, Nuruddin Farah, Binyavanga Wainaina, and Chinua Achebe, and edited by Rob Spillman of *Tin House* magazine, *Gods and Soldiers* features many pieces never before published, making it a vibrant and essential glimpse of Africa as it enters the twenty-first century.

*Dark Matter* is the first and only series to bring together the works of black SF and fantasy writers. The first volume was featured in the "New York Times," which named it a Notable Book of the Year.

An 'Arabian Nights' in reverse, enclosing a moral about international misconceptions and delusions. This is the story of a student who returns to his village after his obsession with the West had led him to London and the beds of women with similar obsessions about the mysterious East.

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Encompasses short stories by some of South Africa's forefront writers including Nadine Gordimer, J.M. Coetzee, and Alan Paton, in an anthology that reflects the region's troubled history from the perspectives of both oppressors and the oppressed. Original.

Encounters from Africa An Anthology of Short Stories Half a Day and Other Stories An Anthology of Short Stories from North Eastern and Eastern Africa Encounters from Africa Encounters An Anthology of South African Short Stories Witwatersrand University Press Publications New Daughters of Africa An International Anthology of Writing by Women of African Descent HarperCollins

An anthology of twenty-five short stories by the very best emerging and award-winning contemporary African writers illuminates modern-day concerns and realities of African life and features the writing of Ben Okri, Chinua Achebe, and others. Original.

A moving portrait of Africa from Poland's most celebrated foreign correspondent - a masterpiece from a modern master. Famous for being in the wrong places at just the right times, Ryszard Kapuscinski arrived in Africa in 1957, at the beginning of the end of colonial rule - the "sometimes dramatic and painful, sometimes enjoyable and jubilant" rebirth of a continent. *The Shadow of the Sun* sums up the author's experiences ("the record of a 40-year marriage") in this place that became the central obsession of his remarkable career. From the hopeful years of independence through the bloody disintegration of places like Nigeria, Rwanda and Angola, Kapuscinski recounts great social and political changes through the prism of the ordinary African. He examines the rough-and-ready physical world and identifies the true geography of Africa: a little-understood spiritual universe, an African way of being. He looks also at Africa in the wake of two epoch-making changes: the arrival of AIDS and the definitive departure of the white man. Kapuscinski's rare humanity invests his subjects with a grandeur and a dignity unmatched by any other writer on the Third World, and his unique ability to discern the universal in the particular has never been more powerfully displayed than in this work. How did African women negotiate the complex political, economic, and social forces of colonialism in their daily lives? How did they make meaningful lives for themselves in a world that challenged fundamental notions of work, sexuality, marriage, motherhood, and family? By considering the lives of ordinary African women -- farmers, queen mothers, midwives, urban dwellers, migrants, and political leaders -- in the context of particular colonial conditions at specific places and times, *Women in African Colonial Histories* challenges the notion of a homogeneous "African women's experience." While recognizing the inherent violence and brutality of the colonial encounter, the essays in this lively volume show that African women were not simply the hapless victims of European political rule. Innovative use of primary sources, including life histories, oral narratives, court cases, newspapers, colonial archives, and physical evidence, attests that African women's experiences defy static representation. Readers at all levels will find this an important contribution to ongoing debates in African women's history and African colonial history.

From the school yards of the South Bronx to the tops of the "Billboard" charts, rap has emerged as one of the most influential cultural forces of our time. This pioneering anthology brings together more than 300 lyrics written over 30 years, from the "old school" to the present day.

"*African Lives*, a pioneering anthology of memoirs and autobiographical writings, lets the people of Africa speak for themselves -- telling stories of struggle and achievement that have the authenticity of lived experience. The anthology presents selections from the work of many of Africa's finest writers and most significant personalities from across the continent and spanning several centuries. Enhancing the material, Geoff Wisner's introduction and biographical notes provide important context for the selections and also highlight the challenges that African memoirs pose to the preconceptions of Western readers. The result is a book that is both an absorbing read and a valuable resource for courses on Africa." -- Publisher's description.

The companion to the classic anthology *Daughters of Africa*—a major international collection that brings together the work of more than 200 women writers of African descent, celebrating their artistry and showcasing their contributions to modern literature and international culture. Contributors include: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie • Yaa Daley Ward • Edwidge Danticat • Phillippa Yaa De Villiers • Esi Edugyan • Eve Ewing • Nikki Finney • Roxane Gay • Margo Jefferson • Barbara Jenkins • Imbolo Mbue • Nnedi Okorafor • Chinelo Okparanta • Minna Salami • Zadie Smith • and more! Twenty-five years ago, Margaret Busby's *Daughters of Africa* was published to international acclaim and hailed as “an extraordinary body of achievement . . . a vital document of lost history” (*Sunday Times*) and “the ultimate reference guide” (*Washington Post*). New *Daughters of Africa* continues that tradition for a new generation. This magnificent follow-up to the original landmark anthology brings together fresh and vibrant voices that have emerged from across the globe in the past two decades, from Antigua to Zimbabwe and Angola to the United States. Key figures, including Margo Jefferson, Nawal El Saadawi, Edwidge Danticat, and Zadie Smith, join popular contemporaries such as Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Imbolo Mbue, Yrsa Daley-Ward, Taiye Selasi, and Chinelo Okparanta in celebrating the heritage that unites them. Each of the pieces in this remarkable collection demonstrates an uplifting sense of sisterhood, honors the strong links that endure from generation to generation, and addresses the common obstacles female writers of color face as they negotiate issues of race, gender, and class and address vital matters of independence, freedom, and oppression. A glorious portrayal of the richness, magnitude, and range of these visionary writers, *New Daughters of Africa* spans a range of genres—autobiography, memoir, oral history, letters, diaries, short stories, novels, poetry, drama, humor, politics, journalism, essays, and speeches—demonstrating the diversity and extraordinary literary achievements of black women who remain underrepresented, and whose contributions continue to be underrated in world culture today.

Bequeathing an enduring tenet for the creative enterprise, *African Short Stories vol 2* boldly seeks to upturn the status quo by the art of narration. Whether they are stories of the whistle blower estranged and yet sounding the warning for heaven and earth to hear, or a ragtag army fleeing in the wake of a monstrous reptilian onslaught upon her peace, there pervades a sense of ultimate victory in this collection. We can feel the gentle kick of a baby in the womb of a maiden in desperation, or we can muse at the two adolescent genii on the trail of their dreams from the sunset of mutual deceit into the daylight of true becoming. Victory is laid out in that awesome kindness of a total stranger which affirms the divinity latent in even our most harrowing existence. With thirty five stories in two parts these literary experiments compel attention to the courageous hearts and minds that brighten the African universe of narration. Their vibrant notes coming from all corners of north, west, east and south fill us with encouragement and optimism for the contemporary short fiction in Africa.

*Mothership: Tales from Afrofuturism and Beyond* is a groundbreaking speculative fiction anthology that showcases the work from some of the most talented writers inside and outside speculative fiction across the globe—including Junot Diaz, Victor LaValle, Lauren Beukes, N. K. Jemisin, Rabih Alameddine, S. P. Somtow, and more. These authors have earned such literary honors as the Pulitzer Prize, the American Book Award, the World Fantasy Award, and the Bram Stoker, among others.

A richly-told, personal quest across the ancient trade routes of West Africa, and the unforgettable story of a rare, luminous colour.

The well-intentioned protagonists of *Brief Encounters with Che Guevara* are caught -- to both disastrous and hilarious effect -- in the maelstrom of political and social upheaval surrounding them. In "Near-Extinct Birds of the Central Cordillera," an ornithologist being held hostage in the Colombian rain forest finds that he respects his captors for their commitment to a cause, until he realizes that the Revolution looks a lot like big business. In "The Good Ones Are Already Taken," the wife of a Special Forces officer battles a Haitian voodoo goddess with whom her husband is carrying on a not-entirely-spiritual relationship. And in "The Lion's Mouth," a disillusioned aid worker makes a Faustian bargain to become a diamond smuggler for the greater good. With masterful pacing and a robust sense of the absurd, each story in *Brief Encounters with Che Guevara* is a self-contained adventure, steeped in the heady mix of tragedy and danger, excitement and hope, that characterizes countries in transition. Through Fountain's rounded and novelistic prose, these intelligent and keenly observed stories are painted in provocative and vibrant detail across a global canvas. *Brief Encounters with Che Guevara* marks the arrival of a striking and resonant new voice that speaks adeptly to the intimate connection between the foreign, the familiar, and the inescapably human.

"The stories in this collection ... give nuances to the theme of touch, with all its complex emotional and physical connotations. ... The theme has been interpreted in diverse, often surprising and inventive ways. Whether fictional or autobiographical, the contributions focus not only on emotional and bodily contact, but also on such concepts as 'staying in touch' and 'easy touch'. With the exception of two pieces, the stories in *Touch* were written specifically for this collection."--P. ix-x.

A collection of postwar African-American poetry showcases the works of such poets as Derek Walcott, Amiri Baraka, Ishmael Reed, Gwendolyn Brooks, Audre Lorde, and others.

From youth culture to adolescent sexuality to the consumer purchasing power of children en masse, studies are flourishing. Yet doing research on this unquestionably more vulnerable—whether five or fifteen—population also poses a unique set of challenges and dilemmas for researchers. How should a six-year-old be approached for an interview? What questions and topics are appropriate for twelve year olds? Do parents need to give their approval for all studies? In *Representing Youth*, Amy L. Best has assembled an important group of essays from some of today's top scholars on the subject of youth that address these concerns head on, providing scholars with thoughtful and often practical answers to their many methodological concerns. These original essays range from how to conduct research on youth in ways that can be empowering for them, to issues of writing and representation, to respecting boundaries and to dealing with issues of risk and responsibility to those interviewed. For anyone doing research or working with children and young adults, *Representing Youth* offers an indispensable guide to many of the unique dilemmas that research with kids entails. Contributors: Amy L. Best, Sari Knopp Biklen, Elizabeth Chin, Susan Driver, Marc Flacks, Kathryn Gold Hadley, Madeline Leonard, C.J. Pascoe, Rebecca Raby, Alyssa Richman, Jessica Taft, Michael Ungar, Yvonne Vissing, and Stephani Etheridge Woodson.

Gives an ethnographic account of the complexities of the use of photography in Africa, both historically and in contemporary practice.

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.

Undoubtedly one of Africa's most influential first generation of writers and filmmakers, Ousmane Sembene's creative works of fiction as well as his films have been the subject of a considerable number of scholarly articles. The schemas of reading applied to Sembene's oeuvre (novels, short stories and films) have, in the main, focused either on his militant posture against colonialism, his disenchantment with African

leadership, or his infatuation with documenting the past in an attempt to present a balanced and nuanced view of African history. While these studies, unquestionably contribute to a better understanding of his works, they collectively ignore Sembene's relentless preoccupation with culture in his entire career as a writer and filmmaker. The collection of essays in Sembene and the Politics of Culture sets out to fill that gap as the contributors at once foreground Sembene's fixation on the centrality of culture in the articulation of the discourse of national consciousness and reevaluate his intellectual and artistic legacy within an overarching framework of African liberation. The contributors critically reassess the ideological underpinnings of Sembene's thoughts, his role as one of the foundational pillars of African cultural production, and his relevance in current discourses of nationhood. They do so through a wide variety of interdisciplinary approaches that draw on linguistics, feminist theory, film theory, historiography, Marxist criticism, psychoanalysis and a host of other approaches that give novel insights in the critical analysis of the works under study. In the part entitled "Testimonies," a collection of conversations with people who worked closely with Sembene, each of the interlocutors provide illuminating insights into the man's life and work. The variety of themes and critical approaches in this critical anthology will certainly be of interest not only to students and scholars of African literature and cinema at various levels of intellectual and cultural sophistication but also anyone interested in the analysis of the nexus between power, culture, and the discourse of liberation.

"The Kid Who Beat Wall Street...and Saved Africa," is a story that takes place on six different continents where our hero, Marco, invests in a gold mine stock, corners the market in corn, and makes over \$500,000. That's right, over half a million dollars. By the way, he's only 12 years old and his parents have no idea. However, it is also the story of children in war torn Africa, of marauding gangs of thugs, burning and pillaging. It's a story of disease, of the lack of food, clean water, and medicine. Marco, along with his pen-pals from all over the world, learns of the plight of these less fortunate children in Africa. A daring way is devised to come to their rescue. "The Kid Who Beat Wall Street...and Saved Africa," tells of courage, of adventure, and of how one boy can begin to save the world, one small step at a time.

In 1513 the Portuguese became the first Europeans to establish a maritime route to China. Their motives were a combination of a quest for trade and territory, and a desire to promote Christianity in the region. This anthology of translated extracts of first-hand accounts by contemporary travellers, merchants, missionaries and officials, includes writings by Joaõ de Barros, one of the most prominent chroniclers of the Portuguese overseas endeavours. The importance of the Macau peninsula as a point of exchange in trade between China and Japan is charted in extracts from, amongst others, the journals of the Italian Jesuit Father Matteo Ricci. As this collection of writings shows, the formation of the Dutch East India Company in 1602 heralded the gradual erosion of Portuguese influence in China. Their imprint on Macau was more long-lasting, with their disengagement from the peninsula finally taking place in 1999.

A selection of the best African stories written between 1960 and 1985.

A radical collection of love stories from African women. The collection combines the confidence of established and award-winning writers with the tentativeness and originality of budding writers from Africa and the African Diaspora. Focusing on love and radically debunking the myth about African women being poor and helpless victims this anthology rather depicts their strength, complexity and diversity.

The sight of a place he called home since birth faded in the distance. He trembled. It was a complete paradox since his pounding heart sunk out of both fear and excitement as he crossed the border into a new country and a world of the unknown. Everything including his name immediately changed and he became a foreigner and a refugee. An unjustified stigma followed him. Life was never the same. He was treated like an outcast, felt unwelcome, prejudiced and constantly sidelined. He was labelled and branded, "The first suspect." He longed for a world free of stereotypes and xenophobia. He wondered and got lost in his thoughts. With his passport safely stuck deep in his pocket, his spirit magically wrote letters, his soul sung songs and lullabies; his heart recited poetry and his inner being painted a mosaic picture portraying the trials and tribulations of a son away from home. The world of genuine brotherhood, humanity, love and tolerance across different nationalities and various cultures remained a far-fetched dream.

First Encounters compiles a wealth of writings that describe, from Indigenous perspectives, five centuries of European encroachments into indigenous worlds. Editor Leavitt, a retired professor of education and international development official, provides 42 accounts that both chronicle initial impressions of Europeans' beliefs, strategies, and technologies, and describe the destabilizing effects on traditional cultures. Accounts range from the 16th century through the 1980s, arranged in five groupings: Africa; North America, including Mexico; South America (Peru); Greater Australia (Papua New Guinea); and Asia. The sections vary widely in length and strength. Although the writings are described as "authentic, first-person" accounts, this notion is interpreted broadly. Some are interviews, transcribed and translated by Europeans of varying degrees of sympathy, or fictionalizations such as Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* (1958), along with autobiographical narratives and critiques inevitably expressing the complicated reactions wrought by exposure to Western schooling. Although all of the accounts have been previously published, some are buried in earlier volumes or are otherwise difficult to obtain. Leavitt has provided a valuable service by bringing them together in a single, well-organized anthology. The volume also includes time lines and an annotated bibliography. Summing Up: Recommended.

Lower-level undergraduates through faculty/researchers; general readers. General Readers; Lower-division

Undergraduates; Upper-division Undergraduates; Graduate Students; Researchers/Faculty. Reviewed by A. B. Curry.

Long before the Romantics embraced nature, people in the West saw the human and nonhuman worlds as both intimately interdependent and violently antagonistic. With its peerless selection of ninety-eight original sources concerned with the natural world and humankind's place within it, *The Marvels of the World* offers a corrective to the still-prevalent tendency to dismiss premodern attitudes toward nature as simple or univocal. Gathering together medical texts, herbals, and how-to books, as well as scientific, religious, philosophical, and poetic works dating from antiquity to the dawn of the Enlightenment, the anthology explores both mainstream and unconventional thinking about the natural world. Its seven parts focus on philosophy and science; plants; animals; weather and climate; ways of inhabiting the land; gardens and gardening; and European encounters with the wider world. Each section and each of the book's selections is prefaced with a helpful introduction by volume editor Rebecca Bushnell that weaves connections among these compelling pieces of the past. The early writers collected here wrote with extraordinary openness about ways of coexisting with the nonhuman forces that shaped them, Bushnell demonstrates, even as they sought to control and exploit their environment. Taken as a whole, *The Marvels of the World* reveals how many of these early writers cared as much about the natural world as we do today.

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