

The Burdens John Ruganda

Betrayal in the City, first published in 1976 and 1977, was Kenya's national entry to the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture in Lagos, Nigeria. The play is an incisive, thought-provoking examination of the problems of independence and freedom in post-colonial African states, where a sizeable number of people feel that their future is either blank or bleak. In the words of Mosese, one of the characters: "It was better while we waited. Now we have nothing to look forward to. We have killed our past and are busy killing our future."--Page 4 of cover. One day the king's men are out hunting and find Igeraka, starving and neglected to such a degree that they are unsure whether he is human or animal. Igeraka soon falls in love with the king's daughter, Nyangunga, who according to some, marries a beast. The author's concern is how to present the story telling it from three different perspectives. First Nyangunga's father, the king, gives an account; the middle part of the story is told by Bubi, a second daughter who lets events speak for themselves, concealing herself, her age and gender, as narrator. Finally Nyangunga's mother describes her daughter's fate from a less compromising, feminist perspective.

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Shapurji Saklatvala, 1874-1936, India born communist leader, British Parliamentarian.

In this quietly powerful and eminently readable novel, winner of the prestigious Sinclair Prize, Kenyan writer Marjorie Macgoye deftly interweaves the story of one young woman's tumultuous coming of age with the history of a nation emerging from colonialism. At the age of sixteen, Paulina leaves her small village in western Kenya to join her new husband, Martin, in the bustling city of Nairobi. It is 1956, and Kenya is in the final days of the "Emergency," as the British seek to suppress violent anti-colonial revolts. But Paulina knows little about, about city life, or about marriage, and Martin's clumsy attempts to control her soon lead to a relationship filled with silences, misunderstandings, and unfulfilled expectations. Soon Paulina's inability to bear a child effectively banishes her from the confines of traditional women's roles. As her country at last moves toward independence, Paulina manages to achieve a kind of independence as well: She accepts a job that will require her to live separately from her husband, and she has an affair that leads to the birth of her first child. But Paulina's hard-won contentment will be shattered when Kenya's turbulent history intrudes into her private life, bringing with it tragedy—and a new test of her quiet courage and determination. Paulina's patient struggles for survival and identity are revealed through Marjorie Macgoye's keen and sensitive vision—a vision which extends to embrace the whole of a nation and a people likewise struggling to find their way. As the Weekly Standard of Kenya notes, "Coming to Birth is a radical novel in firmly asserting our common humanity."

In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America, she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private.

A groundbreaking collective biography narrating the history of emancipation through the life stories of women of African descent in the Americas.

High quality reprint of Fibble, D. D. by Irvin S. Cobb.

J?m? in Regional Contexts is a study of the reception of the polymath ?Abd al-Ra?m?n J?m? (d. 898/1492)'s works in various regional traditions throughout the Islamic world.

The spirit of the poetic flowering of the 1960s is encapsulated in this comprehensive anthology. The collection gives voice to some fifty poets from Kenya, Uganda and Zambia, writing in English. The diversity of the interests and styles of the individual poets is illustrated: a blend of the gentle lyricism that is a feature of East African writing. All the major poets are included, and many not so well known. Amongst the best known are Jared Angira, Jonathan Kariara, Joseph Kariuki, Taban Lo Liyong, Okot p'Bitek, and David Rubadiri - one of the editors.

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

John Cheever spent much of his career impersonating a perfect suburban gentleman, the better to become one of the foremost chroniclers of postwar America. Written with unprecedented access to essential sources—including Cheever's massive journal, only a fraction of which has ever been published—Bailey's Cheever is a stunning example of the biographer's art and a brilliant tribute to an essential author.

Ebrahim Hussein is the best known Swahili playwright, and Tanzania's most complex literary personality. Known first and foremost as a dramatist, he is also a theorist whose dissertation on the theatre in Tanzania remains the standard reference work. His plays are a corpus of theatrical material with great significance to an understanding of Tanzania's political and social development in relation to the Swahili/Islamic coastal culture, of which he is a part. Alain Ricard is Research Professor of the CRNS of the African Studies Centre of the University of Bordeaux. In this sympathetic study of the man and the author, he corrects the neglect, by those writing in French and English, of the study of Tanzanian literature in general, and Hussein's work in particular.

Acknowledgment is due to the expert writers of United States government and state experiment station bulletins from which much practical information has been gained by the author; to the boys and girls who wrote for this book the stories of their success in several kinds of outdoor industry; to Dr. Burton N. Gates, State Inspector of Apiaries in Massachusetts, and Prof. James E. Rice of the Department of Poultry Husbandry at Cornell University for reading the chapters on their specialties and for numerous suggestions which make those chapters valuable; and to many others from whom helpful ideas have come in letters.

Excerpt from Plum Bun Angela had no high purpose in life; unlike her sister Virginia, who meant some day to invent a marvellous method for teaching the pianoforte, Angela felt no impulse to discover, or to perfect. True she thought she might become eventually a distinguished painter, but that was because she felt within herself an ability to depict which as far as it went was correct and promising. Her eye for line and for expression was already good and she had a nice feeling for colour. Moreover she possessed the instinct for self-appraisal which taught her that she had much to learn. And she was sure that the knowledge once gained would over in her case to perfection. But her gift was not for her the end of existence; rather it was an adjunct to a life which was to know light, pleasure, gaiety and freedom. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works."

Bengt Sundkler's long-awaited book on African Christian churches will become the standard reference for the subject.

His Family by American writer Ernest Poole was first published in 1917. It was the first book to receive the Pulitzer Prize for the Novel in 1918. It tells the story of Roger Gale, a man living in New York - widowed and looking after his three adult daughters, Edith, Deborah, and Laura. He struggles to stay close to his daughters amidst the changing society around them. Conflicts arise in the shape of engagements, pregnancies, and the way his daughters spend their free time. Once the First World War happens, Roger's life is in even more upheaval as his business takes losses, creating more hardships for his daughters and grandchildren, and causing tensions between Deborah and Edith, who have very different ideas about family and women's rights. Essentially, as the title of the novel suggests, this is a book about a man trying to hold together his family in the face of what seems at times, overwhelming odds. It was very well received by critics at the time it was published, and was praised for giving a true picture of then present-day Americans. The book's details about life in New York in the 1910's is also significant - referencing the lives of poor immigrants, the fascination with modern ways of doing things, and of course, the impact of the War. Poole had written a book called The Harbour in 1915, before the Pulitzer Prize was a thing, and some felt that in awarding the prize to His Family, the committee were really honouring the writer for his previous book. The 1918 Novel winner in the Pulitzer Prize list.

The 1990 Commonwealth Writers Regional Prize voted Harvest of Thorns the winner in the Best Book category. Harvest of Thorns tells the story of Benjamin Tichafa who grows up in Rhodesia in the 1960s. From a conservative, religious family, but exposed to the heady ideas of the black nationalist movements, the young student is pulled in different directions. Isolated and troubled at boarding school, he is provoked into leaving, making his way to Mozambique, and joining the freedom fighters. There, in the crucible of a bitter civil war of liberation, the young man develops into manhood. Returning, hardened, at independence, he feels that little has changed, not least within his own family circumstances, and asks himself what it means to be free in the new Zimbabwe.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • An all-new, official prequel novel to The Battle for Azeroth, Blizzard Entertainment's next expansion to the critically acclaimed World of Warcraft videogame. Azeroth is dying. The Horde and the Alliance defeated the demonic Burning Legion, but a dire catastrophe is unfolding deep below the surface of the world. There is a mortal wound in the heart of Azeroth, struck by the sword of the fallen titan Sargeras in a final act of cruelty. For Anduin Wrynn, king of Stormwind, and Sylvanas Windrunner, warchief of the Horde and queen of the Forsaken, there is little time to rebuild what remains and even less to mourn what was lost. Azeroth's devastating wound has revealed a mysterious material known as Azerite. In the right hands, this strange golden substance is capable of incredible feats of creation; in the wrong ones, it could bring forth unthinkable destruction. As Alliance and Horde forces race to uncover the secrets of Azerite and heal the wounded world, Anduin enacts a desperate plan aimed at forging a lasting peace between the factions. Azerite jeopardizes the balance of power, and so Anduin must gain the trust of Sylvanas. But, as ever, the Dark Lady has her own machinations. For peace to be possible, generations of bloodshed and hatred must be brought to an end. But there are truths that neither side is willing to accept and ambitions they are loath to relinquish. As Alliance and Horde alike grasp for the Azerite's power, their simmering conflict threatens to reignite all-out war—a war that would spell doom for Azeroth. Praise for Before the Storm “This is easily the best book in the World of Warcraft series, and I don't say that lightly. . . . It's so much more than a tie-in novel. . . . It's a beautiful book.”—Blizzard Watch

A fictionalized account of the post-colonial period of Ugandan history. Spanning the decades of successive regimes of thinly disguised presidents, Opolo, Duduma, Polle and Kazi. Weaving together the strands of political and gender concerns this is humorous and somber work full of unforgettable episodes.

Theater program for the Makonde Group's production of John Ruganda's Burdens. Includes a review of the play by Allan Opidi, the complete text of Laban Erapu's play "Diagnosis," poems by various Ugandan authors, photographs of the theater company at work, and advertising.

This collection of four plays, set in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, portrays tense family relationships or situations against a background of wider suffering and tensions, engaging our sympathies for South Africans of all races.

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