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A History of South African Literature Routledge
From the ancient Egyptian inventors of the love lyric to contemporary poets, *Bending the Bow: An Anthology of African Love Poetry* gathers together both written and sung love poetry from Africa. This anthology is a work of literary archaeology that lays bare a genre of African poetry that has been overshadowed by political poetry. Frank Chipasula has assembled a historically and geographically comprehensive wealth of African love poetry that spans more than three thousand years. By collecting a continent's celebrations and explorations of the nature of love, he expands African literature into the sublime territory of the heart. *Bending the Bow* traces the development of African love poetry from antiquity to modernity while establishing a cross-millennial dialogue. The anonymously written love poems from Pharaonic

Egypt that open the anthology both predate Biblical love poetry and reveal the longevity of written love poetry in Africa. The middle section is devoted to sung love poetry from all regions of the continent. These great works serve as the foundation for modern poetry and testify to love poetry's omnipresence in Africa. The final section, showcasing forty-eight modern African poets, celebrates the genre's continuing vitality. Among those represented are Muyaka bin Hajji and Shaaban Robert, two major Swahili poets; Gabriel Okara, the innovative though underrated Nigerian poet; Léopold Sédar Senghor, the first president of Senegal and a founder of the Negritude Movement in francophone African literature; Rashidah Ismaili from Benin; Flavien Ranaivo from Madagascar; and Gabeba Baderoon from South Africa. Ranging from the subtly suggestive to the openly erotic, this collection

highlights love ' s endurance in a world too often riven by contention. *Bending the Bow* bears testimony to poetry ' s role as conciliator while opening up a new area of study for scholars and students.

A Raisin in the Sun Cissus World Press
This second, revised edition of a pioneering volume, long out of print, presents translations of Japanese Zen poems on sorrow, old age, homesickness, the seasons, the ravages of time, solitude, the scenic beauty of the landscape of Japan, and monastic life. Composed by Japanese Zen monks who lived from the last quarter of the thirteenth century to the middle of the fifteenth century, these poems represent a portion of the best of the writing called in Japanese *gozan bungaku*, “ literature of the five mountains. ” “ Five mountains ” or “ five

monasteries ” refers to the system by which the Zen monasteries were hierarchically ordered and governed. For the monks in the monasteries, poetry functioned as a means not only of expressing religious convictions and personal feelings but also of communicating with others in a civilized and courteous fashion. Effacing barriers of time and space, the practice of Chinese poetry also made it possible for Japanese authors to feel at one with their Chinese counterparts and the great poets of antiquity. This was a time when Zen as an institution was being established and contact with the Chinese mainland becoming increasingly frequent—ten of the sixteen poets represented here visited China. Marian Ury has provided a short but substantial introduction to the Chinese poetry of Japanese *gozan* monasteries,

and her translations of the poetry are masterful. Poems of the Five Mountains is an important work for anyone interested in Japanese literature, Chinese literature, East Asian Religion, and Zen Buddhism.

Sounds of a Cowhide Drum/Imisindo

Yesigubhu Sesikhumba Senkomo Harvard University Press

"Praise song for struggle, praise song for the day.".... READ BY THE POET AT THE INAUGURATION OF Barack Obama

Alternation MacMillan Publishers, Limited

Combining both political and social concern, this collection of essays, talks and reviews by Dr. February covers a remarkable range of subject matter, knowledge and expertise, surrounding South

Africa And Bid Him Sing consists of a series of lectures, first delivered at various institutes of higher learning in Africa, Europe and the United States of America between 1971 and 1985. These essays all reflect the author's involvement with African literature and culture and deep interest in colonial processes. The research links the history of the Afrikaner's freedom struggle - against British imperialism - and of the Africans' Soweto protest of 1976.

Emperor Shaka the Great Heinemann

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER •

An "extraordinary, unforgettable"

(Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*) memoir of redemption and second chances amidst America's mass incarceration epidemic, from a member of Oprah's SuperSoul 100 Shaka Senghor was raised in a middle-class neighborhood on Detroit's east side during the height of the 1980s crack epidemic. An honor roll student and a natural leader, he dreamed of becoming a doctor—but at age eleven, his parents' marriage began to unravel, and beatings from his mother worsened, which sent him on a downward spiral. He ran away from home, turned to drug dealing to survive, and ended up in prison for murder at the age of nineteen, full of anger and despair. *Writing My Wrongs* is the story of what came next. During his nineteen-year

solitary confinement, Senghor discovered literature, meditation, self-examination, and the kindness of others—tools he used to confront the demons of his past, forgive the people who hurt him, and begin atoning for the wrongs he had committed. Upon his release at age thirty-eight, Senghor became an activist and mentor to young men and women facing circumstances like his. His work in the community and the courage to share his story led him to fellowships at the MIT Media Lab and the Kellogg Foundation and invitations to speak at events like TED and the Aspen Ideas Festival. In equal turns, *Writing My Wrongs* is a page-turning portrait of life in the shadow of poverty, violence, and fear; an

unforgettable story of redemption; and a compelling witness to our country's need for rethinking its approach to crime, prison, and the men and women sent there.

Terrific Majesty ReadHowYouWant.com

Questions of identity, belonging, and place are crucial issues in South Africa today. *To Speak of this Land* explores these issues in a way that is academically rigorous but refreshingly accessible.

Duncan Brown's focus is South Africa —

spanning Bushman storytelling, rock painting, and aboriginal land claims; African-Christian identity formations; Mazisi Kunene's *Emperor Shaka the Great*; Ronnie Govender's *Cato Manor* stories; the poetry of Douglas Livingstone; and the rap music of *Prophets of da City* — but he draws on comparative material from elsewhere in the world, as well as stressing the 'global' aspects of 'local' identities. *To Speak of this Land* offers thought-provoking answers for a South African context to

this internationally challenging question.

New Poetry Works Vintage

An anthology designed for the enjoyment and instruction of students from junior-secondary school onwards. The poems focus on aspects central to African life and culture: lover, identity, death, village life, separation, power and freedom. Guidance for teachers is included.

Being Brought from Africa to America - The Best of Phillis Wheatley U of M Center For Japanese Studies

This book examines the active role played by Africans in the pre-colonial production of historical knowledge in South Africa, focusing on perspectives of the second king of amaZulu, King Dingane. It draws upon a wealth of oral traditions, izibongo, and the work of public intellectuals such as Magolwane kaMkhathini

Jiyane and Mshongweni to present African perspectives of King Dingane as multifaceted, and in some cases, constructed according to socio-political formations and aimed at particular audiences. By bringing African perspectives to the fore, this innovative historiography centralizes indigenous African languages in the production of historical knowledge.

African Perspectives of King Dingane
kaSenzangakhona Heinemann Educational
Publishers

Phillis Wheatley (c. 1753 – 1784) was an American freed slave and poet who wrote the first book of poetry by an African-American. Sold into a slavery in West Africa at the age of around seven, she was taken to North America where she served the Wheatley family of Boston. Phillis was tutored in reading and

writing by Mary, the Wheatleys' 18-year-old daughter, and was reading Latin and Greek classics from the age of twelve. Encouraged by the progressive Wheatleys who recognised her incredible literary talent, she wrote "To the University of Cambridge" when she was 14 and by 20 had found patronage in the form of Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon. Her works garnered acclaim in both England and the colonies and she became the first African American to make a living as a poet. This volume contains a collection of Wheatley's best poetry, including the titular poem "Being Brought from Africa to America". Contents include: "Phillis Wheatley", "Phillis Wheatley by Benjamin Brawley", "To Maecenas", "On Virtue", "To the University of Cambridge", "To the King's Most Excellent Majesty", "On Being Brought

from Africa to America ” , “ On the Death of the Rev. Dr. Sewell ” , “ On the Death of the Rev. Mr. George Whitefield ” , etc. Ragged Hand is proudly publishing this brand new collection of classic poetry with a specially-commissioned biography of the author.

Understanding African Poetry Lawrence Hill Books
Crafted with rare wit and humour, the poems in this book deal with a diverse range of themes such as political opportunism and sycophancy, war, the baffling paradox of god, the enchanting richness and beauty of nature, and the fascinating yet sadly agonising and intractable nature of love. Spanning decades of experience and deep reflection by a veteran poet, this collection offers fresh and enriching insights into subjects that are of interest and concern to us all.

Bending the Bow University of Natal Press

"A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from

school"--

Ogun Abibima ñ Africa World Press
A History of South African
LiteratureCambridge University Press
Oxford : Clarendon P.

Ruth Finnegan's Oral Literature in Africa was first published in 1970, and since then has been widely praised as one of the most important books in its field. Based on years of fieldwork, the study traces the history of storytelling across the continent of Africa.

This revised edition makes Finnegan's ground-breaking research available to the next generation of scholars. It includes a new introduction, additional images and an updated bibliography, as well as its original chapters on poetry, prose, "drum language" and drama, and an overview of the social,

linguistic and historical background of oral literature in Africa. This book is the first volume in the World Oral Literature Series, an ongoing collaboration between OBP and World Oral Literature Project. A free online archive of recordings and photographs that Finnegan made during her fieldwork in the late 1960s is hosted by the World Oral Literature Project (<http://www.oralliterature.org/collections/rfinnegan001.html>) and can also be accessed from publisher's website.

The Weary Blues Waveland Press
This book is a critical study of South African literature, from colonial and pre-colonial times onwards. Christopher Heywood discusses selected poems, plays and prose works in five literary traditions:

Khoisan, Nguni-Sotho, Afrikaans, English, and Indian. The discussion includes over 100 authors and selected works, including poets from Mqhayi, Marais and Campbell to Butler, Serote and Krog, theatre writers from Boniface and Black to Fugard and Mda, and fiction writers from Schreiner and Plaatje to Bessie Head and the Nobel prizewinners Gordimer and Coetzee. The literature is explored in the setting of crises leading to the formation of modern South Africa, notably the rise and fall of the Emperor Shaka's Zulu kingdom, the Colenso crisis, industrialisation, the colonial and post-colonial wars of 1899, 1914, and 1939, and the dissolution of apartheid society. In Heywood's study, South African literature emerges as among the great

literatures of the modern world.

South & Southern African Literature Rodopi
Includes articles, annotated filmography,
interviews, creative writing, and book reviews.

A Raisin in the Sun Verso Books

Immediately celebrated as a tour de force upon its release, Langston Hughes's first published collection of poems still offers a powerful reflection of the Black experience. From "The Weary Blues" to "Dream Variation," Hughes writes clearly and colorfully, and his words remain prophetic.

To Speak of this Land Open Book Publishers
Emperor Shaka the Great is an epic poem based on the Zulu oral tradition, compiled in Zulu then translated by South African Poet Mazisi Kunene. The epic follows the life of Shaka Zulu. The poem documents his exploits as a king of the Zulu people, produced

considerable advances in State structure and military technologies of the Zulu. Some critics express concern over the historicity of the retelling. However, Kunene's embrace of an African perspective on Shaka's Rule expresses an attempt at understanding the apparent horrors observed by Europeans in the Shaka's history.

Fireflames SIU Press

Originally published in 1971 by Lionel Abrahams' Renoster Books, this book quickly became a classic of South African literature, but has been unavailable for many years. This new edition carries a simultaneous isiZulu translation of the poems, and a new foreword by Nadine Gordimer."

Poems of the Five Mountains Simon and Schuster

Chaka is a genuine masterpiece that represents one of the earliest major

contributions of black Africa to the corpus of modern world literature. Mofolos fictionalized life-story account of Chaka (Shaka), translated from Sesotho by D. P. Kunene, begins with the future Zulu king's birth followed by the unwarranted taunts and abuse he receives during childhood and adolescence. The author manipulates events leading to Chaka's status of great Zulu warrior, conqueror, and king to emphasize classic tragedy's psychological themes of ambition and power, cruelty, and ultimate ruin. Mofolos cleverly adds symbolic value. Kunene's fine translation renders the dramatic and tragic tensions in Mofolos' tale palpable as the richness of the author's own culture is revealed. A substantial introduction by the

translator provides valuable context for modern readers.

Building the Nation and Other Poems Cambridge University Press

"Never before, in the entire history of the American theater, has so much of the truth of Black people's lives been seen on the stage," observed James Baldwin shortly before *A Raisin in the Sun* opened on Broadway in 1959. This edition presents the fully restored, uncut version of Hansberry's landmark work with an introduction by Robert Nemiroff. Lorraine Hansberry's award-winning drama about the hopes and aspirations of a struggling, working-class family living on the South Side of Chicago connected profoundly with the psyche of Black America—and changed American theater forever. The play's title comes from a line in Langston Hughes's poem "Harlem," which warns that a dream deferred might "dry up/like a raisin in the sun." "The events of every passing year add resonance to *A Raisin in the Sun*," said The New

York Times. "It is as if history is conspiring to make the play a classic."