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African Poetry and the English Language Waveland Press

Since his assassination in 1828, King Shaka Zulu--founder of the powerful Zulu kingdom and leader of the army that nearly toppled British colonial rule in South Africa--has made his empire in popular imaginations throughout Africa and the West. Shaka is today the hero of Zulu nationalism, the centerpiece of Inkatha ideology, a demon of apartheid, the namesake of a South African theme park, even the subject of a major TV film. *Terrific Majesty* explores the reasons for the potency of Shaka's image, examining the ways it has changed over time--from colonial legend, through Africanist idealization, to modern cultural icon. This

study suggests that "tradition" cannot be freely invented, either by European observers who recorded it or by subsequent African ideologues. There are particular historical limits and constraints that operate on the activities of invention and imagination and give the various images of Shaka their power. These insights are illustrated with subtlety and authority in a series of highly original analyses. *Terrific Majesty* is an exceptional work whose special contribution lies in the methodological lessons it delivers; above all its sophisticated rehabilitation of colonial sources for the precolonial period, through the demonstration that colonial texts were critically shaped by indigenous African discourse. With its sensitivity to recent critical studies, the book will also have a wider resonance in the fields of history, anthropology, cultural studies, and postcolonial literature. **Analysis of Kunene's Use of Metaphors in the Epic Poem Emperor Shaka the Great**

Vintage

"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."

The Haitian Revolution

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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."

The Ancestors & the Sacred Mountain Convergent Books

Toussaint L'Ouverture was the leader of the Haitian Revolution in the late eighteenth century, in which slaves rebelled against their masters and established the first black republic. In this collection of his writings and speeches, former Haitian politician Jean-Bertrand Aristide demonstrates L'Ouverture's profound contribution to the struggle for equality.

Alternation Cissus World Press

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 clever nods to the supernatural add 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.

Understanding African Poetry
Routledge

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

Growing Up with Poetry

Heinemann Educational Publishers

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.

Emperor Shaka the Great

Courier Dover Publications

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.

Paradise Lost East African Publishers

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.

Look Both Ways Lawrence Hill

Books

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.

Canadian Journal of African Studies Open Book Publishers
Includes articles, annotated filmography, interviews, creative writing, and book reviews.

FonTomFrom MacMillan Publishers, Limited
New Perspectives on Mazisi

Kunene shares with readers an interview inspired by correspondence and prolonged conversations on the telephone. The focus of this interview, Mazisi Kunene, is arguably one of Africa's greatest poets. Kunene's contributions to African literature as both scholar and artist remains significant, given his commitment to writing in his indigenous Zulu language and translating his corpus into English. Ntongela Masilela, a close friend to Kunene and scholar who has written extensively on Kunene oeuvre, shares views that center primarily on Kunene's importance in African literature, and his role and place in South African literary and cultural revolution.

Fireflames Africa World Press
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 incarceration, seven of which were spent in 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.

A Raisin in the Sun Heinemann Educational Books

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.

Research in African Literatures Fountain Pub Limited
 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. Building the Nation and Other Poems Cambridge University Press
 "Praise song for struggle, praise song for the day.".... READ BY THE POET AT THE INAUGURATION OF Barack Obama
Emperor Shaka the Great Verso Books
 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. Writing My Wrongs Heinemann
 Vol. 1- , spring 1970- , include "A Bibliography of American doctoral dissertations on African literature," compiled by Nancy J. Schmidt.
 A Raisin in the Sun Jacana Media
 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.

Chaka University of Natal 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