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African Perspectives of King Dingane kaSenzangakhona Harvard University Press

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.

Oral Literature in Africa Heinemann Educational Books

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 Mghayi, 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-by political poetry. Frank Chipasula has assembled a historically 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. **Alternation** New Africa Books

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 embrasure of an African perspective on Shaka's Rule expresses an attempt at understanding the apparent horrors observed by Europeans in the Shaka's history. The Weary Blues Courier Dover Publications 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.

African Poetry and the English Language Vintage 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

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 crossmillennial 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; L é opold S é dar 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

and geographically comprehensive wealth of African love poetry

area of study for scholars and students.

Zulu Poems Taylor & Francis

In Two Zulu Poets, Dike Okoro brings to our attention the sparkling wealth

of African poetry in indigenous languages. Modern African poets and scholars colonial production of historical knowledge in South Africa, focusing on

owe so much to the pioneering efforts of these two South African poets. Dr. Okoro has surely, in this bilingual edition of two Zulu poets, unearthed invaluable gems of poetry. Tanure Ojaide, Frank Porter Graham Professor of Africana Studies, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte "Mazisi Kunene is simply one of Africa greatest poets." N'gugi wa Thiong'o, University of California Irvine, CA, USA "There is a direct line of continuity between Benedict Wallet Vilakazi and Mazisi Kunene concerning the fundamental issue that African literature should be written in the African languages by New African intellectuals", The Historical Figures of the New African Movement". Ntongela Masilela, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Creative Studies

A History of South African Literature Penguin

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.

A Lesson Before Dying Springer

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. Writing My Wrongs Verso Books

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 confronts his father about his mother 's brutal death and faces the history, anthropology, cultural studies, and postcolonial literature. worst dilemma a son can ever confront: How can he possibly

My Father, My Monster Routledge

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.

Izibongo: Zulu Praise-poems Cissus World Press

This collection of essays introduces students of African literature to the heritage of the African prose narrative, starting from its oral base and covering its linguistic and cultural diversity. The book brings together essays on both the classics and the relatively new works in all subgenres of the African prose narrative, including the traditional epic, the novel, the short story and the autobiography. The chapters are arranged according to the respective thematic paradigms under which the discussed works fall.

Resurgence Unesco

Set in 1950s Chicago, 'A Raisin in the Sun' is a classic play about a black family's struggle for equality, and the first play written by a black woman to be produced on Broadway.

Sounds of a Cowhide Drum/Imisindo Yesigubhu Sesikhumba Senkomo Oxford : Clarendon P.

Bright, articulate, and charismatic, former journalist and police spokesman McIntosh Polela has been on African television screens for many years. But behind a dazzling career, Polela 's troubled past haunts him. When he was a child, both his parents disappeared, leaving him and his sister Zinhle to suffer years of abuse. The story of Polela 's journey to uncover the truth, this candid autobiography shares the journalist 's turmoil as he

confronts his father about his mother 's brutal death and faces the worst dilemma a son can ever confront: How can he possibly forgive when his father remains a remorseless, cruel, and heartless murderer?

The Haitian Revolution Cambridge University Press Reading these tales from Northern Malawi readers come close to watching an original performance and the tales and the songs encapsulate the essence of Malawian culture. The authors presentation, using performance directions, allows the reader to see and hear old Nyaviyuyi as she, through word, voice, tone and gesture, mocks nosy wives, and celebrates the devotion of friendship and parental love. The author has made a further contribution to the topic by including musical notations for the songs.

Bending the Bow Heinemann Educational Publishers

Thomas Mofolo's final novel and masterpiece, Chaka captures the phenomenal rise and fall of the great Zulu king. One of the earliest modern literary classics from Southern Africa, Chaka, is the tragic tale of a warriorking and his insatiable hunger for power. Told in a mythic style, Chaka follows the torments of the Zulu king's early life, his rapid ascension to the throne, and the prophesied events that lead to his downfall. 'Chaka is a beautifully dark and twisted take on the true life story of the Zulu King ... built around one of the most enigmatic and memorable literary figures you'd ever encounter.' Ainehi Edoro

New Poetry Works Jacana Media

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 written extensively on Kunene oeuvre, shares views that center 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.

Understanding African Poetry Africa World Press

Vol. 1-, spring 1970-, include "A Bibliography of American doctoral dissertations on African literature," compiled by Nancy J. Schmidt. Ogun Abibima ñ MacMillan Publishers, Limited

Originally published in 1971 by Lionel Abrahams' Renoster Books, thisbookquickly 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."

An Introduction to the African Prose Narrative Jacana Media 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 primarily on Kunene's importance in African literature, and his role and place in South African literary and cultural revolution. Fireflames Open Book Publishers

NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD WINNER • A deep and compassionate novel about a young man who returns to 1940s Cajun country to visit a Black youth on death row for a crime he didn't commit. Together they come to understand the heroism of resisting. "An instant classic." — Chicago Tribune A "majestic, moving novel...an instant classic, a book that will be read, discussed and taught beyond the rest of our lives" (Chicago Tribune), from the critically acclaimed author of A Gathering of Old Men and The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman. "A Lesson Before Dying reconfirms Ernest J. Gaines's position as an important American writer." —Boston Globe "Enormously moving.... Gaines unerringly evokes the place and time about which he writes." -Los Angeles Times "A guietly moving novel [that] takes us back to a place we've been before to impart a lesson for living. " —San Francisco Chronicle