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African Novels in the Classroom HM Books Intl.
David Livingstone: The Wayward Vagabond in Africa is an expression of doubt about the reason concerning the 19th Century explorers and missionaries in Africa. Led by David Livingstone, the Scottish explorer and missionary, they are said to have come to civilise

backward Africans, which the author creatively re-imagines, arguing that it is far from the truth. Instead, their actions gave impetus to colonialism proper. In this book the omniscient narrator, Everywhere, is God's special envoy mandated to witness history with far-reaching consequences for humanity. His investigation is to help nail David Livingstone on Judgment Day, much the same way St Peter

chronicles events in the Book of Life. Read about how, Everywhere, the spirit rides on wind, walks on water, enters into his characters stream of consciousness and even discerns how they interpret the world around them. The novel retraces Livingstone's early life, from his deprived childhood in Blantyre, Scotland; his ideological evolution and training in London and his dramatic sojourn in Monomotapa

kingdom, which he half-believes is his destiny. The satirical tone in the novel aptly captures that delusional aspect of Livingstones God-ordained mission to the world.

Baba Pesa HM Books Intl. Many teachers of African studies have found novels to be effective assignments in courses. In this guide, teachers describe their favourite African novels - drawn from all over the continent - and share their experiences of using them in the classroom.

Taste of Death

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Celebrated urban theorist Davis provides a global overview of the diverse religious, ethnic, and political movements competing for the souls of the new urban poor.

Tanz der Kakerlaken

East African Publishers
Kurtz's analysis the development of the Kenyan novel in English emphasizes the historical contingencies affecting the production of literature in Kenya, and how succeeding

generations have drawn from and expanded the thematic repertoire established by the 'first generation' of works in the 1960s. He explores the relationship between the novel and the city, and how obsessions and fears about the urbanization have been expressed and represented through different generations of Kenyan writers. Kurtz has also put together the first annotated bibliography of all the anglophone Kenyan novels that have appeared since Ngugi wa Thiong'o wrote *Weep Not*,

Child.Ngugi's *Weep Not, Child* made an immediate impact on its publication in 1964. Since then hundreds of novels by Kenyans have been published. This is a comprehensive introduction to the postcolonial novel in English. Three broad areas are identified: -- the first generation of the sixties -- the 'golden age' of the seventies -- and the years after Kenyatta in the 80s and 90s. A unifying feature is an uneasy but marked emphasis on the city-particularly Nairobi.

The city is used by novelists as both the site and the symbol for a range of obsessions and fears about postcolonial society. There is particular emphasis on the changing ways in which the city has been portrayed since Ngugi's first novel, the relation of popular literature to the city, the portrayal of women in the city and the special status of Meja Mwangi's urban novels.

Down River Road East African Publishers
Kindsverwechslung im Buschspital: Ein ewig

keifendes amerikanisches Ehepaar, das auf einer Forschungsstation in Ostafrika lebt, erwartet ein Kind. Auf der Fahrt nach Nairobi zur Entbindung verfahren sie sich, finden aber glücklicherweise ein Buschspital, wo das Kind auf die Welt kommt. Noch vor Morgengrauen verlassen sie das überfüllte Spital und sehen erst unterwegs, als sie an einer unverhofft auftauchenden Zollstation aufgehalten werden, dass ihnen ein schwarzes Kind mitgegeben worden ist.

Der Zollchef vermutet eine Kindsentführung. Er lässt die beiden nicht mehr weiterfahren. Nach einigen Wochen gelingt ihnen die Flucht. Sie wollen das Kind weggeben, ja sogar in der Wildnis aussetzen. Eine oft langfädige, daneben auch spannende Erzählung mit viel Afrikakolorit und ab und zu (unnötiger) deftiger Sprache, die Jugendlichen ab 15 Jahren gefallen kann, endet schliesslich versöhnlich. Ab 15 Jahren, möglich, Hanspeter Kiefer. Baba Pesa Lynne Rienner

Publishers
Toma Tomei had nine daughters, but wants a son so that he can become Chief Councillor and leader of his peoples. His political rival Old Jonah opposes his ambition, and consults a witchdoctor to try and ensure Toma will never beget a son. When Toma's wife gives birth to a baby boy however, it seems his plotting has failed. But then, the boys' looks suggest Toma may not be the father after all...
Going Down River Road
HM Books Intl.

Dusman Gonzaga ist genervt! Die Kakerlaken in Dacca House machen ihn ganz verrückt und seinen Job als Parkuhrenableser wäre er auch lieber heute als morgen los. Als ihn das Ungeziefer und die verhassten Parkuhren bis in seine Träume verfolgen, beschließt Dusman beherzt, die Dinge anzugehen. Ein riskanter Entschluss, der aber auch positive Überraschungen mit sich bringt! Eine irrwitzige Geschichte aus Nairobi.
Christmas Without Tusker

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This is the story of Muriuki, a young man from a Kenyan village who leaves him home and back-breaking job on a coffee plantation for the city, to pursue wealth, and happiness with his childhood sweetheart Mumbi. But life is not straightforward for the young lovers who become steeped in the quagmire of Kenyan politics, and are confronted with the sophistication of a new world, its economic hardships and brutality,

and the racism and persistent inequities of the post-colonial and global society. Then Mumbi is murdered on account of her activism and race, in lineage with so many of her country's historical and fictional female activists. Muriuki avenges her death in a controversial act which reverberates historically and throughout the society in which he lives. But then he experiences betrayal by his own people, which changes him irrevocably.
Carcase for Hounds

African Books Collective
Arrakan is the mother of calamity and great aunt to human suffering; a land that spawns wars, genocides, plagues and famines, human disasters of biblical proportions, and spews them onto the world with the wantonness of mad volcano. It is a persevering and generous land; a land that welcomes adventurers and mad men with open arms, promises bounteous treasures and boundless pleasures, but delivers, instead, a feast of

unimaginable woes and unrelenting cruelty. She is the visionary, the liberator, the sword of justice; sworn foe to anyone who would oppress her people. Her sole reason for living is to deliver her people from the shackles of neocolonial bondage, from the pseudo-socialist generals who have hijacked the revolution and slaughtered her dream and the aspirations of her people. He is a man of war, a merchant of death, a vile and despicable creature, or so

she tells him; a selfish man who can't believe in any cause other than his own; a man incapable of love. When they first meet, she promises to shoot him dead herself, if it becomes necessary. Everyone wants to shoot Jack Adams, for reasons that have a lot to do with the fact that he is after his own and considers everything else, especially the tragic war, an extravagant waste of time. They spare Jack, each for their own reasons, and he eventually gives everyone

enough good reasons to seriously want him dead. But he is not the only one who knows the might of the gun.

The Last Plague HM Books Intl.

This is one of the most stirring tales from the folklore of East and Central Africa. Mugasha is a deity-king who harnesses natural elements and uses them to recapture the usurped kingdom of his father. He is in many ways a symbol of the indefatigable human zeal in the search for liberty and justice.

Striving for the Wind East African Publishers

Men would talk, as men do, about love and money and power and politics and, acting learned, they would try to outdo one another with their knowledge and their understanding of the political realities and the absurd policies, that bred hate and poverty and genocides. They would ask themselves and one another questions that were often impossible to understand and even harder to answer. Did bad politics breed poverty or

did poverty breed bad politics? Opinions were many and varied. Friends argued and sometimes came to blows over their views.

Das Buschbaby Hm Books
The first collection of short stories from Kenya's foremost woman novelist. Twelve stories bring alive the author's feeling for the macabre and fantastic - reminiscent of the tragedy in *The Promised Land*.

Urban Obsessions, Urban Fears East African Publishers
Ruben's brief is simple. He

is to go where she goes, shoot what she says, and exactly as she says. It works fine, until they cross a border that is not in their plans, and they are arrested with a newborn baby that does not look like either of them. While waiting for detectives from the capital, hundreds of miles away on a road that is barely a road, the arresting customs officer and his prisoner discover common interests, and forge a bond close to kinship. However, the friendship presents a

dilemma to the incorruptible customs officer for, despite his new friends' protestations of innocence, he can see it is not their baby.

The Big Chiefs HM Books Intl.

Art, Culture and Society Vol 1 is the first in a series of books to be published by Twaweza

Communications on the relationship between art and society, with special reference to Kenya. It is part of a cultural leadership initiative being undertaken by the organization through a

reexamination of the arts as they are produced and studied. This volume brings together important reflections on the arts and is a major step in encouraging dialogue on the relationship between creativity and the human condition in the region. Significantly, it creates a space for university-based academics to engage in dialogue with artists and writers based outside institutions of higher learning. The conversations will bridge the gap between the two domains for knowledge

production and enrich creative enterprise in Kenya, in theory and practice. As the essays in this collection show, the present global situation demands a way to conceptualise and theorise an ever growing cultural interconnectedness, sometimes manifested in art; and interconnectedness that draws from a myriad of cultures and experiences. Through the bridges of contact and cultural exchange distant images are mediated and brought

closer to us. They are reinterpreted and modified. In the final analysis, culture is shown to be an important aspect of human creativity but separateness and boundedness is contested. Instead, culture is shown to be malleable and fluid. The essays bring in a new freshness to our reading of the creative arts coming out of Kenya.

Cultural Production and Change in Kenya

African Books Collective
 Brutish Baba Pesa, 'The Father of Money', owns

300 acres of prime farm land, yet he covets the meager plot of his poverty-stricken neighbor, Baru, who barely scratches out an existence. But Baba Pesa is up against his son, Juda, a drunk, who has declared war on his father's greed and taken to lecturing his fellow villagers on the greater values in life.

Warten auf Tusker Peter Hammer Verlag

To raise money for his daughter's school fees, Rafiki targets Manu's Hire Purchase shop for robbery. The shop owner,

Manu Patel, can't believe anyone would want to rob him, let alone the guitar man everyone knows as Rafiki due to his happy and friendly disposition. Rafiki apologises for the robbery, but he is desperate enough to risk losing friends and going to prison for life. His wife is his life. Manu opens both the safe and the cash register to show he has no money at all. The shop is bankrupt and about to close down for good. His customers have disappeared without paying, the bank is on his

case and his business partner, his brother Manish, wants to kill himself over their situation. Rafiki moved by their story, offers to help them find their debtors and collect the money they owe. The two men, former robber and victim, strike a deal. However, the details of their cooperation, including Rafiki's commission, are left so vague they can only lead to serious confrontation later. Manu's list of loan defaulters is a mile long and includes some of the

town's poorest residents. Most of them have changed their residence, their names and IDs and gone underground. Besides, some of the jikos, fridges, TVs and radios they bought on credit have changed hands so many times it is impossible to track them down. Others have broken down and ended up on the garbage heap behind the house or been recycled by the garbage collectors. Some defaulters have since died, or don't want to be found. The rest have no

money, but will not part with their appliances, and are ready to defend 'their' jikos, sofas and TVs with pangas and guard dogs. To make Rafiki's job more challenging, nearly all of his friends, their relatives and his relatives, including his mother-in-law, are on Manu's most wanted list. So is the Chief, and he has the power to have Rafiki arrested and detained without trial. Besides, now Laikipia women want to elect Rafiki's wife for county Governor. To get enough votes she must

get Rafiki to quit his now notorious real job. Having found the first 'real job' of his life, Rafiki is reluctant to give it up.

Crossroads HM Books Intl. Ben is a man on the move - in bars, in night clubs and in seedy pubs down Nairobi's River Road. On one of these occasions he meets Wini, a single mother trying to make it in the big city. They live hard, as man and wife, for a while, surviving at the very edge of squalor, until Wini escapes abroad with her boss leaving her baby son with Ben. When Ben

joins up with Ocholla, his bar-crawling, construction-site buddy, action, humour and more characters come into play. Mwangi's treatment of serious situations makes an unforgettable impact. *Planet of Slums* African Books Collective Belletristik : Kenya ; Grossgrundbesitzer - Kleinbauer - soziale Gerechtigkeit. *Die achte Plage* Tanz der Kakerlaken Dusman Gonzaga lives in a squalid apartment block overrun by poverty and cockroaches. The

crumbling building is owned by Tumbo Kubwa, a mindless slum lord with a heart of stone, and occupied by a strange mix of characters; from garbage collectors to hawkers, from conmen to witch doctors, from wise men to mad men. In this crazy world of wild adventures and appalling poverty, Dusman tries to organize the tenants to boycott paying rent in a desperate move to force the landlord to heed their cries. Dusman, however, finds himself alone against the landlord.

Afraid that the landlord will summon the police to evict them as promised, his neighbours beg out of the confrontation, pleading special, personal circumstances. But Dusman hatches a plot so diabolical they cannot chicken out of the fight. The Cockroach Dance is the story of one man's resistance to intimidation and exploitation by the 'haves' in a world of 'have-nots' and 'faceless ones'. 'Meja Mwangi spins a fascinating tale of one

man's revolt against exploitation'. The Daily Nation
Kasim, der Komiker East African Publishers
 His brief was simple. He was to go wherever she went, do whatever she said and however she said it. The Maasai Mara was no part of his brief, nor were any man-eaters bigger than a mosquito. The Maasai Mara was not even on his map - Vasco da Gama's Route Map of The African Bush. All that the explorer had scrolled

across that part of Africa, in a flourish of ancient script more decorative than informative, was the warning - 'Wayfarer beware - there be man-eaters in these parts.' To which some joker had added a skull and crossbones and the word 'cannibals'. She did not believe in gods or demons, angels or witches, and sorcery did not cross her mind until she saw what she had delivered. Cover Painting by Artist Peter"

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