

## AFRICA'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 20TH CENTURY

Final list of 100 titles announced by the panel of judges in Accra, 19 February 2002. \*\* Indicates top twelve title.

### Literature for children

**Asare, Meshack	Ghana	<i>Sosu's Call</i>	Sub-Saharan
Al-Homi, Hayam Abbas	Egypt	<i>Adventures of a Breadth</i>	Atfalna
Mungoshi, Charles	Zimbabwe	<i>Stories from a Shona Childhood</i>	Baobab Books
Tadjo, Veronique	Côte d'Ivoire	<i>Mamy Watta et le monstre</i>	NEI

### Creative writing

**Achebe, Chinua	Nigeria	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>	Heinemann
Achebe, Chinua	Nigeria	<i>Arrow of God</i>	Heinemann
Aidoo, Ama Ata	Ghana	<i>Anowa</i>	Longman
Al Ghitani, Gamal	Egypt	<i>Zayni Barakat</i>	GEBO
Almeida, Germano de	Cape Verde	<i>O testamento do Sr. Nepomuceno da Silva Araujo</i>	Ed. Caminho
Armah, Ayi Kwei	Ghana	<i>The Beautyful Ones Are Not Yet Born</i>	Heinemann
Bâ, Amadou Hampâté	Mali	<i>L'Étrange Destin de Wangrin</i>	Union générale
**Bâ, Mariama	Senegal	<i>Une si longue lettre</i>	NEA
Ben Jelloun, Tahar	Morocco	<i>La Nuit sacrée</i>	Seuil
Beti, Mongo	Cameroon	<i>Le Pauvre Christ de Bomba</i>	Présence Africaine
Brink, André	South Africa	<i>A Dry White Season</i>	Penguin
Bugul, Ken	Senegal	<i>Riwan</i>	Présence Africaine
Cheney-Coker, Syl	Sierra Leone	<i>The Last Harmattan of Alusine Dunbar</i>	Heinemann
Chraïbi, Driss	Morocco	<i>Le Passé Simple</i>	Gallimard
Coetzee, J.M	South Africa	<i>Life and Times of Michael K</i>	Secker & Warburg
**Couto, Mia	Mozambique	<i>Terra Sonâmbula</i>	Ed. Caminho
Craveirinha, José	Mozambique	<i>Karingana ua Karingana</i>	Academica
Dadié, Bernard	Côte d'Ivoire	<i>Climbié</i>	Editions Segiers
**Dangarembga, Tsitsi	Zimbabwe	<i>Nervous Conditions</i>	Women's Press
Dib, Mohammed	Algeria	<i>La Grande maison, l'incendie, le métier à tisser</i>	Le Seuil
Diop, Birago	Senegal	<i>Les Contes d'Amadou Koumba</i>	Présence Africaine
Diop, Boubacar Boris	Senegal	<i>Murambi ou le livre des ossements</i>	Stock
**Djebar, Assia	Algeria	<i>L'Amour la Fantaisie</i>	J. C. Lattes
El Adnoody, Abdell Rahman	Egypt	<i>Death on the Asphalt</i>	Atlas
El Saadawi, Nawal	Egypt	<i>Woman at Point Zero</i>	Zed Books
Emecheta, Buchi	Nigeria	<i>The Joys of Motherhood</i>	Alison and Busby
Fagunwa, Daniel O.	Nigeria	<i>Ogboju Ode Ninu Igbo Irunmale</i>	Nelson
Farah, Nuruddin	Somalia	<i>Maps</i>	Pan Books
Fugard, Athol	South Africa	<i>The Blood Knot</i>	Simondium
Gordimer, Nadine	South Africa	<i>Burgher's Daughter</i>	Jonathan Cape
Head, Bessie	South Africa	<i>A Question of Power</i>	Heinemann
Honwana, Luis Bernardo	Mozambique	<i>Nós Matámos o Cão-Tinhoso</i>	Academica
Hove, Chenjerai	Zimbabwe	<i>Bones</i>	Baobab Books
Isegawa, Moses	Uganda	<i>Abessijnse Kronieken</i>	Uitgeverij De Bezige
Jordan, Archibald Campbell	South Africa	<i>Ingqumbo yeminyanya</i>	Lovedale Press
Joubert, Elsa	South Africa	<i>Die Swerdjare van Poppie Nongena</i>	Tafelberg
Kane, Cheikh Hamidou	Senegal	<i>L'aventure ambiguë</i>	Editions Juillard
Kossa, Ungulani ba ka	Mozambique	<i>Ualalapi</i>	AEMO
Kourouma, Ahmadou	Côte d'Ivoire	<i>Les Soleils des indépendances</i>	Le Seuil
Laye, Camara	Guinea	<i>L'Enfant noir</i>	Plon
Magona, Sindiwe	South Africa	<i>Living, Loving and Lying Awake at Night</i>	David Philip
**Mahfouz, Naguib	Egypt	<i>The Cairo Trilogy</i>	Maktabet Misr
Marechera, Dambudzo	Zimbabwe	<i>House of Hunger</i>	Heinemann
**Mofolo, Thomas	Lesotho	<i>Chaka</i>	Morija Sesuto
Monenembo, Tierno	Guinea	<i>Un Attieke pour Elgass</i>	Le Seuil
Mutwa, Vusamazulu Credo	South Africa	<i>Indaba, My Children</i>	Blue Crane Books

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Niane, Djibril Tamsir	Senegal	<i>Soundjata ou l'épopée mandingue</i>	Présence Africaine
Nyembezi, Sibusiso	South Africa	<i>Inkinnsela yaseMgungundlovu</i>	Shuter and Shooter
Okigbo, Christopher	Nigeria	<i>Labyrinths</i>	Heinemann
Okri, Ben	Nigeria	<i>The Famished Road</i>	Spectrum Books
Oyono, Ferdinand	Cameroon	<i>Le Vieux nègre et la médaille</i>	Editions Juillard
Paton, Alan	South Africa	<i>Cry the Beloved Country</i>	Cape
P'Bitek, Okot	Uganda	<i>Song of Lawino</i>	Heinemann
Pepetela	Angola	<i>A Geração da Utopia</i>	Dom Quixote
Salih, el Tayeb	Sudan	<i>Season of Migration to the North</i>	Heinemann
Sassine, Williams	Guinea	<i>Le Jeune homme de sable</i>	Présence Africaine
Sembene, Ousmane	Senegal	<i>Les Bouts de bois de Dieu</i>	Le livre contemporain
**Senghor, Léopold Sédar	Senegal	<i>Oeuvre Poétique</i>	Le Seuil
Serote, Mongane	South Africa	<i>Third World Express</i>	David Philip
Shaaban, Robert Bin	Tanzania	<i>Utenzi wa vita vya uhuru</i>	East African Lit. Bureau
Sony Labou Tansi	DR Congo	<i>La Vie et demie</i>	Seuil
Sow Fall, Aminata	Senegal	<i>La Grève des Battus</i>	NEA
Soyinka, Wole	Nigeria	<i>Death and the King's Horsemen</i>	Spectrum
Tchicaya, U Tam'si	DR Congo	<i>Le Mauvais Sang, Feu de Brousse, A Triche-Coeur</i>	P. J. Swald
Vilakazi, B. W.	South Africa	<i>Amal'eZulu</i>	Witwatersrand Univ. Press
Tutuola, Amos	Nigeria	<i>The Palm-wine Drinkard</i>	Faber
Vera, Yvonne	Zimbabwe	<i>Butterfly Burning</i>	Baobab Books
Vieira, Luandino	Angola	<i>Nos os de Makulusu</i>	
Ngugi wa Thiong'o	Kenya	<i>Caïtaani Mutharaba-ini</i>	Heinemann
**Ngugi wa Thiong'o	Kenya	<i>A Grain of Wheat</i>	Heinemann
Yacine, Kateb	Algeria	<i>Nedjma</i>	Le Seuil

#### *Scholarship/non-fiction*

Amin, Samir	Egypt	<i>Accumulation on a World Scale</i>	Monthly Review Press
Amadiume, Ifi	Nigeria	<i>Male Daughters, Female Husbands</i>	Zed Books
Andrade, Mario de	Angola	<i>Os Nacionalismos Africanos</i>	Sa da Costa
Appiah, Anthony	Ghana	<i>In My Father's House</i>	Oxford University Press
Cabral, Amilcar	Guinea-Bissau	<i>Unity and Struggle</i>	Monthly Review Press
Casely-Hayford, J.E.	Ghana	<i>Ethiopia Unbound</i>	Cass
Chimera, Rocha	Kenya	<i>Kiswahili, Past, Present and Future Horizons</i>	Nairobi Univ. Press
**Diop, Cheikh Anta	Senegal	<i>Antériorité des civilisations nègres</i>	Présence Africaine
Doorkenoo, Efua	Ghana	<i>Cutting the Rose</i>	Minority Rights Group
Hountondji, Paulin	Benin	<i>Sur la Philosophie Africaine</i>	Maspero
Johnson, Samuel	Nigeria	<i>The History of the Yorubas</i>	Routledge
Kenyatta, Jomo	Kenya	<i>Facing Mount Kenya</i>	Maspero
Ki-Zerbo, Joseph	Burkina Faso	<i>Histoire de l'Afrique noire</i>	Akademie Kiado
Krog, Antjie	South Africa	<i>Country of My Skull</i>	Jonathan Cape
Mama, Amina	Nigeria	<i>Beyond the Mask, Race, Gender and Identity</i>	Routledge
Mamdani, Mahmood	Uganda	<i>Citizen and Subject</i>	James Currey
Mandela, Nelson	South Africa	<i>Long Walk to Freedom</i>	Little Brown
Marais, Eugene	South Africa	<i>Die Siel van die Mier</i>	J. L. van Schaik
Memmi, Albert	Tunisia	<i>Portrait du Colonisé précédé du Portrait du colonisateur</i>	L'Etincelle
Mondlane, Eduardo	Mozambique	<i>The Struggle for Mozambique</i>	Penguin
Mphahlele, Ezekiel	South Africa	<i>Down Second Avenue</i>	Faber & Faber
Mudimbe, V. Y.	DR Congo	<i>The Invention of Africa</i>	Indiana University Press
Nkrumah, Kwame	Ghana	<i>Ghana: Autobiography of Kwame Nkrumah</i>	Nelson
Plaatje, Sol	South Africa	<i>Native Life in South Africa</i>	P.S. King
**Soyinka, Wole	Nigeria	<i>Ake: The Years of Childhood</i>	Rex Collings
Van Onselen, Charles	South Africa	<i>The Seed is Mine</i>	David Philip

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