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Aboulela, Leila (Sudan). The Kindness of Enemies; Lyrics Alley; Minaret; The Translator
Achebe, Chinua (Nigeria). Anthills of the Savannah; Arrow of God; Chike and the River; Girls At War, and Other Stories; Things fall apart
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi (Nigeria). Americanah; Half of a Yellow Sun; Purple Hibiscus; The Thing Around Your Neck
Armah, Ayi Kwei (Ghana). The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born
Atogun, Odafe (Nigeria). Taduno’s Song
Atta, Sefi (Nigeria). A Bit of Difference; Everything Good Will Come; News from Home: Stories
Barrett, A. Igoni (Nigeria). Blackass; Love Is Power, or Something Like That
Beah, Ishmael (Sierra Leone) - Radiance of Tomorrow
Ben Jelloun, Tahar (Morocco). The Happy Marriage; The Last Friend; Leaving Tangier; A Palace in the Old Village; The Sacred Night; The Sand Child; Silent Day in Tangier; This Blinding Absence of Light
Ben Okri (Nigeria). The Famished Road; Songs of Enchantment; Stars of the New Curfew
Beukes, Lauren (South Africa). Broken Monsters; The Shining Girls; Slipping: Stories, Essays & Other Writings
Brink, Andre P. (South Africa) – Before I Forget; A Dry White Season; Imaginings of sand; Islands; Looking On Darkness; Other Lives – A Novel In Three Parts; The Other Side of Silence; Philida; The Rights of Desire
Bulawayo, NoViolet (Zimbabwe). We Need New Names
Coetzee, J. M. (South Africa). Age of Iron; The Childhood of Jesus; Diary of a Bad Year; Disgrace; Dusklands; Elizabeth Costello; Life & Times of Michael K; The Master of Petersburg; A Posthumous Confession; The Schooldays of Jesus; Slow Man; Summertime; Waiting For the Barbarians
Coovadia, Imraan (South Africa). The Wedding
Dangarembga, Tsitsi (Zimbabwe) - The Book of Not; Nervous Conditions
Epriile, Tony (South Africa) - Temporary Sojourner, and Other South African Stories
Farah, Nuruddin (Somalia). Crossbones; Gifts; Knots; Links; Maps; Secrets; Sweet and Sour Milk
Forna, Aminatta (Sierra Leone). Ancestor Stones; The Hired Man; The Memory of Love
Gordimer, Nadine (South Africa). Beethoven Was One-Sixteenth Black: And Other Stories; Burger's Daughter; The Conservationist; Crimes of Conscience; Get a Life; A Guest of Honour; The House Gun; July's People; Jump and Other Stories; The Late Bourgeois World; Livingstone's Companions; Stories; Loot, and Other Stories; The Lying Days; My Son's Story; No Time Like the Present; None To Accompany Me; Not For Publication, and Other Stories; Occasion For Loving; The Pickup; Selected Stories; Six Feet of the Country; Something Out There: Stories; A Sport of Nature

Gurnah, Abdulrazak (Tanzania/Zanzibar) – The Last Gift; Paradise

Gyasi, Yaa (Ghana). Homegoing

Hamdouchi, Abdelilah (Morocco). The Final Bet

Head, Bessie (Botswana) - The Cardinals: With Meditations and Short Stories

Holding, Ian (Zimbabwe) – Of Beasts and Beings

Huchu, Tendai (Zimbabwe). The Hairdresser of Harare; The Maestro, the Magistrate & the Mathematician

Ile, Jowhor (Nigeria). And After Many Days

Isegawa, Moses (Uganda) - Abyssinian Chronicles; Snakepit

Iweala, Uzodinma (Nigeria). Beasts of No Nation

John, Elnathan (Nigeria). Born On a Tuesday

Jooste, Pamela (South Africa) - People Like Ourselves

Lalami Laila (Morocco). Hope & Other Dangerous Pursuits; The Moor's Account; Secret Son

Mabanckou, Alain (Congo). Black Moses; Broken Glass; Memoirs of a Porcupine

MacGoye, Marjorie Oludhe (Kenya). The Present Moment

Magona, Sindiwe (South Africa) – Mother to Mother

Mahfūz, Najīb / Naguib Mahfouz (Nobel Laureate) (Egypt). Adrift On The Nile; Akhenaten, Dweller In Truth; Arabian Nights And Days; Before The Throne: Dialogs With Egypt's Great From Menes To Anwar Sadat; The Beggar; The Beginning And The End; Cairo Modern; Children Of Gebelawi; Children Of The Alley; The Dreams; The Harafish; In The Time Of Love; The Journey Of Ibn Fattouma; Midaq Alley; Palace Of Desire; Palace Walk; Respected Sir; Sugar Street; The Thief And The Dogs; Three Novels Of Ancient Egypt (Khufu's wisdom; Rhadopis of Nubia; Thebes at war); The Time And The Place And Other Stories

Matar, Hisham (Libya) - In the Country of Men

Mda, Zakes (South Africa). Cion; The Heart of Redness; The Madonna of Excelsior; Ways of Dying

Mengestu, Dinaw (Ethiopia). All Our Names; The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears; How To Read The Air

Miano, Leonora (Cameroon) - Dark Heart of the Night

Mphahlele, Eskia (Ezekiel) (South Africa) – In Corner B

Ngugi wa Thiongo (Kenya). Petals of Blood; Wizard of the Crow

Nwaubani, Adaobi (Nigeria). I Do Not Come To You By Chance

Obioma, Chigozie (Nigeria). The Fisherman

Okparanta, Chinelo (Nigeria) - Happiness, Like Water: Stories; Under the Udala Trees

Okri, Ben (Nigeria) – The Famished Road; Songs of Enchantment; Stars of the New Curfew
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Omotoso, Yewande (South Africa). The Woman Next Door

Parkin, Gaile (Rwanda) – Baking Cakes in Kigali; When hoopoes go to heaven

Paton, Alan (South Africa). Ah, But Your Land Is Beautiful; Cry, the Beloved Country: A Story of Comfort In Desolation; Tales From a Troubled Land; Too Late the Phalarope

Rive, Richard (South Africa) - Advance, retreat: selected short stories

Rugero, Roland (Equatorial Guinea). Baho!

Sadawi, Nawal (Egypt). The Innocence of the Devil; Two Women In One; Zeina

Selasi Taiye (Ghana) - Ghana Must Go

Sembene, Ousmane (Senegal) – God’s Bits of Wood

Soueif, Ahdaf (Egypt). I Think of You: Stories; In the Eye of the Sun; The Map of Love

Soyinka, Wole (Nigeria) - Forest of a Thousand Daemons: A Hunter’s Saga; The Interpreter; Death and the King's Horseman: A Play

Vassanji, M. G. (Tanzania/Zanzibar) – Amriika; The Assassin’s Song; The Book of Secrets; The in-between world of Vikram Lall; The Magic of Saida; No New Land

Verghese, Abraham (Ethiopia). Cutting for Stone

Waberi, Abdourahman A. (Djibouti). Transit: A Novel

Wicomb, Zoe (South Africa) – David’s Story; October; Playing in the Light; You can’t Get Lost In Cape Town: Short Stories

ANTHOLOGIES


King, Adele (Editor). From Africa: New Francophone Stories. SHORT STORIES F926K


Sutherland-Addy, Esi (Editor). Women Writing Africa. West Africa and the Sahel. 896 W84S 2005

Vera, Yvonne (Editor). Opening Spaces: An Anthology of Contemporary African Women's Writings. 896.08 O61V 1999

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