



The Reading Jackdaw



**Fiction Set  
Predominantly in  
Africa**

**CAUTION!**



**Reading can  
seriously damage  
your ignorance!**

### **African Diaspora**

Diplomatic Pounds & Other Stories (2012) Ama Ata Aidoo (Short Stories)

### **Wider Areas**

**Africa** Desert Sands of the Scorpion (2009) Bear Grylls (11+)

The Secret Kingdom (2011) Jenny Nimmo (9+)

Tales of Tenderness and Power (1990) Bessie Head (Short Stories)

### **Central Africa**

AK (2001) Peter Dickinson

The Rift (2006) B. Birch (11+)

### **Pan African**

Say You're one of Them (2008) Uwen Akpan (Short stories)

**Sahara** The Magician's Wife (1997) Moore, Brian

**Southern Africa** King Solomon's Mines (1885)

Haggard, H. R

### **East Africa**

An Icecream War (1982) William Boyd

Tender (2017) Sofia Samatar (Short Stories)

### **West Africa**

A Bend in the River (1979) V.S. Naipaul

A Goon Man in Africa (1981) William Boyd

### **Algeria**

Ancestor Stones (2006) Aminatta Forna

Anthills of the Savannah (1987) Chinua Achebe

Beasts of No Nation (2005) Uzodinma Iweala

Osiris Rising (1995) Ayi Kwei Armah

Our Man in Africa (1981) William Boyd

Segu (1984) Maryse Conde

The Heart of the Matter (1948) Graham Green

The Plague (1947) Albert Camus

The Sealwoman's Gift (2018) Sally Magnusson

The Stranger (1942) Albert Camus

Women of Algiers in their Apartments (1980) Assia Djebar

### **Angola**

Transparent City (2012) Ondjaki

### **Benin**

Instruments of Darkness (1995) Robert Wilson

### **Botswana**

A No.1 Ladies Detective Agency (1998) Alexander McCall Smith

Go Tell the Sun (2011) Wame Molefhe (Short Stories)

Precious and the Monkeys (2011) Alexander McCall Smith (7+)

The Screaming of the Innocent (2002) Unity Dow

### **Burkina Faso**

American Spy (2109) Lauren Wilkinson

### **Congo**

Black Moses (2015) Alain Mabanckou

Brazzaville Beach (1990) William Boyd

Broken Glass (2011) Alain Mabanckou

Heart of Darkness (1899) Joseph Conrad

The Mission Song (2006) John Le Carré

The Poisonwood Bible (1998) Barbara Kingsolver

Tomorrow I'll Be Twenty (2010) Alain Mabanckou

Tram 83 (2014) Fiston Mwanza Mujila

### **Djibouti**

Transit: A Novel (2003) Abdourahman A. Woberi

Passage of Tears (2009) Abdourahman A. Woberi

### **Egypt**

Anatomy of a Disappearance (2011) Hisham Matar

Death on the Nile (1937) Agatha Christie

I think of You (1996) Ahdaf Soueif (Short Stories)

In a free State (1971) V.S. Naipaul

Naima (2011) Hisham Matar (Short Stories)

Secrets of a Sun King (2018) Emma Carroll (10+)

The Map of Love (1999) Ahdaf Soueif

### **Ethiopia**

Black Dove White Raven (2015) Elizabeth Wein (YA)

Cutting for Stone (2012) Abraham Vergh

The Fastest Boy in the World (2014) Elizabeth Laird (7+)

The Garbage King (2016) Laird, Elizabeth (9+)

The Lion's Gaze (2010) Maaza Mengiste

The Prince Who Walked with Lions (2012) Elizabeth Laird (10+)

### **Ghana**

Homegoing (2016) Yaa Gyasi

Lizard & Other Stories Marcelle (2016) Mateki Akita (Short Stories)

No Sweetness Here: And Other Stories (1970) Ama Ata Aidoo (Short Stories)

The Beautiful Ones are Not Yet Born (1968) Ayi Kwei Armah

Two Thousand Seasons (1973) Ayi Kwei Armah

Wife of the Gods (Darko Dawson #1) (2009) Kwei Quartey

## **Ivory Coast**

Down to the Wire (2006) Bernard Ashley (13+)

## **Kenya**

A Grain of Wheat (1967) Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o

Anything by Ngugi Wa Thiong'o

Burn My Heart (2007) Beverley Naidoo (11+)

Coming to Birth (2000) Marjorie Oludhe Macgoye

Dance of the Jakaranda (2017) Peter Kimani

Dust (2013) Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor

Forest of Pygmies #3 (2004) Isabelle Allende (YA)

Murder at Government House (1937) Elspeth Huxley

Out of Africa (1937) Karen Blixen

The Ringmaster (2007) Julia Golding (11+)

The Snow Angel (2017) Lauren St John (9+)

## **Lesotho**

Chaka (1925) Thomas Mofolo

## **Libya**

In the Country of Men (2006) Hisham Matar

The Bleeding of the Stone (1990) Ibrahim al-Koni

## **Madagascar**

Plundering Paradise (1996) Geraldine McCaughrean (9+)

## **Malawi**

The Heaven Shop (2004) Deborah Ellis (10+)

## **Morocco**

Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits (2005) Leila Slimani (Short Stories)

Tangerine (2018) Christine Mangan

The Happy Marriage (2012) Tahar Ben Jelloun

Year of the Elephant (1983) Leila Abouzeid

## **Mozambique**

We Killed Mangy Dogs (1964) Luis Bernado

Honwana (Short stories)

A Girl Named Disaster (2003) Nancy Farmer

## **Namibia**

The Devil's Breath (2007) David Gilman (11+)

Blood Rose (2007) Margie Orford

## **Nigeria**

A Bit of Difference (2102) Sefi Atta

Americanah (2013) Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

And After Many Days (2016) Jowhar Ile

Born Boy Yewande Omotoso

Cell One (2009) Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Short Stories)

Easy Motion Tourist (Amaka Thriller #1) (2016) Leye Adenle

Foreign Gods, Inc (2014) Okey Ndibe

Half a Yellow Sun (2006) Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Happiness Like Water (2012) Chinelo Okparanta (Short Stories)

I Do Not Come to by Chance (2009) Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani

Lagos Noir (2018) Chris Abani

My Sister the Serial Killer (2017) Oyinkan Braithwaite

Purple Hibiscus (2003) Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Seasons of Crimson Blossoms (2015) Abubakar Adan Ibrahim

Stay with Me (2017) Ayobami Adebayo

The African Trilogy (1958) Chinua Achebe

The Bride Price (1976) Buchi Emecheta

The Constant Gardener (2001) John Le Carre

The Fishermen (2015) Chigozie Obioma

The Joys of Motherhood (1979) Buchi Emecheta

The Other Side of the Truth (2000) Beverley Naidoo

The Thing around your Neck (2008) Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Tiny Sunbirds far Away (2011) Christie Watson

Under the Udala Trees (2015) Chinelo Okparanta

When we Speak of Nothing (2017) Olumide Popoola

Wives at War and Other Stories (1992) Flora Nwapa (Short Stories)

## **Rwanda**

Harvest of Skulls (2017) Abdourahman A. Woberi

## **Senegal**

God's Bits of Wood (1960) Ousmane Sembene

## **Sierra Leone**

Radiance of Tomorrow (2007) Ishmael Beah

The Memory of Love (2010) Aminatta Forna

## **Somalia**

From A Crooked Rib (1970) Nurruddin Farah

The Orchard of Lost Souls (2013) Nadifa Mohamed

Links (2003) Nuruddin Farah

Maps (trilogy) (1986) Farah Nuruddin

## **South Africa**

A Sport of Nature (1987) Nadine Gordimer

An Imperfect Blessing (2014) Nadia Davids

Black Widow Society (2013) Angela Makholwa

Cry, the Beloved Country (1948) Alan Paton

Devils Peak (2007) Deon Meyer

Elephants in the East (1997) Lucy Daniels (7+

Finding Soutbek (2012) Karen Jennings

Franzie and Stankie (2003) Barbara Trapido

Out of Bounds (2001) Beverley Naidoo (Short stories)

Penumbra (2013) Songeziwe Mahlangu

Red Ink (2007) Angela Makholwa

Ruby Red (2007) Linzi Glass (13+)

Soldier's Embrace (1980) Nadine Gordimer

Song Dog (1991) James McClure

Spud (2005) John Van de Ruit (12+)  
The Butterfly Lion (1996) Michael Morpurgo (7+)  
The Dry White Season (1979) Andre Brink  
The Girl Who Saved the King of Sweden  
(2013) Jonas Jonasson  
The Power of One (1989) Courtney Bryce  
The White Giraffe (2007) Lauren St John (9+)  
The Year the Gypsies Came (2006) Linzi Glass (YA)  
Various by J.M. Coetzee  
What will People Say (2015) Rehana Rossouw  
Zulu (2008) Caryl Férey  
Zulu War: Jabulani Africa 1879-1882 (2002) Vince  
Cross (10+)

### **Sudan**

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story (2010)  
Linda Sue Park (YA)  
Lyrics Alley (2010) Leila Aboulela

### **Tanzania**

The African Queen (1935) C.S. Forester

### **Uganda**

Kintu (2014) Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi  
Tropical Fish (2005) Doreen Baingana (Short  
Stories)

### **Zimbabwe**

A Girl Named Disaster (2003) Nancy Farmer  
An Elegy for Easterly (2009) Petina Gappah (Short  
Stories)  
Butterfly Burning (1998) Yvonne Vera  
Diamond Boy (2014) Michael Williams (YA)  
Encounters (2017) Jason Wallace (YA)  
I am a Cloud, I Can Blow Anywhere (2007) S&J  
Tulloch (10+)  
Nervous Conditions (1988) Tsitsi Dangarembga  
Now is the Time for Running (2013) Michael  
Williams (12+)  
Out of Shadows (2010) Jason Wallace

Rotten Row (2016) Petina Gappah (Short Stories)  
The Girl Savage (2011) Katherine Rundell (11+)  
The Grass is Singing (1950) Doris Lessing  
The Hairdresser of Harare (2010) Tendai Huchu  
We Need New Names (2013) Bulwayo No Violet  
Why Don't You Carve Other Animals? (1992) Yvonne  
Vera (Short Stories)

## **Fantasy/ Sci-fi/ Speculative/ Afrofuturism/ Dystopian**

### **Unspecified/ Fictional setting**

A Stranger in Olondria (2012) Sofia Samatar  
Wild Seed (1980) (Patternmaster #1) Octavia E.  
Butler  
Wizard of the Crow Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o  
Beasts Made of Night (Beasts Made of Night, #1)  
(2017) Tochi Onyebuchi  
Zahrah the Windseeker (2005) Nnedi Okorafor (YA)

### **Congo**

Everfair (2016) Nisi Shaw

### **Egypt**

The Dreamblood Duology (2016) N.K. Jemisin  
Fever (2016) Deon Meyer

### **Ghana**

Tail of the Blue Bird (2009) Nii Ayikwei Parkes  
My Life in the Bush of Ghosts (1954) Amos Tutola

### **Nigeria**

Akata Witch Trilogy (2011) Nnedi Okorafor (YA)  
Blackass (2105) Igoni Barrett  
Children of Blood and Bone (2018) Tomi  
Adeyemi (YA)  
David Mogo, Godhunter (2019) Suyi Davies  
Okunbowa

Forest of a Thousand Daemons: A Hunter's Saga  
(1938) D.O. Fagunwa  
Freshwater (2018) Akwaeke Enezi  
Taduno's Song (2016) Odafe Atogun  
The Famished Road (1991) Ben Okri  
What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours (2016) Helen  
Oyeyemi (Short Stories)  
What It Means When A Man Falls From the Sky  
(2015) Lesley Nneka Arimah (Short Stories)  
What Sunny Saw in the Flames (2011) Nnedi  
Okorafor (YA)  
What the Dead Man Said (2019) Chinelo Onwualu  
Wormwood Trilogy (2017) Tade Thompson

### **South Africa**

July's People (1981) Nadine Gordimer  
Zoo City (2010) Lauren Beurkes  
Triangulum (2019) Masande Ntshanga

### **Senegal**

Redemption in Indigo (2010) Karen Lord

### **Several Africa Kingdoms**

Black Leopard Red (2019) Wolf Marlon James

### **Zimbabwe**

The Old Drift (2019) Namwali Serpell  
The Ear, the Eye and the Arm (1994) Nancy Farmer  
(YA)

### **Distant Planets**

Sing down the Stars (2019) Nerine Dorman



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