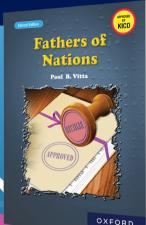
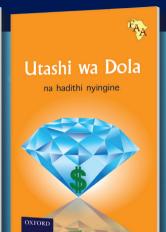
## OXFORD





# Readers' Catalogue

For Secondary Schools













Tales to capture your imagination!

#### Foreword from the Manager.

#### Let us mould students who love to read

"A nation that does not read much does not know much. And a nation that does not know much is more likely to make poor choices in their home, market place, jury box and the voting booth. And those decisions ultimately affect the entire nation... the literate and the illiterate." – Jim Trelease

## How do we then promote reading in our schools?

#### O Host Book Clubs for Students and teachers

Book clubs are a perfect way to get students interact with books and enjoy reading. Student-driven book clubs will create ownership and boost their confidence. They can host their book clubs within a classroom, grade level, or school. Make it interesting by involving many teachers join the clubs. Remember values are caught NOT taught.

#### What do you do in the book clubs?

Share book news, book recommendations and fun quotes. Always set targets and rewards for the readers based on different criteria (the students can help identify these). Simply make reading a lifestyle.

#### Oreate a literacy-rich environment

Buy books on various genres to create a wide selection for the students to choose from (according to their individual interests). You may consider hosting sessions where the students congregate to listen their readings of various books. After such sessions, they can also engage in discussions based on the texts. Reward students who read the most, and the best. Let the students embrace books and make reading the new cool.

#### Set aside time for independent reading

In the tight schedules that we operate in, time for reading won't just happen, it must be created. Set aside time (daily) for the students/yourself to read. It can be as little as 20 to 30 minutes or based on the pages read.

#### Read and read and read ...

Encourage students to read all manner of books, journals magazines and newspapers. This will build in them a wide range of vocabulary and broaden their knowledge about humans and the world we live in.

#### Every time is reading time

Allow the students to carry books to read even when they are away from school. Together, work for reading targets for the weekends and holidays.

At Oxford University Press East Africa we have carefully selected series of readers (novels, novellas, short stories and drama) that focus on various contemporary global issues that young readers will identify with.

We hope that our Readers will provide a rich reading resource and impact your students positively for the rest of the lives.

## Oxford University Press East Africa.

## English Readers

Education is a progressive discovery of your own ignorance - will Durant J

## **StarLit (Starting Literature) Readers**

This is a new series recommended for lower secondary students and anyone looking for hilarious modern stories told in powerful and highly refreshing fashion. You will keep turning the pages!



A Jacket for Ahmet Novella | Tony Mochama

Trojan is a happy-go-lucky sixteenyear-old who loves playing video games and chatting up strangers at a cybercafé after school. On Good Friday, life in his home border town is upended when there is an attack on a petrol station. Trojan seeks refuge in a car yard and this sets off the most unusual Easter weekend of adventure peppered with fear and unease.



**Beyond the Shadow Novella** | Goro wa Kamau

Queen Minji craves a smartphone. She is missing out on the social media frenzy that her friends are enjoying. The gadget is a staus symbol that opens up a world of possibilities, and mischief. Using her friend's phone, Queen befriends a smooth-talking handsome man, Bon. He takes her on an emotional roller coaster that shakes her world. Will Queen manage to get herself out of the grip Bon has on her?



Do or Do Novella | Kinyanjui Kombani

Juma, a teenage boy, hawks groundnuts and sweets in the streets of Dandora to supplement his mother's income. His fortune however changes when he joins Dandora Stars, a local football team. It takes the coach's determination and Juma intellect for the team to progress in the Under-17 Tournament. With setbacks such as poverty, betrayal and corruption, will Juma be able to achieve his dream of becoming a renowned footballer?



A Rebirth Novella | Florence Kirianki

This is a story about Nancy. She has always kept some painful secrets locked away in her memory, thinking it is the safest thing to do. However, some truths - no matter how bitter - are now screaming to be let out for Nancy to live a fulfilling life. A trip to a retreat center affords Nancy the chance to confront the ghosts of her past. It is the story of girl who is emotionally scarred by repugnant traditions (FGM) that a few in the society still cling to. Her courage births a new human being who is ready to live a fruitful life.



The Weaver of Dreams Novella | Ng'an'ga Mbugua

G. Chocha lives a charmed life in peri-urban Maua, spending most of his time playing pool with his friends and occasionally engaging in small businesses. However, there is a problem. The girl he loves is in love with his best friend and this is threatening to destroy his world and his sanity, until one day he gets the chance to travel and study abroad. His worldview changes dramatically as he embarks on an exciting yet perilous journey of selfdiscovery.



The Hideaway

Novella | Elizabeth Kabui

Kevin and Marto are on a vacation which turns out to be an adventure. They make an unplanned stop in the heart of the Tsavo. In the process, they find themseves in the middle of a poaching syndicate as they try to unravell mysterious occurrences.

Will they be able to get themselves out safely?



## One More Chance Novella | Millicent Ojiambo

Chozi, a highflying lawyer, is tormented by nightmares every night. In the dreams, strange giant infants harass her. They are out for revenge. Some of them are deformed. She is haunted by memories of an abortion she procured while a teenager.

## A teacher opens the door but you must enter by yourself - A Chinese proverb



## The Bizarre Bazaar **Novel** | Elizabeth Kabui

An adventure at a fanfare turns dangerous when Marto and Kevin find themselves embroiled in a kidnap and carjacking saga.



## We Come in Peace Novella | David Mulwa

This is a story of slave trade as we know it. A riveting plot that moves back and forth in time from ancient times to the present - with amazing ease.



## The Hunter is Back Play | Dennis Kyalo

Rita is faced with trials that seem to seal her fate. Political power, big money and betrayal in her family have conspired to ruin her family forever. After a regrettable past, a stressful present and a clearly bleak future, will she be able to overcome the forces of evil?



## The Man in Green **Dungarees**

Novella | N. Mbugua

John Benjamin's life takes a turn for the worst after he fails to qualify for a place at the university. His high school girlfriend, Hilda, then deserts him: she has qualified to go to university. His fortunes are turned around when he befriends a stray dog.



## **The Dumpsite Puzzle**

**Novel** | Elizabeth Kabui

Kevin and Martin find themselves on the trail of dangerous criminals as they try to discover what happens at a mysterious dumpsite. With the man in a purple suit hot on their heels, what will the boys do? Will Uncle Ben show up?

## Education is not preparation for life; Education is life itself - John Dewey



## Shortchanged Novella | Nancy Mwanzia

Mr. Kozia decides enough is enough and is ready to spill the beans. The school is ablaze with stories about the elegant and beautiful Barbara. Is it true that all that glitters is not gold?



## **Twelve Months**

Play | Ellen Banda-Aaku

Tasha finds herself in a new school courtesy of her father's corporate ambition. As she struggles to settle in, she nearly ruins her life in a fast-paced staccato occasioned by the company she keeps.



Passenger 141
Novella | Charles Kariuki

Recently there has been leakage of highly sensitive information and photographs that may damage relations between two nations. Nyutu – code name Stinging Bee – is assigned the task of tracking down the culprit and silencing the source. He has to travel to Mombasa to do this.



#### Reversed Agenda Novella | Magiya Manda

Khumbilo, an editor at a publishing company, is tasked by his boss to scout for a cover model for a new book. He sets out to find a girl he had met six months earlier at a friend's wedding. In his judgement, the girl (Komiwe) is the most ideal person to appear on the cover.

## **CALi (Contemporary African Literature Series**

Aimed at upper secondary students, this new series covers all genres of literature. Using witty exposure of modern day challenges, this series develops the literary skills of the readers.



Butterfly Dreams Short Stories John Mugubi et al

Sampling stories from the African continent and the world over, Butterfly Dreams - An Anthology of Short Stories, gives the readers incisive insight into a a wide variety of human emotions, struggles, tragedies and triumphs. Each of the fifteen stories has been selected for its relevance to the young adults striving for a clear understanding of their increasingly complicated world. Each story is followed by a thought-provoking activity to help the readers reflect on the content, themes and style. Brief notes on the writers provide an understanding of the people and situations behind the stories.



Finding Colombia Short Stories Kinyanjui Kombani

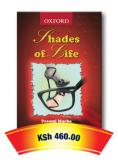
Lex lives on the streets, with little to do apart from sniffing Jet Lee and minding his own business. Lex's uneventful life is interrupted when he is tracked down by the Anti-Drugs Agency (ADA) officers. They need Lex to help them: to work as an undercover agent to find Colombia, a notorious and influential but elusive drug baron. The criminal is said to be hiding in a rehabilitation centre. It is here that Lex is enrolled by the ADA for the covert operation and later starts his rehabilitation journey.



Confession by President Kikumba Novel Paul B. Vitta

President Kikulé Kikumba, a president of an important African country has written a book to confess all. He intends to set the record straight. He says being president in Africa is no holiday on an island. Dumping allies for wavering, cutting friends at the knees for dissenting, and mowing opponents down for standing in the way, are all in the day's work. Africa's presidents, he confides, are in office not to lead but to crush rivals and accumulate wealth.

## Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom - George Washington



Shades of Life
Novel | Pasomi Mucha

Shellsea Kega has had everything going for her and knows nothing less than the royal upbringing. Her fairy-tale kind of life comes tumbling down.



Goldfields
Novel | Githara Kimani

This novel is set in Kenya, many years after independence. The story is powered by a conflict that goes back to the days of the freedom struggle. The lands known as Goldfields have for long been the centre of the struggle for the right to own property, human dignity, and self-worth. It is here where betrayal, greed and opportunism have also taken root.



The Vendor Novel | Waithaka Waihenya

Ngaruwe is a reserved, unapologetic newsvendor in a sprawling city slum. His childhood nemesis Adrian is a big shot with business interests that bestride the city economy like a colossus. This is a deep story infused with big money, power, love and all that gratifies the materialistic soul.



The Colour of Hope Play | Taban Lo Liyong

A play surrounding Princess Royal's discovery on finding out that the man she has all along believed to be her father could commit unspeakable crimes against her, worse still he invokes culture to justify his actions. Will she ever recover?

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### The Mermaid of Msambweni and other stories

Short Stories | Bukenya et al

Sampling stories from all over the African continent, this selection gives the reader an incisive insight into a wide variety of human emotions, struggles, tragedies and triumphs.



## Counterpoint and other poems

**Poetry** | Oxford University Press

This is a rich reward of heightened poetic ecstasy mixing new and well-known classics from East Africa, Africa and the rest of the world. This collection delivers life experiences from different perspectives while keeping to that foundational demand to use language memorably.



## A Hole in the Sky

Play | Austin Bukenya

Tajeer and his overseas investor friends, in their search for oil, have reduced Lake Riziki to a mass of black slime and ruined the livelihoods of the many who depended on it. Now Tajeer is mowing down entire forests and choking life-giving streams to clear land for a multi-million shilling jatropha project. Things begin to go haywire when he attempts to evict Kibichi and his family from their ancestral land.



## **Fathers of Nations**

Novella | Paul B. Vitta

The very best of the world's best researchers have discovered a way to develop Africa: Way Omega. Now Africa's heads of state are at a summit to approve it as their common growth strategy. If they do, it promises Africa will start developing immediately. Unknown to the summit are aggrieved conspirators plotting to defeat Way Omega and replace it with a rival strategy: Path Alpha.



A New Dawn Novel | Njoki Gitumbi

A New Dawn is the story of a society rising from the ashes of ethnic turbulence. It is the drama of a society that is still reeling from the aftershocks of conflict. Mama Nuru is convinced that change is the only way forward, and that the ordinary people should be the drivers of that change. But can the society embrace the new gospel, or will they cling to the 'tried and tested' old order?

## **Catapult Series**

The *Catapult* series features modern thought-provoking works of art – works that scrutinize the transition between youth and adulthood through the lens of well-crafted stories. The series explores themes such as personal identity, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health, family struggles, as well as leaving home, starting college, first jobs, and negotiating education and career choices. The stories are riveting reads that have emotionally-intense and fast-paced storylines.



The Gambler Novella | Ngumi Kibera

The Gambler is the story of Alex Kihara, aka Rex, a gambler who trades his soul for his life, when he hits rock-bottom. He becomes a long-distance truck driver whose job entails delivering more than just legitimate goods across East Africa. An incident at the border makes him a fugitive. Will Rex extricate himself from the mess he has created?



## Of Pawns and Players

Novella | Kinyanjui Kombani

This is the story of Thomas Karamu, a mutura vendor who's trying to make ends meet. His involvement with the daughter of a rich and prominent man traps him in a betting syndicate.

Thomas is in a dilemma between what is morally right, and what will keep him out of trouble.

What will he choose?

## Kiswahili Readers

## FAA (Fasihi Asiria kutoka Afrika)

FAA ni mradi unaolenga wanafunzi katika viwango vya juu katika shule za sekondari na usomaji wa jumla. Lugha, maudhui na visa vyenyewe ... utapenda!



## Msako Hatari Riwaya | Halfani Sudy

Inaichukua idara ya polisi zaidi ya miaka miwili bila kubaini chanzo wala sababu ya kuuawa kwa Mzee Majoro na mkewe, hali inayomtia mwanao Jackline wasiwasi mkubwa. Katika kutafuta haki, Jackline anamshirikisha mpelelezi Daniel Mwaseba kwenye harakati hizo, japo kwa siri. Uchunguzi wa Daniel unahusisha vifo hivyo na faili fulani ambalo limesababisha pia vifo na mateso kwa kila anayehusika kulisaka. Je, faili lenyewe lina nini? Je, Daniel atafanikisha msako huo uliowashinda hata wakuu wa polisi?

Msako Hatari ni kisa cha kijasusi kilichosukwa kwa upekee usio mfano. Mbali na kuwa kinaangazia maovu na udhalimu katika jamii, kinatoa mafunzo chungu nzima kuhusu haki na maadili.



## Utashi wa Dola na hadithi nyingine

**Hadithi Fupi** Oxford University Press

Katika dunia ya sasa, kila mtu hufanya juhudi za katafuta riziki ili apate kufaulu maishani. Katika hali hii, wapo wanaotumia njia halali na wale wanaofanya ulaghai ilimradi wafanikishe maazimio yao ya kupata pesa

Utashi wa Dola na hadithi nyingine ni mkusanyo wa hadithi fupi zinazoakisi maisha ya wanadamu: hisia zao, mitazamo yao, ndoto zao, matumaini yao.

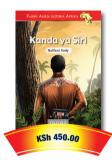


### Pigo la Nafsi Riwaya | Ramadhan Makoleko

Matumaini ya familia ya Halima yanafufuka pale anapopata ajira kama mjakazi. Kwake Halima, anaiona fursa hii kuwa muhimu zaidi katika kutimiza maazimio yake na ndoto zake maishani. Maisha yanamwia mazuri Dar es Salaam hadi siku moja ambapo mambo yanaharibika na kumtia wasiwasi kuhusu mipango yake na mchumba wake.

Pigo la Nafsi ni hadithi inayosimuliwa kwa upekee wa namna yake. Hadithi hii imejaa mafunzo yanayoakisi uhalisia wa maisha, katika dunia ya sasa.

# A teacher affects eternity; he or she can never tell where his/her influence stops - Henry Adam



Kanda ya Siri Riwaya | Hafani Sudy

Chifu Abdullah anaingia katika kazi ngumu kuliko zote alizowahi kuzifanya katika maisha yake, kazi ya kuisaka kanda iliyopotea katika kasri yake. Kanda yenyewe inatembea kutoka mkono mmoja hadi mwingine, huku pande mbili zinazoisaka zikitumia nguvu, pesa na akili kuitafuta.

Kanda ya Siri ni hadithi ya kiupepelelezi iliyoandikwa kwa taharuki ya hali ya juu. Inamwacha msomaji na maswali mengi na hamu ya kujibiwa maswali hayo. Je, polisi watafaulu kuwapata wahalifu hao. Je, kanda yenyewe itapatikana? Hivi, ndani ya kanda kuna nini?



**Dunia Yao Riwaya** | Said A. Mohamed

Ndi anajifungia katika njozi kukimbia ukweli unaompa mateso na kuihangaisha akili yake. Kwa nini?



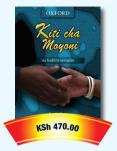
Mabandia Riwaya | Ali Attas

Mabandia ni tamthilia inayopiga kurunzi ubandia unaojificha na kujifichua kwa sura mbalimbali maishani. Wahusika sita wanajitokeza katika maonyesho sita wakifululiza hadi barazani kucheza duru sita za mchezo maarufu wa karata, Wahedi wa Sitini. Mchezo huu huchezwa hasa katika maeneo ya pwani ya Afrika Mashariki. Katika maonyesho mbalimbali, mwandishi anazungumzia ubandia kwa jinsi inayomfanya msomaji kufikiria jinsi ubandia huo unavyoathiri mitazamo ya binadamu katika nyanja mbalimbali za maisha.



**Heri Subira Riwaya** | Omar Babu

Sabra alihisi kwamba alikuwa ameuvuta uvumilivu wake ukafika mwisho ... Alistahimili vya kutosha lakini ikawa hali ya 'likikatwa kono linamea guu'. Je, mtu huhitajika kusubiri kiasi gani ili apate heri?



Kiti cha Moyoni na Hadithi nyingine Hadithi fupi | Ken Walibora & Said A. Mohamed

Huu ni mkusanviko wa hadithi fupi ishirini ambazo zina utamu kutokana na mtindo wa fantasia na mkengeuko wa ukweli kama tunavyoujua wa kila siku.



Kosa si Kosa Tamthilia | Nvenvo K. Mumbo

Lullu Katanga, mwanafunzi wa uanasheria, anajikuta korokoroni. Akipatikana na hatia, atahukumiwa kifungo bila dhamana. Shahidi wa pekee anayeweza kumsaidia ni mshiriki ambaye ana hatia zake. Je, shahidi huyu atakubali kumsaidia bila mwenyewe kuonekana mkosa?



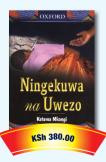
Masikini Milionea Hadithi fupi | Ken Walibora

Maskini Milionea na Hadithi Nyingine ni mkusanyiko wa hadithi fupi katika mradi wa FAA (Fasihi Asiria kutoka Afrika) kwa shule za upili. Hadithi katika mkusanyiko huu zimeandikwa na waandishi kutoka maeneo mbali mbali ya Afrika. Zina ukwasi wa maudhui, mitindo ya uwasilishaji, mbinu za lugha na ubunifu wa hali ya juu. Utazipenda!



Beluwa Tamthilia | Pauline Kyovi

Hii ni tamthilia ya kibwege iliyo na tanzia pamoja na ucheshi wa aina yake. Mchezo huu unaigiziwa ndani ya chumba kimoja, lakini mumu humo, wahusika wanabuni mandhari tofauti na kubadilisha nafsi zao ili kuakisi wahusika wengine waliowabuni. Mchezo wenyewe unashughulikia maudhui mengi ya kisiasa, kijamii na kiuchumi kwa kutumia kejeli, taashira, jazanda na tashtiti kwa ufanifu mkubwa, miongoni mwa tamathali nyingine.



## Ningekuwa na Uwezo

**Tamthilia** | Katama Mkangi

Je, ungekuwa na uwezo wa kubadili ulimwengu unamoishi, ungeubadili? Ungebadili nini?



MKUU ni mradi unaolenga wanafunzi katika kidato cha kwanza na cha pili. Visa katika mradi huu hakika vitamwacha msomaji na taharuki ya kutaka kusoma zaidi.



**Tabadilisha Jina Novela** | Leonard Sanja

Tubadilishe Jina ni riwaya inayomulika maovu mbalimbali katika jamii yetu ya leo, na madhara yanayotokana na uongozi mbaya. Hadithi hii, vilevile, inaangazia nafasi ya uanaharakati katika kuupiga msasa uongozi ili kudumisha maadili katika jamii.



### Wema Waliobaki

Novela | Alphonse Ndambuki

Wema Waliobaki ni riwaya inayoakisi sura mbalimbali za maovu yanayotekelezwa na watu wenye tamaa ya kuvuna wasichokipanda katika jamii ya leo.



## Kipendacho Roho Novela | Pauline K. Kyovi

Bado tulisubiri 'wakaishi raha mustarehe'. Siku hiyo nyanya hakumaliza hivyo ... Kadzo anajikuta katika mtego wa hadaa. Alipenda kwa roho, kumbe kipendacho roho ...



## **Mbona Hivi?**

Novela | Shullam Nzioka

Mbona Hivi? ni riwaya inayoangazia masuala yanayoathiri vijana na kuibua mjadala – mjadala wa kujadiliwa leo, kesho na hata siku za usoni – kuhusu mustakabali wa lugha ya Kiswahili katika jamii.



## Amri ya Wakati

Tamthilia | Said A. Mohamed

Kiu ya Matonga inamsukuma kutaka kuhama kwenda nchi za ng'ambo anakodhani atapata riziki. Lakini vyote ving'aavyo si dhahabu ...



Othello Tamthilia | William Shakespere

Othello ni tafsiri ya tamthilia iliyoandikwa na mwaandishi maarufu wa zama zake, William Shakespeare. Ni mfano bora wa tamthilia ya tanzia inayoburudisha, inayofundisha na iliyokaidi mpito wa wakati. Imetafsiriwa na wataalamu wa lugha ya Kiswahili kwa utaalamu wa hali ya juu unaodumisha mvuto na mnato wa kazi asilia.



Waja leo Diwani ya Mashairi Mashairi | OUP

Diwani ya Waja Leo ni mkusanyiko wa mashairi katika mradi wa MKUU kwa shule za upili- kidato cha 1 na 2. Mbali na mashairi yaliyomo yanayomulika kurunzi maisha ya waja (binadamu) wa leo, kitabu hiki kina utangulizi unaomwelekeza msomaji jinsi ya kusoma na kufurahia mashairi. Aidha, kina kielelezo cha maswali ambayo mwanafunzi angetarajia kuulizwa katika mtihani. Utafurahia uhondo wa ushairi!



Si Kitu Novela | Shullam Nzioka

Hii ni novela inayoteka nadhari ya msomaji kwa msuko wake wa kipekee. Kupitia riwaya hii, mwandishi anahimiza umuhimu wa kusamehe. Anawakejeli wanajamii wanaoendeleza chuki, kinyongo, kisasi, choyo na usiri – ingawa anasema zipo siri zinazowekwa ili kumlinda mtu.



Mlemavu? Si Mimi Novela | Godfrev Ipalei

Godfrey Ipalei, kama mhusika mkuu, anajiandikia tawasifu yake kuwatangazia walimwengu kuwa mtu yeyote anaweza kuyafikia malengo yake na kutimiza ndoto zake maishani licha ya changamoto za kimaumbile. Anasisitiza kuwa ulemavu ni wa fikira na mielekeo hasi. Msomaji anatiwa moyo kutambua na kurutubisha kipawa alichonacho.



Tunu ya Ushairi Mashairi | Timothy Arege

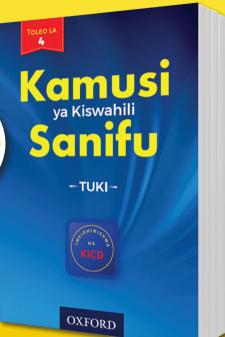
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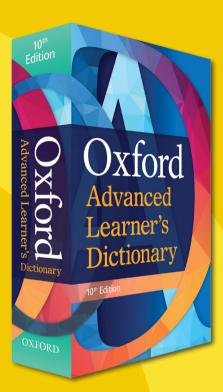


## Upande Mwingine Novela | Ken Walibora

Kimako anarejea Kenya baada ya kuishi uhamishoni. Je, ataukabili ulimwengu wa utoto wake uliogeuka au atarudi uhamishoni kusikomweka?







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