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Literature

Twilight of Crooks : A Novel / Mwalimu Johnnie Macviban
Yaounde: Bakwa Books, 2021
132p.
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156gm.

The year is 1977. Jason Makelekele treads where angels fear to tread as he investigates the murder of an oil tycoon for his column. During a trip to Bonn, Germany, he is disavowed by his country and becomes a stateless person. While he wonders if he will ever see the family and friends he has left behind, Cold War Germany is historically charged with what will be remembered as the German Autumn—a set of events associated with kidnappings by the Red Army Faction.

Midway between neo-noir, political novel and postmodern romp, Twilight of Crooks takes liberties with history, changing names and events such that the line between history and alternative history becomes blurred.

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Sociology

Contemporary Gender and Sexuality in Africa : African-Japanese Anthropological Approach / (Eds) Wakana Shiino & Christine Mbabazi Mpyangu (Series Ed) Motoji Matsuda
Series: African Potential: Convivial Perspectives for the Future of Humanity, Volume 7
Bamenda: Langaa RPCIG, 2021
xviii 348p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index
9789956552726
\$ 45.00 / PB
520gm.

Africa has fostered a rich culture of gender and sexuality from which non-African societies can learn. Most African traditional sexual customs differ greatly from Western colonial thought, which prioritises an individualism that respects the individual's free will and way of life. Regardless of the existence of various images of Africa, globalisation and conflict have made it inevitable that African people today must respond to sudden changes in the political environment and norms due to the influx of new thoughts and ideas. From colonial tensions to the consequences of globalisation, women easily have to sacrifice their sexualities. Also, the reader can observe that the Japanese/African ethnographic surveys in this book are influenced by the researchers' personal backgrounds, including their religion, social class, and sexual orientation.

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