

## Recommended African Literature Reading List

Mentioned by authors at the 2005 Ilkley Literature Festival:

Flora Nwapa – Efurū, Idu, Never Again, One is Enough, Women are Different  
Chinua Achebe – Things Fall Apart (1958), Arrow of God (1964), Anthills of the Savannah (1987)  
Njabulo Ndebele – The Cry of Winnie Mandela  
Ama Ata Aidoo – No Sweetness Here (1970), Our Sister Killjoy (1977), The Girl who Can and other stories (1999)  
Charles Mungoshi - Stories from a Shona Childhood 1989), The Milkman doesn't only deliver Milk (1998), Walking Still (1997)  
Helon Habila – Waiting for an Angel  
Sefi Atta – Something Good Comes  
Lesogo Rampolokeng – The Bavino Sermons, White Heart – prologue to hysteria

For other suggestions for further reading see:

The Think Africa Books brochure (this can be posted out if you email [arts@afriacentre.org.uk](mailto:arts@afriacentre.org.uk))  
Africa 's 100 Best Books of the 20th Century <http://www.zibf.org.zw/awards/100bestbooks.html>  
The Reading Africa project: 30 books selected by SABDET and purchased by many UK libraries last year – for more info see [www.sabdet.com](http://www.sabdet.com)

To keep up to date with some of Africa's brightest young writers – see The Caine Prize  
[www.caineprize.com](http://www.caineprize.com)

Think Africa Books:

Unexpected Joy at Dawn – Alex Agyei-Agyiri  
The Icarus Girl – Helen Oyeyemi  
Boy – Lindsey Collen  
Purple Hibiscus – Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
Season of Migration to the North – Tayeb Salih  
Seventh Street Alchemy – Caine Prize Winners  
The Major Plays 2 – Femi Osofisan  
The Last of the Sweet Bananas: New & Selected Poems – Jack Mapanje  
Middle East and North African Immigrants in Europe – ed. Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi  
The Root Causes of Sudan's Civil War – Douglas H. Johnson  
Oliver Tambo: Beyond the Engeli Mountains – Luli Callinicos  
The Devil that Danced on the Water – Aminatta Forna  
The Street – Biyi Bandele  
Some of my best friends are...- Yasmin Alibhai Brown  
Face Value – Catherine Johnson  
Web of Lies – Beverley Naidoo  
The Bush – Bernard Ashley & Lynne Willey  
The Little Boy Blue – Fatou Keita  
An African Christmas: Making my Own Masquerade – Ifeoma Onyefulu  
The Story of the Crow and the Crab – Walter Bgoya  
Kwani – journal of contemporary African literature

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