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 Worldreader

BB Books 1.06 Simama! (Swahili), Paula Raubenheimer

Big Bug Books

Kierie na Kriekie wanavuka barabara yenye magari mengi.

I Know: Days of the Week, Faith Mwisho

Mountaintop Publishers

Learn the days of the week in this book for beginning readers.

Kiswahili Reader 1: Vokali, Faith Mwisho

Mountaintop Publishers

An early reader in Swahili that introduces vowels.

Little Thithinda and the Wind Game, Karimi Gatimi

Storymoja

Thithinda is a small green tree living in the forest. Thithinda, unsure of her role, asks her parents why she can't fly like the butterflies or play games? Thithinda, with the help of her parents, will come to realize her own gifts and what makes her special. Read about the gifts Thithinda has and how she enjoys life in the forest.

Tusome Tuimbe Tukariri, Angelina D. Mdari

Kenya Literature Bureau

Children learn to read by singing along to the songs in this Kiswahili book.



BB Books 2.02 Tazama, Kierie, tazama! (Swahili), Paula Raubenheimer

Big Bug Books

"Kriekie anamwonyesha Kierie analoweza kufanya Anaweza kutembea, kusimama, kuruka na kurusha teke. Lakini Kierie anafanya nini Kriekie anapofanya ujanja huu?"

Lion, Dog and Cat, Agnes W. Gathumbi

Phoenix Publishers

Longtime enemies, Lion, Dog and Cat, decide to call a truce and become friends. While water and food are plentiful, sharing becomes easy. As hunger sets in, the three animals start having doubts. Will their friendship last? Or, will they return to their old ways?

The Honest Girl, Patrick Birgen

Longhorn Publishers

In this first grade level easy reader from Kenya, Jude and Joy have a lovely time at the market helping their parents sell potatoes and tomatoes. When they lose some money, they are grateful for the honest girl who finds it.



A Tasty Maandazi, Kwame Nyong'o

Self-Published

A 32 page illustrated children's book, 'A Tasty Maandazi' is a delightful day in the life story of a young Kenyan boy, Musa, and his quest to get his favorite treat - a maandazi!

Children's Wisdom Stories, Lucy Wairimu Kibera

Kenya Literature Bureau

This e-book is a combination of 38 different stories for children about animals, human characters, and geographic places. Each story contains a valuable life lesson.

Momo the Monkey Arrives, Shariffa Keshavjee

The CAN-DO! Company

Geno and Alid find themselves caring for baby Momo. He has a happy home with his loving carers but he gets up to a lot of mischief. Is a house really a sensible place for a little monkey?

Pole Mzee Bonga, Rebecca Nandwa

Single Education and Publishers

An adventurous early reader in Swahili that guides readers through new vocabulary with language learning tools.



Attack of the Shidas: AKAs Save Planet Earth!, Muthoni Muchemi*Storymoja*

In a desert town in the far north, people from three communities depend on a borehole for all their water. But the borehole is being emptied at night. Water is running out! The three communities accuse each other of stealing water. But then Tosha, Shana and Pato discover that they have special powers. Can they stop the thieves from sucking all the water in the borehole before war breaks out?

Grandmother's Winning Smile, Stanley Gazemba*Imbada Publishers*

In Grandmother's Winning Smile, Gazemba takes us to rural Africa where Kinuthia's hopes for completing his primary school education, and the bright future it would bring, teeter on the edge after his father first sells the milking cow that is the only source of family income and then deserts him and his aging grandmother. Just when Kinuthia has resigned himself to joining a work-gang in the village his grandmother pulls through, displaying a remarkable amount of cunning and grit in her determination to keep her only grandchild in school and give him a future.



Hidden Treasure of Lamu, Shel Arensen*WordAlive*

From the wild of Amboseli through the historical marvels of Fort Jesus and the ruins of Gedi to the mysterious island of Lamu, the Rhinos survive a murderous ride, cheating death by a whisker. They are on a race against time to save their friend from a shadowy gang. They land on an important clue.

Never Say Never, Anthony Mugo*Longhorn Publishers*

Winner of the Burt Award for African Writing. Anthony Mugo's *Never Say Never* is a compelling story of a teenager's quest for education under the most difficult conditions. Daniel Muthini Njoki, the son of a poor, single mother, is arrested under suspect conditions, but manages to persevere, studying to pass the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education while imprisoned. The sum-total is a superbly well-written novel about the difficulties, the challenges, and the hopes for education in Kenya.

No Need to Lie, Rolf Rainer Schmid*Moran Publishers*

In this extraordinary autobiographical account of a remarkable life, the author describes his rough childhood and adolescence in the impoverished dwellings of Neu Ulm, Germany in the 1940s and 50s before recounting his training as a chef and his travels around the world. He became a celebrated restaurateur and sportsman, and after acquiring Kenyan citizenship, he represented his new home in judo, polo, weightlifting and pistol shooting; excelling in all four of them. After tragedy struck, he ventured on to become a world champion power lifter in the masters over 50 category. For this and all his previous achievements in sports, he was bestowed with the Order of the Grand Warrior of Kenya by His Excellency President Daniel arap Moi.

The Underground Water Puzzle, Elijah M. Karuiki*Longhorn Publishers*

This exciting science adventure tells the story of four friends who learn about the water cycle and help bring water to a remote village, Sukuma. It includes illustrations and diagrams that accompany their adventure and show the parts of a borehole, a drill, and a windmill.



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Echoes of Two Worlds, S Kiyeng

Kenya Literature Bureau

The story of the loves and changing fortunes of Kipsang, a young man from a semi-pastoral community in upcountry Kenya. Harmonious evocations of rural life are the background for the discovery and pathos inevitable in the process of growing up.

Dare to Dream Again!, Fred Geke

WordAlive

Dreams worth chasing can captivate the heart, increase one's momentum, provide focus, and bring astonishing results. This book shows that your dream, even if it may have suffered setbacks, can live, and be realized if pursued wholeheartedly.

Living Memories: Kenya's Untold Stories, Al Kags

Storymoja

"Living Memories" is an eye-opening journey back into Kenya's harsh reality prior to independence in 1963. It is a carefully selected collection of 13 poignant personal stories, documenting for the first time the revelations of ordinary elderly Kenyans about life in the extraordinary era of colonialism. The memoirs are a multifaceted reflection of the pains, regrets, values and hopes of a transitional generation that eloquently share their perspectives on the colonial period, the independence struggle, and the times of forging a brand new Kenya.

The Stubborn, Bediako Asare

Kenya Literature Bureau

In this novel Asare explores the idea of regret. Despite his sound education and wide employment potentials, Okello, the main character in the novel, falls prey to bad company, indolence and criminal pursuits. Follow Okello on his journey to find social morality.

