

African responses to the colonial legacy

Further reading list

The best introductions to the history of post-independence Africa:

- F. Cooper, *Africa since 1940: The Past of the Present* (CUP, Cambridge, 2002)
- R. I. Reid, *A History of Modern Africa: 1800 to the Present* (Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, 2009)
- P. Nugent, *Africa Since Independence: A Comparative History* (2nd edition, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke and New York, 2012)



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Three important books from the 1960s, strongly recommended:

- K Nkrumah, *Neo-colonialism, the last stage of imperialism* (Thomas Nelson, London, 1965; and numerous paperback editions since), the book that coined the term 'neo-colonialism'.
- Oginga Odinga, *Not Yet Uhuru* (Heinemann, London, 1965), by a leading Kenyan nationalist and an important critic of Kenyatta's post-colonial government.
- René Dumont, *False Start in Africa* (Deutsch, London, 1966), a book of great clarity which argues that African leaders needed to rethink and restart their ill-conceived development strategies.

See also:

- M. Mamdani, *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Late Colonialism* (James Currey, Oxford, 1996)

- B. Davidson, *The Black Man's Burden: Africa and the Curse of the Nation-State* (James Currey, London, 1992)
- M. Barrat-Brown and P. Tiffen, *Short-changed: Africa in World Trade* (Pluto Press, London, 1992)
- S. Decalo, *Coups and Army Rule in Africa: Motivations and Constraints* (Yale UP, New Haven, 2nd edition, 1991)
- K. Shillington, *Ghana and the Rawlings Factor* (Macmillan, Basingstoke, 1992)
- T. Sankara, *Thomas Sankara Speaks: The Burkina Faso Revolution, 1983-87* (Pathfinder Press, New York & London, 2nd edition, 2007), a sincere attempt to establish a socialist transformation of his country before he was assassinated by his 'loyal' comrade, Blaise Campaoré.
- E.E. Osaghae, *Crippled Giant: Nigeria since Independence* (Hurst, London, 1998)
- M. Gould, *The Struggle for Modern Nigeria: The Biafran War, 1967-1970* (I. B. Taurus, London, 2011), an important recent book, substantially based upon direct interviews with the two principal protagonists, Jack Gowon and the late Emeka Ojukwu. The friendship of the author with both men in their youth in pre-independence Nigeria, and his consequent interviews with them, bring new insights into this destructive conflict.

For **Nyerere and Tanzania**, see:

- C. Legum and G. Mmari (eds), *Mwalimu. The influence of Nyerere* (James Currey, London, 1995)
- G. Hyden, *Beyond Ujamaa in Tanzania: Underdevelopment and an uncaptured peasantry* (UCP, Berkeley and LA, 1980)
- J. Barkan (ed), *Beyond Capitalism vs. Socialism in Kenya and Tanzania* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder, 1994)

- D. McHenry, *Limited Choices: The Political Struggle for Socialism in Tanzania* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder and London, 1994)

The challenges and dilemmas of development: debt and international aid

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The two best general surveys on the period are:

- F. Cooper, *Africa since 1940: The Past of the Present* (CUP, Cambridge, 2002)
- P. Nugent, *Africa Since Independence: A Comparative History* (2nd edition, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke and New York, 2012)

See also:

- R. Lensink, *Structural Adjustment in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Longman, London, 1996)
- D. E. Sahn, P. A. Dorosh and S. D. Younger, *Structural Adjustment Reconsidered: Economic Policy and Poverty in Africa* (CUP, Cambridge, 1997)
- P. Bond, *Looting Africa: the economics of exploitation* (Zed Books, London and New York; University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, Pietermaritzburg, 2006), a powerful polemical exposé of the outpouring of Africa's wealth to the developed industrial world.

On **international aid**:

- B. Everill and J. Kaplan (eds), *The History and Practice of Humanitarian Intervention and Aid in Africa* (Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2013)
- Alex De Waal, *Famine Crimes: Politics and the Disaster Relief Industry in Africa* (African Rights, London; James Currey, Oxford; and Indiana UP, Bloomington, 1997)

- D. Moyo, *Dead Aid: Why Aid is not working and how there is another way for Africa* (Allen Lane, London, 2009), a controversial and important challenge to all African leaders from a Zambian economist with wide international experience.
- J. Glennie, *The trouble with aid: Why less could mean more for Africa* (Zed Books, London and New York, 2008), taking a similar line to Moyo in criticising official government to government aid for impoverishing Africa.
- C. Toulmin, *Climate Change in Africa* (Zed Books, London and New York, 2009), an important book that ranges across water, food, forests, cities, bio-fuels and the potential for increased conflict as a result of global climate change.

For international organisations in Africa, see:

- K. Nkrumah, *African Must Unite* (Heinemann, London, 1963; eBook link: <http://www.assatashakur.org/forum/black-purpose-book-club/46726-africa-must-unite-kwame-nkrumah-ebook.html>)
- G. Naldi, *The Organization of African Unity: An Analysis of its Role* (Mansell, London and New York, 1989)
- Adekeye Adebajo, *Building Peace in West Africa: Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea-Bissau* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder and London, 2002)

Contemporary Africa

Further reading list

The best general surveys are:

- F. Cooper, *Africa since 1940: The Past of the Present* (CUP, Cambridge, 2002)
- P. Nugent, *Africa Since Independence: A Comparative History* (2nd edition, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke and New York, 2012)

See also:

- S. Ellis, *Africa Now: People, Policies & Institutions* (Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS), The Hague; James Currey, London; and Heinemann, Portsmouth NH, 1996), a collection of fifteen essays that provide an invaluable insight into Africa in the post-Cold War era of the mid-1990s

North Africa:

- J. Reudy (ed), *Islamism and Secularism in North Africa* (St Martin's Press, New York, 1994)
- M. Badran, *Feminists, Islam and Nation: Gender and the Making of Modern Egypt* (Princeton UP, Princeton, 1995)
- S.E. Ibrahim, *Egypt, Islam and Democracy* (American University in Cairo Press, Cairo, 1996)
- R. Lemarchand, *The Green and the Black: Qadhafi's Policies in Africa* (Indiana UP, Bloomington, 1988)
- G. Arnold, *The Maverick State: Qaddafi and the New World Order* (Cassell, London, 1996)

- E.C. Murphy, *Economic and Political Change in Tunisia: From Bourguiba to Ben Ali* (Macmillan, London, 1999)
- R. Malley, *The Call of Algeria: Third Worldism, Revolution and the Turn to Islam* (UC Press, Berkeley and LA, 1996)
- L. Martinez, *The Algerian Civil War, 1990-1998* (Hurst, London, 1999)
- B.A. Mojuetan, *History and Underdevelopment in Morocco: the structural roots of conjuncture* (Lit Verlag, Heiburg, 1995)

West Africa:

- R. Fatton Jnr, *The Making of a Liberal Democracy: Senegal's Passive Revolution* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder and London, 1987)
- E.E. Osaghae, *Crippled Giant: Nigeria since Independence* (Hurst, London, 1998)
- J. Bingen et al. (eds), *Democracy and Development in Mali* (Michigan State UP, Lansing, 2000)
- E. Hutchful, *Ghana's Adjustment Experience: the Paradox of Reform* (James Currey, Oxford, 2002)

For Sierra Leone and Liberia, see:

- P. Richards, *Fighting for the Rain Forest: War, Youth and Resources in Sierra Leone* (James Currey, Oxford, 1998)
- J. L. Hirsch, *Sierra Leone: Diamonds and the Struggle for Democracy* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder and London, 2001)
- S. Ellis, *The Mask of Anarchy: The Destruction of Liberia and the Religious Dimension of an African Civil War* (Hurst, London, 1999)

- D. Hoffman, *The War Machines: Young men and violence in Sierra Leone and Liberia* (Duke UP, Durham NC and London, 2012)
- C. M. Waugh, *Charles Taylor and Liberia: Ambition and Atrocity in Africa's Lone Star State* (Zed Books, London and New York, 2011)
- P. Richards, *Ebola. How a People's Science Helped End an Epidemic* (Zed Books, London, 2016) examines how local expertise and common sense did more to bring the Ebola outbreak of 2013-14 under control than the panicky response of external 'scientific experts'

The Horn of Africa:

- C. Gordon, *The Horn of Africa* (St Martin's Press, New York, 1994)
- J. Markakis, *National and Class Conflict in the Horn of Africa* (CUP, Cambridge, 1987)

For **Eritrea**, see:

- R. Bereketeab, *Eritrea: The Making of a Nation, 1890-1991* (Uppsala, Uppsala, 2000)
- D. Pool, *From Guerrillas to Government: The Eritrean People's Liberation Front* (James Currey, Oxford, 2001)

For **Ethiopia**, see:

- Tiruneh, *The Ethiopian Revolution, 1974-1987: A Transformation from an Aristocratic to a Totalitarian Society* (CUP, Cambridge, 1993)
- O.M. Eide, *Revolution and Religion in Ethiopia, 1974-85* (James Currey, 2000)
- T. Haile Selassie, *The Ethiopian Revolution, 1974-1991: From a Monarchical Autocracy to a Military Oligarchy* (Kegan Paul, New York and London, 1997)

- D. W. Giorgis, *Red Tears: War, Famine and Revolution in Ethiopia* (Red Sea Press, Trenton NJ, 1989)
- J. Young, *Peasant Revolution in Ethiopia: The Tigray Peoples' Liberation Front, 1975-1991* (CUP, Cambridge, 1997)

For **Somalia**, see:

- I.M. Lewis, *A Modern History of the Somali*, 4th edition (Ohio UP, Athens, 2002)
- M. Diriye Abdullahi, *Culture and Customs of Somalia* (Greenwood Press, Westport Conn., 2001)
- M. Lewis, *Blood and Bone: The Call of Kinship in Somali Society* (Red Sea Press, Lawrenceville NJ, 1994)
- J. A. Lefebvre, *Arms for the Horn: US Security Policy in Ethiopia and Somalia, 1953-1991* (University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, 1991)
- J. M. Ghalib, *The Cost of Dictatorship: The Somali Experience* (Lilian Barber Press, New York, 1995)

East Africa:

For **Sudan**, see:

- D.H. Johnson, *The Root Causes of Sudan's Civil Wars* (James Currey, Oxford, 2003), the best introduction to the complexity of Sudan's myriad civil wars, written before the eruption of the war in Darfur in 2004 and the 2005 peace accord.

For **Darfur**, a good place to start is:

- M. W. Daly, *Darfur's Sorrow: A History of Destruction and Genocide* (CUP, Cambridge, 2007), which considers the history of the territory from its origins as an independent Fur Sultanate to its 21st century destruction. The best book to focus specifically on the war and its origins is:

- J. Flint and A. de Waal, *Darfur: A New History of a Long War* (Revised and updated edition, Zed Books, London and New York, 2008).

Also worth consulting is:

- R. Cockett, *Sudan: Darfur and the failure of an African state* (Yale UP, New Haven and London, 2010), which attempts to show that the Darfur conflict is just one part of a complex and much wider zone of conflict.

For **Uganda** see the following four important collections of essays charting Uganda's progress through the 1980s and 90s:

- H.B. Hansen and M. Twaddle (eds), *Uganda Now: Between Decay and Development* (James Currey, London; Heinemann Kenya, Nairobi; and Ohio UP, Athens, 1988)
- H.B. Hansen and M. Twaddle (eds), *Changing Uganda: The Dilemmas of Structural Adjustment & Revolutionary Change* (James Currey, London; Fountain Press, Kampala; Ohio UP, Athens; and Heinemann Kenya, Nairobi, 1991)
- H.B. Hansen and M. Twaddle (eds), *From Chaos to Order: The Politics of Constitution-Making in Uganda* (James Currey, London and Fountain Press, Kampala, 1995)
- H.B. Hansen and M. Twaddle (eds), *Developing Uganda* (James Currey, Oxford; Fountain Press, Kampala; Ohio UP, Athens; and EAEP, Nairobi, 1998)

See also:

- H. Behrend, *Alice Lakwena and the Holy Spirits: War in Northern Uganda, 1986-97* (James Currey, Oxford, 1999)
- Y. K. Museveni, *Sowing the Mustard Seed: The Struggle for Freedom and Democracy in Uganda*, edited by Elizabeth Kanyogonya and Kevin Shillington (Macmillan, Basingstoke, 1997)

- Y. K. Museveni, *What is Africa's Problem? Speeches and Writings on Africa* With a forward by Julius K. Nyerere (NRM Publications, Kampala, 1992)
- J. Barkan (ed), *Beyond Capitalism vs. Socialism in Kenya and Tanzania* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder, 1994)

For the Islands:

- M. Brown, *History of Madagascar* (Markus Weiner, Princeton, 2000)
- S. Randrianja and S. Ellis, *Madagascar. A Short History* (Hurst & Co., London, 2009)
- M. Newitt, *The Comoro Islands: Struggle against Dependency in the Indian Ocean* (Westview Press, Boulder, Colo., 1984)
- K. Shillington, *History of Modern Seychelles* (Macmillan Education, Oxford, 2009)
- E. Dommen and B. Dommen, *Mauritius: an island of success, 1960-1993* (James Currey, Oxford, 1999)
- K. Shillington, *Jugnauth. Prime Minister of Mauritius* (Macmillan, Basingstoke, 1991)

Central Africa:

- R. Lemarchand, *Burundi: Ethnic Conflict and Genocide* (CUP, Cambridge, 1995)
- G. Prunier, *The Rwanda Crisis: History of a Genocide, 1959-94* (Fontana, Kampala, 1995)
- M. Mamdani, *When Victims Become Killers: Colonialism, Nativism and the Genocide in Rwanda* (James Currey, Oxford; Fountain, Kampala; and David Philip, Cape Town, 2001)

- G. Prunier, *Rwanda in Zaire: From Genocide to Continental War* (Hurst, London, 2000)
- C.P.Scherrer, *Genocide and Crisis in Central Africa: Conflict Roots, Mass Violence and Regional War* (Praeger, Westport, 2002)

Southern Africa:

- Tvedten, *Angola: Struggle for Peace and Reconstruction* (Westview Press, Boulder, 1997)
- T. Hodges, *Angola: Anatomy of an Oil State*, 2nd edition (James Currey, Oxford, 2001)
- Q. K. J. Masire, *Very Brave or Very Foolish? Memoirs of an African Democrat* (Macmillan Botswana, Gaborone, 2006), the memoirs of Botswana's second president.
- S. Moyo, *The Land Question in Zimbabwe* (SAPES, Harare, 1995), written before the eruption of the land occupations.
- H. Holland, *Dinner with Mugabe. The untold story of a freedom fighter who became a tyrant* (Penguin UK, London, 2008), an interesting insight into the psychology of this controversial African leader.
- M. Martin, *The Revolution Deferred: The Painful Birth of Post-Apartheid South Africa* (Verso, London, 1994)
- L. S. Graybill, *Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa: Miracle or Model?* (Lynne Rienner, Boulder and London, 2002)
- T. Lodge, *Politics in South Africa: From Mandela to Mbeki* (Indiana UP, Bloomington, 2003)

- S.L. Robins (ed), *Limits to Liberation in South Africa: Citizenship and Governance after Apartheid* (Ohio UP, Athens, 2004)
- M. Gevisser, *A Legacy of Liberation: Thabo Mbeki and the Future of the South African Dream* (Palgrave Macmillan, New York and Basingstoke, 2009), a full-length biography of Mandela's successor as President of South Africa.
- Russell, *After Mandela: The Battle for the Soul of South Africa* (Hutchinson, London, 2009), a journalists critical look at South Africa under the Mbeki Government.

On Africa and the **AIDS** pandemic, see:

- M. Hunter, *Love in the Time of AIDS: Inequality, Gender and Rights in South Africa* (Indiana UP, Bloomington, 2010)
- Alex de Waal, *AIDS and Power: Why There is No Political Crisis – Yet* (Zed Books, London & New York; and David Philip, Cape Town, 2006). See also the final chapter of J. Iliffe, *Africans: The History of a Continent* (2nd edition, CUP, Cambridge, 2007)

For **China and Africa**, see:

- D. Brautigam, *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa* (OUP, Oxford, 2011), and the same author's article on Chinese aid in Africa in *China Today* (2011) –
- <http://www.american.edu/sis/faculty/upload/Brautigam-Chinese-Aid-in-Africa.pdf>