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The Song of Our Father East African Educ Press

Song of Lawino and Song of Ocol are among the most successful African literary works. Song of Lawino is an African womans lamentation over the cultural death of her western educated husband - Ocol. In Song of Ocol the husband tries to justify his cultural apostasy. These songs were translated from Acholi by the author. They evince a fascinating flavour of the African rhythmical idiom.

Efuru Chinese Bound Classics

A collection of essays about the author's

concern about Africa's cultural future. Book of Songs (Shi-Jing) Heinemann International Incorporated

This edited book examines the crucial role still played by African languages in pedagogy and literatures in the 21st century, generating insights into how they effectively serve cultural needs across the African continent and beyond. Boldly positioning African languages as key resources in the 21st century, chapters focus on themes such as language revolt by marginalized groups at grassroots level, the experience of American students learning African languages, female empowerment through the use of African languages in music, film and literary works, and immigration issues. The contributions are written by scholars of

language, literature, education and linguistics, and the book will be of interest to students and scholars in these and related areas.

Song of a Prisoner LifeRich Publishing
The Song of Our Father (cf. The Song of Hiawatha) is the story of a patriarch of the Niger Delta in West Africa, told in poetry like its homophonic cousin, and rhymed in 29 of 30 chapters. The Prologue flashes back to 1834 when the British explorer Richard Lander made his second expedition to the area and was killed while passing through the protagonist's home town, Angiama. Interestingly, the forebears of John Lander, Richard's brother and co-explorer - Megan and Emily - made an anniversary trip in 2004 to mark the 200th birthday of Richard Lander's birth.

The Frank-Opigo family made contact with them through the British High Commission in Nigeria to encourage them to come down the River Niger as far as Angiama, the point where Richard died. That “event” is captured in the Epilogue. Between the Prologue and the Epilogue is a microscopic story of Nigeria and the Niger Delta, told through the life of Nicholas Abo Frank-Opigo, 1926 – 2010. Snapshots of Nigeria’s pre-independence, independence, the Biafra civil war and its aftermath, are all retold in a new perspective and with fresh details. The culture of the people of the Niger Delta underline sections of the narrative. Certain previously untold details of the Biafran warlord, General Chukwuemeka Odumegwu-Ojukwu, come to light, as the protagonist was one of his provincial Administrators. Above all, it is the poignant story of a man, told by his son, who grew up in challenging circumstances and rose through sheer gumption from grass to grace – to gasp.

Gender Representation in Song of Lawino and Song of Ocol Springer

Science & Business Media

Two African literary works by Okot P'Bitek available together in the African Writers

Series.

Coming to Birth Waveland Press

On the island of Wayo Wayo, every second son must leave on the day he turns fifteen as a sacrifice to the Sea God. Atile'i however is determined to defy destiny and become the first to survive. Across the sea, Alice Shih's life is interrupted when a vast trash vortex comes crashing onto the shore of Taiwan, bringing Atile'i with it. In the aftermath of the catastrophe, Atile'i and Alice retrace her late husband's footsteps into the mountains, hoping to solve the mystery of her son's disappearance. On their journey, memories will be challenged, an unusual bond formed, and a dark secret uncovered that will force Alice to question everything she thought she knew.

[Kweema kwa nakalindu](#) Interlink Publishing

Humorous and ironical folk tales revealing the customs and thought of the West Africans.

Notes on Okot P'Bitek's "song of Lawino", And, "Song of Ocal". African Books Collective

The narrator of Always Coca-Cola, Abeer Ward (fragrant rose, in Arabic), daughter

of a conservative family, admits wryly that her name is also the name of her father's flower shop. Abeer's bedroom window is filled by a view of a Coca-Cola sign featuring the image of her sexually adventurous friend, Jana. From the novel's opening paragraph—"When my mother was pregnant with me, she had only one craving. That craving was for Coca-Cola"—first-time novelist Alexandra Chreiteh asks us to see, with wonder, humor, and dismay, how inextricably confused naming and desire, identity and branding are. The names—and the novel's edgy, cynical humor—might be recognizable across languages, but Chreiteh's novel is first and foremost an exploration of a specific Lebanese milieu. Critics in Lebanon have called the novel “an electric shock.”

Song of Lawino Springer

"Song of Lawino is a biting, though profoundly compassionate, satire on modern Africa, in which the author has almost incidentally evolved a new African form of English literature and language"-- Back cover

[Notes on Okot P'Bitek's "Song of Lawino" And" Song of Ocol"](#) Heinemann

Educational Books

Song of Lawino & Song of Ocol Waveland Press

Wer pa Lawino Waveland Press

Grace Nichols gives us images that stare us straight in the eye, images of joy, challenge, accusation. Her 'fat black woman' is brash; rejoices in herself; poses awkward questions to politicians, rulers, suitors, to a white world that still turns its back. Grace Nichols writes in a language that is wonderfully vivid yet economical of the pleasures and sadnesses of memory, of loving, of 'the power to be what I am, a woman, charting my own futures'.

Song of Lawino and Song of Ocol

Random House

First published in Acoli as *Lak Tar*, this novel from the late Ugandan author of *Song of Lawino*, *Song of Ocol* and other major works, is the story of society on the threshold of change. A young Acoli man wishes to marry but cannot raise the bridewealth. He travels to Kampala to find work, and the author humorously relates his efforts.

[The Man with the Compound Eyes](#) East African Publishers

A new translation of the late Okot p'Bitek's

classic epic poem 'Wer pa Lawino', first published in Acholi in 1969, and recently listed in Africa's 100 Best Books. Lawino is a female voice, taking issue with her husband whom she witnesses imitating a European culture which is destroying a more deeply rooted African culture.

Notes on Okot P'Bitek's Song of Lawino & Song of Ocol U of Nebraska Press

Appearing in 1966, *Efuru* was the first internationally published book, in English, by a Nigerian woman. Flora Nwapa (1931-1993) sets her story in a small village in colonial West Africa as she describes the youth, marriage, motherhood, and eventual personal epiphany of a young woman in rural Nigeria. The respected and beautiful protagonist, an independent-minded Ibo woman named *Efuru*, wishes to be a mother. Her eventual tragedy is that she is not able to marry or raise children successfully. Alone and childless, *Efuru* realizes she surely must have a higher calling and goes to the lake goddess of her tribe, *Uhamiri*, to discover the path she must follow. The work, a rich exploration of Nigerian village life and values, offers a

realistic picture of gender issues in a patriarchal society as well as the struggles of a nation exploited by colonialism.

Lak tar Heinemann

In this quietly powerful and eminently readable novel, winner of the prestigious Sinclair Prize, Kenyan writer Marjorie Macgoye deftly interweaves the story of one young woman's tumultuous coming of age with the history of a nation emerging from colonialism. At the age of sixteen, Paulina leaves her small village in western Kenya to join her new husband, Martin, in the bustling city of Nairobi. It is 1956, and Kenya is in the final days of the "Emergency," as the British seek to suppress violent anti-colonial revolts. But Paulina knows little about, about city life, or about marriage, and Martin's clumsy attempts to control her soon lead to a relationship filled with silences, misunderstandings, and unfulfilled expectations. Soon Paulina's inability to bear a child effectively banishes her from the confines of traditional women's roles. As her country at last moves toward independence, Paulina manages to achieve a kind of independence as well: She accepts a job that will require her to

live separately from her husband, and she has an affair that leads to the birth of her first child. But Paulina's hard-won contentment will be shattered when Kenya's turbulent history intrudes into her private life, bringing with it tragedy—and a new test of her quiet courage and determination. Paulina's patient struggles for survival and identity are revealed through Marjorie Macgoye's keen and sensitive vision—a vision which extends to embrace the whole of a nation and a people likewise struggling to find their way. As the *Weekly Standard of Kenya* notes, "Coming to Birth is a radical novel in firmly asserting our common humanity."

Notes on Okot P'Bitek's Song of Lawino & Song of Ocol Macmillan

The fine arts first emerged divided by the five senses yet, since their very origin, they have projected aesthetic networks among themselves. Music, song, painting, architecture, sculpture, theatre, dance - distinct in themselves - grew together, enhancing each other. In the present outburst of technical ingenuity, individual arts cross all barriers, as well as proliferate in kind. Hence the traditional criteria of appreciation and enjoyment vanish. The

enlarged and ever-growing field calls for new principles of appreciation and new values, essential to our culture. This collection initiates an inquiry into the aesthetic foundations of the fine arts. Their common aesthetic nature, as well as the differentiating specificities which sustain them, might reveal the universal role of aesthetics in human life. Studies by Paula Carabell, J. Fiori Blanchfield, R. Riese Hubert, R. Gray, D. Lipten, J. Parsons, S. Brown, C. Osowie Ruoff, T. Raczka, K. Karbenier and others.

Virago Press

The Book of Songs (or Shi-jing), the oldest existing anthology of Chinese poetry, comprises 305 works created over centuries. Some feature lyrics in simple language that reflects the common people, addressing love and courtship, political satire, and protest. Others focus on court life and dynasties; nearly all rhyme. This stunning dual-language edition features 32 beautiful verses, including "Se Miu," about a man exhaustedly working for the king, and "Odes Of Yong (Bo Zhou)," a melancholy love poem.

Song of Lawino University of Virginia Press

Gabriel Okara, a prize-winning author whose literary career spans six decades, is rightly hailed as the elder statesman of Nigerian literature. The first Modernist poet of anglophone Africa, he is best known for *The Fisherman's Invocation* (1978), *The Dreamer, His Vision* (2005), and for his early experimental novel, *The Voice* (1964). Arranged in six sections, *Gabriel Okara: Collected Poems* includes the poet's earliest lyric verse along with poems written in response to Nigeria's war years; literary tributes and elegies to fellow poets, activists, and loved ones long dead; and recent dramatic and narrative poems. The introduction by Brenda Marie Osbey contextualizes Okara's work in the history of Nigerian, African, and English language literatures. *Gabriel Okara: Collected Poems* is at once a treasure for those long in search of a single authoritative edition and a revelation and timely introduction for readers new to the work of one of Africa's most revered poets. *The Cow-Tail Switch* Fountain Pub Limited During his lifetime, Okot pBitek was concerned that African nations, including his native Uganda, be built on African and not European foundations. Traditional

African songs became a regular feature in his work, including this pair of poems, originally written in Acholi and translated into English. Lawino's words in the first poem are not fancy, but their creative patterns convey compelling images that reveal her dismay over encroaching Western traditions and her Westernized husband's behavior. Ocol's poem underlines Lawino's points and confirms her view of him as a demeaning and arrogant person whose political energies and obsession with wasting time are destructive to his family and his community. The gripping poems of Lawino and Ocol capture two opposing approaches to the cultural future of Africa at the time and paint a picture that belongs in every modern reader's

cognitive gallery.

Song of Lawino and Song of Ocol Rowman & Littlefield

Engaging important discussions about social conflict, environmental change, and imperialism in Africa, *Different Shades of Green* points to legacies of African environmental writing, often neglected as a result of critical perspectives shaped by dominant Western conceptions of nature and environmentalism. Drawing on an interdisciplinary framework employing postcolonial studies, political ecology, environmental history, and writing by African environmental activists, Byron Caminero-Santangelo emphasizes connections within African environmental

literature, highlighting how African writers have challenged unjust, ecologically destructive forms of imperial development and resource extraction. *Different Shades of Green* also brings into dialogue a wide range of African creative writing—including works by Chinua Achebe, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, Bessie Head, Nadine Gordimer, Zakes Mda, Nuruddin Farah, Wangari Maathai, and Ken Saro-Wiwa—in order to explore vexing questions for those involved in the struggle for environmental justice, in the study of political ecology, and in the environmental humanities, urging continued imaginative thinking in effecting a more equitable, sustainable future in Africa.