The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children’s, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

Books about the African Continent or Multiple Countries in Africa

**Say You’re One of Them**
by Uwem Akpan
This singular collection of five stories takes the reader inside Nigeria, Benin, and Ethiopia, revealing in beautiful prose the harsh consequences of life in Africa for children. 358 pages

**The Old Way**
by Elizabeth Thomas
The author revisits her experiences studying the Kalahari San people in Africa and documents their behavior as hunter-gatherers. 343 pages

**The Africa Book**
by Matt Phillips
Provides an overview of the African continent. 263 pages

**The Last Train to Zona Verde**
by Paul Theroux
A travel writer journeys through western Africa from Cape Town to the Congo. 353 pages

**Crossing the Heart of Africa**
by Julian Smith
Describes how the author recreated the journey of British explorer Ewart Grogan across Africa in part to secure a proposal acceptance from his future wife, revealing how Grogan’s sojourn was also performed to establish marital worthiness. 328 pages

**Africa: Natural Spirit of the African Continent**
by Gill Davies
This beautifully illustrated book takes a journey through the majestic continent of Africa, exploring people, places, and animals in greatly contrasting habitats. 256 pages

**Empires in the Sun**
by Lawrence James
In this compelling history of the men and ideas that radically changed the course of world history, James investigates and analyzes how, within a hundred years, Europeans persuaded and coerced Africa into becoming a subordinate part of the modern world. 391 pages
Africa: Altered States, Ordinary Miracles
by Richard Dowden
Dowden spins tales of cults and commerce in Senegal and traditional spirituality in Sierra Leone; analyzes the impact of oil and the Internet on Nigeria and aid on Sudan; and examines what has gone so badly wrong in Rwanda and the Congo. 576 pages

Race for Timbuktu
by Frank T. Kryza
Chronicles the true story of Major Alexander Gordon Laing and the race to discover Timbuktu during the early part of the nineteenth century, an era when the African continent was still largely uncharted. 322 pages

The Bright Continent
by Dayo Olopade
A Nigerian-American journalist attempts to dispel the warring, impoverished, and pitiful images of Africa so prevalent in the media with the joyful and innovative country she knows by highlighting the commercial opportunities and technological innovations to be found there. 272 pages

Love, Africa
by Jeffery Gettleman
A seasoned war correspondent, Gettleman has served as the East Africa bureau chief for the New York Times for the past decade. At age 19, he fell in love with East Africa and a fellow Cornell student, and would be torn between these two passions for the following decade. 325 pages

Books by Country or Region

Angola

Njinga of Angola
by Linda M. Heywood
One of history’s most multifaceted rulers but little known in the West, Queen Njinga rivaled Elizabeth I and Catherine the Great in political cunning and military prowess. Today, she is revered in Angola as a heroine and honored in folk religions. 310 pages

Botswana

No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency
by Alexander McCall Smith
Working in Botswana, Precious Ramotswe investigates several local mysteries, including a search for a missing boy and the case of the clinic doctor with different personalities for different days of the week. 235 pages

Botswana
by Sara Louise Kras
Learn about the geography, people, government, culture, history, religion, economy, and wildlife of Botswana. 144 pages

Whatever You Do, Don’t Run
by Peter Allison
A safari guide shares true tales from his forays into Botswana and neighboring countries, including tales of spending the night in a tree with marauding hyenas below and finding a leopard in his tent with him. 246 pages

Twenty Chickens for a Saddle
by Robyn Scott
At the age of seven, Robyn Scott moved with her family from New Zealand to Botswana. While growing up in Botswana was fairly idyllic, the family was also aware of the darker undercurrents of life in Africa. 453 pages
### Burundi

**Small Country**  
by Gaël Faye  
*F FAYE*  
*In 1992 Burundi, 10-year-old Gabriel enjoys his carefree days, but those days and his innocence come to a brutal end when Burundi and neighboring Rwanda are hit with civil war and genocide. 183 pages*

**This Voice in My Heart**  
by Gilbert Tuhabonye  
*967.572 TUH*  
*The sole survivor of an act of genocide that killed more than one hundred Tutsi children, the author, now a world-class athlete, describes his experiences, his remarkable survival and escape, and his odyssey from devastation to a new life. 260 pages*

**The Night the Angels Came**  
by Chrissie Chapman  
*BIO CHAPMAN*  
*Trained as a midwife, Chrissie Chapman went to Burundi in the 90s to open a maternity clinic and dispensary. While she was there, the country descended into a civil war. With prayer, persistence, and tremendous trust in miracles and the protection of angels, Chapman worked tirelessly through it all. 191 pages*

### Democratic Republic of the Congo

**City of Saints and Thieves**  
by Natalie C. Anderson  
*YA F ANDERSON*  
*Sixteen-year-old Tina and two friends leave Kenya and slip into the Congo, from where she and her mother fled years before, seeking revenge for her mother’s murder. 401 pages*

**Endangered**  
by Eliot Schrefer  
*YA F SCHREFER*  
*Sophie is not happy to be back in the Congo for the summer, but when she rescues an abused baby bonobo she becomes more involved in her mother’s sanctuary. When the sanctuary is attacked, Sophie must rescue the apes and survive the jungle. 264 pages*

**Empty Hands, Open Arms**  
by Deni Ellis Bechard  
*599.885 BEC*  
*A fascinating account of one NGO’s surprisingly successful efforts to save the endangered bonobo great apes and the Congolese rainforest they call home. 330 pages*

**Congo: The Epic History of a People**  
by David Van Reybrouck  
*967.51 REY*  
*Van Reybrouck reviews some of the most dramatic episodes in Congolese history. 639 pages*

**How Dare the Sun Rise**  
by Sandra Uwiringiyimana  
*YA BIO UWIRINGI*  
*The author shares the story of her survival of the Gatumba massacre, despite losing her sister, and how after moving to America she found healing through art and activism. 288 pages*

### Egypt

**The Pharaoh’s Secret**  
by Marissa Moss  
*J F MOSS*  
*When 14-year-old Talibah and her 10-year-old brother Adom, visit modern day Egypt with their historian father, they become involved in a mystery surrounding Hatshepsut, a woman pharaoh, and Senenmut, architect of her mortuary tomb, as well as their own deceased mother. 308 pages*

**In a Perfect World**  
by Trish Doller  
*YA F DOLLER*  
*When her mother establishes an eye clinic for the poor in Cairo, 17-year-old Caroline has to move with her. While there, she encounters a culture, a city, and a boy who challenge her thoughts on love, faith, and privilege. 294 pages*
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<td>963.507 WRO</td>
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<td>Offers a revealing study of the human cost of the AIDS pandemic in Africa by telling the story of Haregewoin Teferra, a widowed recluse in Ethiopia, who has become the caretaker of 60 children orphaned by the AIDS crisis. 472 pages</td>
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<td>Nega Mezlekia</td>
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The Wife’s Tale
by Aida Edemariam
A memoir of Yetemengu, a woman who lived in Ethiopia amidst Fascist invasion, Allied bombardment, revolution, and civil war. She tells of parenthood, her husband’s imprisonment, death of children, and her fight for justice in the landscape and culture of Ethiopia. 314 pages

Ghana

King Peggy
by Peggielene Bartels
"King Peggy" is the charming real-life fairy tale of an American secretary who discovers she has been chosen king of an impoverished fishing village on the west coast of Africa. 333 pages

Ivory Coast

The Bitter Side of Sweet
by Tara Sullivan
Inspired by the bravery and love of Khadija, two young boys must escape a life of slavery in modern-day Ivory Coast. 299 pages

Aya: Life in Yop City
by Marguerite Abouet
Explore 1978 Ivory Coast through the story of Aya, a studious and clear-sighted 19-year-old, along with her friends and family at a time of prosperity and stability in West Africa. 344 pages

Kenya

Burn My Heart
by Beverly Naidoo
Two boys, one white and one black, share a friendship in 1950s Kenya. But suspicions and accusations are rising as Africans begin to rebel against white landowners. 209 pages

Circling the Sun
by Paula McLain
 Tells the life story of Beryl Markham, who worked as a horse trainer, adventurer, and aviator in Kenya, where she becomes a force to be reckoned with in the small British expat colony. 366 pages

City of Thorns
by Ben Rawlence
Rawlence interweaves the stories of nine individuals to show what life is like in the Dadaab refugee camp and to sketch the wider political forces that keep the refugees trapped there. 384 pages

Unbowed
by Wangari Muta Maathai
The recipient of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize describes her life as a feminist, political activist, and environmentalist in Kenya, detailing her role in the transformation of Kenya’s government. 314 pages

Wildflower
by Mark Seal
"Vanity Fair" contributing editor Seal tells the mesmerizing story of the captivating life and shocking death of world-renowned naturalist Joan Root. 232 pages

Love, Life, and Elephants
by Daphne Sheldrick
A conservationist who has dedicated her life to saving orphan elephants in Africa describes her relationships with her late husband, Tsavo Park warden David Sheldrick, and a host of animals. 334 pages
Liberia

**Dream Country**
by Shannon Gibney

*YA F GIBNEY*

Spanning two centuries and two continents, follow the story of five generations of young people caught in a spiral of death and exile between Liberia and the United States. 335 pages

Madame President
by Helene Cooper

*BIO JOHNSON-SIRLEAF*

The extraordinary story of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's rise from the clutches of domestic violence to become an international banking executive, political icon, president of Liberia, and Nobel Peace prize winner. 320 pages

Malawi

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**
by William Kamkwamba

*BIO KAMKWAMB*

This immensely engaging tale relates how an enterprising teenager in Malawi builds a windmill from scraps he finds around his village and brings electricity--and a future--to his family. 273 pages

Morocco

**Tangerine**
by Christine Mangan

*F MANGAN*

After arriving in Tangier with her husband, Alice is reunited with an old friend who introduces her to the culture of Morocco, but she begins to question everything when her husband disappears. 308 pages

**The Caliph's House**
by Tahir Shah

*964.3805 SHA*

Shah and his family move to Morocco and purchase the Caliph's house, which is said to be haunted. 349 pages

In Arabian Nights
by Tahir Shah

*BIO SHAH*

Travel writer Shah shares stories and experiences of his time in Morocco. 388 pages

Namibia

**The Place of Stunted Ironwood Trees**
by David P. Crandall

*968.81 CRA*

Crandall follows a tribe of African herdsmen over the course of a year, sharing the events such as life and death that affect this Namibian tribe. 269 pages

Nigeria

**Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree**
by Adaobi Nwaubani

*YA F NWAUBANI*

The simple dreams of a girl are shattered when her Nigerian village is attacked by a terrorist group. Kidnapped along with other girls and women, she is forced to follow her captors' radical beliefs. As impossible as escape may seem, she must fight for her life and her future. 330 pages

**Stay with Me**
by Ayobami Adebayo

*F ADEBAYO*

A married Nigerian couple grapples with loss and betrayal in order to create a family of their own. 257 pages

**Every Day is for the Thief**
by Teju Cole

*F COLE*

Visiting Lagos after many years away, Teju Cole's unnamed narrator compares present-day Lagos to the Lagos of his memory, and in doing so reveals changes that have taken place in himself. 162 pages
Rwanda

Over a Thousand Hills I Walk with You
by Hanna Jansen

When war broke out in Rwanda, Jeanne, a Tutsi girl, fled her home with her family. However, only Jeanne managed to survive. Based on Jeanne’s true story, this book tells of the events of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. 342 pages

Land of Second Chances
by Tim Lewis

Explores how the cycling movement has brought hope to Rwandans in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide, and follows cyclist Adrien Niyonshuti’s quest to obtain a spot at the London Olympics. 331 pages

Genocide in Rwanda
by Frank Spalding

A history of modern Rwanda focused primarily on the Rwandan genocide and its aftermath. 64 pages

Escape from Rwanda
by John Yves Bizimana

Describes the author’s experience of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, horrifying escape, and subsequent experiences as a refugee. 144 pages

Left to Tell
by Immaculee Ilibagiza

Presents the true story of a woman who endures the murder of her family as a result of genocide in Rwanda and turns to prayer for strength, love, and forgiveness. 215 pages

Sierra Leone

Kamakwie: Finding Peace, Love, and Injustice in Sierra Leone
by Kathleen Martin

In an account of her time in the small village of Kamakwie in Sierra Leone, the author describes the inhabitants' daily struggles with poverty, memories of the recent civil war, and hopes for the future. 175 pages

A Long Way Gone
by Ishmael Beah

The author recounts his time fighting as a child soldier in Sierra Leone. 229 pages

Bite of the Mango
by Mariatu Kamara

When Mariatu set out for a neighborhood village in Sierra Leone, she was kidnapped and tortured, and both of her hands cut off. She turned to begging to survive. This heart-rending memoir is a testament to her courage and resilience. 216 pages

Somalia

Somalia in Pictures
by Janice Hamilton

Learn about Somalia and the people through pictures and text. 80 pages

The Mayor of Mogadishu
by Andrew Harding

When the country collapsed into civil war and anarchy, Tarzan and his young family became part of an exodus, eventually spending twenty years in North London. But in 2010 Tarzan returned, as mayor, to the unrecognizable ruins of a city now almost entirely controlled by the Islamist militants of Al Shabab. 278 pages
South Africa

**When Morning Comes**  
by Arushi Raina  
*YA F RAINA*  
Four teenagers become tied to each other through a series of chance meetings during the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. 221 pages

**The World Beneath**  
by Janice Warman  
*YA F WARMAN*  
In 1970s South Africa, Joshua rescues a freedom fighter on the run and must make difficult choices as he learns about the volatile political situation. 159 pages

**Open the Jail Doors—We Want to Enter**  
by Stuart A. Kallen  
*YA 323.168 KAL*  
The riveting story of the long struggle against apartheid in South Africa explores the reasons why thousands were willing to die in the fight for civil rights and how their courageous efforts led to the day in 1994 when Nelson Mandela stood before thousands of free South Africans as the nation’s first black president. 160 pages

**The Elephant Whisperer**  
by Lawrence Anthony  
*YA 599.674 ANT*  
When Lawrence Anthony was asked to accept a rogue herd of elephants in his reserve in South Africa, it was the last chance for these elephants. If Anthony didn’t take them, they would be shot. But he had no experience with elephants at all. What was he to do? Take them on, of course! 248 pages

**Playing the Enemy**  
by John Carlin  
*968.065 CAR*  
Nelson Mandela’s decade-long campaign to unite his country, beginning in his jail cell and ending with a rugby tournament. 274 pages

**When She Was White**  
by Judith Stone  
*BIO LAING*  
The story of a young girl who came to symbolize the injustice of apartheid. Born to a pro-apartheid white couple in 1955, Sandra Lang was later reclassified as “coloured” because of her appearance. She elopes with a black man and decides to begin again in a poor black township. 324 pages

**Mandela: My Prisoner, My Friend**  
by Christo Brand  
*BIO MANDELA*  
After more than a decade as a prison guard overseeing Nelson Mandela, Brand, with the assistance of Mail on Sunday Africa correspondent Jones, chronicles the unlikely personal relationship they built. 272 pages

**Nelson Mandela**  
by Beatrice Gormley  
*YA BIO MANDELA*  
From Nelson Mandela’s childhood to his monumental impact on race relations and nonviolent activism, this comprehensive biography shares the truth about the man behind the iconic smile: his struggles, his triumphs, and the sacrifices along the way. 247 pages

**Born a Crime**  
by Trevor Noah  
*BIO NOAH*  
Trevor Noah’s unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. 288 pages

Sudan

**Lost Boy, Lost Girl**  
by John Bol Dau and Martha Arual Akech  
*YA 962.4043 DAU*  
John Bul Dau survived hunger and violence. His wife endured similar hardships. In this book, the two convey the best of African values while relating searing accounts of famine and war. 159 pages
Courageous Boys  
by Ayuel Leek Deng  
962.4043 DEN

The story of two Sudanese youths whose lives were changed by the crisis in Darfur, oil reserves, and terrorism as refugee children faced starvation, disease, and violence. 317 pages

Out of Exile  
by Craig Walzer  
962.7043 OUT

Refugees and abductees recount their escapes from the wars in Darfur and South Sudan and describe life in the major stations on the “refugee railroads. 435 pages

God Grew Tired of Us  
by John Bul Dau  
962.7043 OUT

One man describes his experiences, from the terror and violence of his homeland, to his tortuous escape, to the culture shock he experienced as he struggled to adjust to a new life in America. 287 pages

The Translator: A Tribesman’s Memoir of Darfur  
by Daoud Hari  
962.7043 OUT

Hari shares his experiences first escaping from militias carrying out a vicious genocide and then working for international aid organizations in Darfur, serving as a guide and translator. 204 pages

Tunisia

Benny and Omar  
by Eoin Colfer  
962.7043 OUT

Two boys in Africa, one recently moved from Britain and the other a native, quickly develop a friendship and turn the village upside down, until real life tests them both. 237 pages

Uganda

Child of Dandelions  
by Shenaaz Nanji  
962.7043 OUT

In Uganda in 1972, 15 year-old Sabine and her family, wealthy citizens of Indian descent, try to preserve their normal life during the 90 days allowed by President Idi Amin for all foreign Indians to leave the country, while soldiers and others terrorize them and people disappear. 214 pages

The Teeth May Smile but the Heart Does Not Forget  
by Andrew Rice  
967.6104 RIC

After Idi Amin’s reign was overthrown, the new government opted for amnesty for his henchmen rather than prolonged conflict. Ugandans tried to bury their history, but reminders of the truth were never far from view until a stray clue to the 1972 disappearance of Eliphaz Laki led his son to a shallow grave and resulted in a trial that gave voice to a nation’s past. 363 pages

The Queen of Katwe  
by Tim Crothers  
962.7043 OUT

The astonishing true story of Phiona Mutesi, a teenager from the slums of Kampala, Uganda, who, inspired by an unlikely mentor, a war refugee turned missionary, becomes an international chess champion. 232 pages

Zambia

Scribbling the Cat  
by Alexandra Fuller  
968.9404 FUL

The author details her unique friendship with one of her parents’ neighbors in Zambia, a white African and veteran of the Rhodesian war, and their mutual odyssey to revisit scenes of the war and come to terms with the horrors of warfare. 256 pages
Zimbabwe

**Diamond Boy**
by Michael Williams
When Patson’s family moves to the Marange region of Zimbabwe, he begins working in the mines looking for blood diamonds. After government soldiers arrive, he must travel to South Africa to find his missing sister and a better life. 384 pages

**I Will Always Write Back**
by Caitlin Alifirenka
The true story of an all-American girl and a boy from Zimbabwe and the letter that changed both of their lives forever. 392 pages

**The Fear: Robert Mugabe and the Martyrdom of Zimbabwe**
by Peter Godwin
Journalist Godwin and his sister, Georgina, return to their childhood home and tour the economically devastated and state-terrorized cities, farms, and diamond mines at considerable personal risk, gathering candid interviews with dispossessed farmers, marginalized elites, and former insiders to cast a light on the workings of Mugabe’s dictatorship and psychology, and the “fear factor” crucial to his control. 371 pages

**When a Crocodile Eats the Sun**
by Peter Godwin
Traces how the author routinely traveled between his Manhattan home to Zimbabwe to check on his aging parents, visits during which he witnessed the African region’s dramatic descent into social and political turmoil. 344 pages