



African Literature

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Authors are listed roughly chronologically, in order of the publication of their most important works.

South Africa

Answer	Major Works	Details
Alan <u>Paton</u>	Cry, the Beloved Country Other Works: Too Late the Phalarope; Ah, But Your Land is Beautiful	Stephen Kumalo travels from Ndotsheni to Johannesburg for his son, Absalom , who is executed for the murder of Arthur Jarvis ; Theophilus Msimangu ; Stephen's sister, Gertrude
Nadine <u>Gordimer</u>	July's People Other Works: Burger's Daughter; The Conservationist	the title former servant takes in her former employers, Bam and Maureen Smales , the latter of whom ends the book by running toward a mysterious helicopter
Athol <u>Fugard</u>	"Master Harold"...and the Boys	pay; describes the relationship between Hally and his servants, Sam and Willie
J.M. <u>Coetzee</u>	Disgrace Other Work: The Life and Times of Michael K	describes the decline of professor David Lurie

Nigeria

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Chinua <u>Achebe</u>	Things Fall Apart "An Image of Africa" Arrow of God	Okonkwo lives in Umuofia and kills his adopted son, Ikemefuna a critique of the racism of Joseph Conrad's <i>Heart of Darkness</i>
Wole <u>Soyinka</u>	Death and the King's Horseman The Lion and the Jewel	play; after colonial ruler Simon Pilkings stops Elesin's ritual suicide, Elesin's son, Olunde , dies in his place play; the title characters are Baroka and Sidi
Chimamanda <u>Adichie</u>	Americanah Half a Yellow Sun We Should All Be Feminists	

Other

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Naguib <u>Mahfouz</u> Egypt	Cairo Trilogy Midaq Alley	includes <i>Palace of Desire</i> , <i>Sugar Street</i> , and <i>Palace Walk</i>