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Marxism and African Literature Georg M. Gugelberger, 1986 *Art and Ideology in the African Novel* Emmanuel Marxism and African Literature James Currey, 1986 Theory of African Literature Chidi Ngara, 1985 Amuta, 2017-06-15 This groundbreaking work first published in 1989 was one of the first to challenge the conventional critical assessment of African literature and remains highly influential today Amuta s key argument is that African literature can be discussed only within the wider framework of the dismantling of colonial rule and Western hegemony in Africa In exploring the possibility of a dialectical alternative critical base he draws upon both classical Marxist aesthetics and the theories of African culture espoused by Fanon Cabral and Ngugi From these explorations Amuta derives a new language of criticism which is then applied to works by modern African writers as diverse as Achebe Ousmane Agostinho Neto and Dennis Brutus Amuta s highly original and innovative approach remains relevant not only for assessing the literature of developing countries but for Marxist and postcolonial theories of literary criticism more generally. The author's elegance of argument and clarity of exposition makes this a distinguished and lasting contribution to debates around cultural expression Canonization and Teaching of African Literatures ,2024-11-25 in postcolonial Africa Propaganda, and Literature in Francophone Africa Dominic Thomas, 2002-11-19 What characterizes the relationship between literature and the state Should literature serve the needs of the state by constructing national consciousness espousing state propaganda and molding good citizens Or should it be dedicated to a different kind of creative social endeavor In this important book about literature and the politics of nation building Dominic Thomas assesses the contributions of Francophone African writers whose works have played a key role in the recent transition to democracy in the Congo Exploring the works of Sony Labou Tansi Henri Lopes and Emmanuel Dongala among others Thomas highlights writers intimately involved with government and politics whether in support of the state s vision or with the intention of articulating a more open view of citizens and society Focusing on themes such as collaboration reconciliation identity history and memory Nation Building Propaganda and Literature in Francophone Africa elaborates a broader understanding of the circumstances of African colonization modern African nation state formation and the complex cultural dynamics at work in Africa since The Growth of African Literature African Literature Association. Meeting, 1998 This collection of papers independence results from the 15th annual meeting of the African Literature Association which was held in Dakar Senegal and was the first such meeting to be held in Africa Topics covered include approaches and literary theory language and history thematic analysis and literature in the African Diaspora Writing Across Cultures Omar Sougou, 2021-10-25 This is a timely and comprehensive study combining various critical approaches to the fiction of Buchi Emecheta one of Africa's most illustrious and contentious women writers Feminist Showalter Cixous Kristeva and postcolonial approaches writing back are taken to Emecheta's texts to illuminate the personal political and aesthetic ramifications of the production of this born writer

Poststructural programmes of analysis are shown to be less relevant to this writer's fiction than Marxist and Bakhtinian perspectives Emecheta is shown to be a bridge builder between two cultures and two worlds in narratives both challenging and popular characterized by ambiguity ambivalence and double voiced discourse all of which evince the writer s determination to expose imaginatively the colonial heritage of centre periphery conflicts cultural corruption ethnic discrimination gender oppression and the migrant experience in multiracial communities The Companion to African Literatures G. D. Killam, Ruth Rowe, 2000 Refreshing African Sudies Review The entries are knowledgeable thorough and clearly written Highly recommended Choice an ambitious reference guide to works on African literature African Studies Review This comprehensive compendium will be a handy companion for anyone working on African literatures The entries are authoritative and up to date providing reliable information on the hundreds of authors and texts that have contributed to a whole continent's literary flowering Bernth Lindfors A comprehensive introduction and guide to African authored works with over 1 000 cross referenced entries covering classics in African writing literary genres and movements biographical details of authors and wider themes linking African Afro Caribbean and Afro American literatures **Tongue and Mother Tongue** African Literature Association. Meeting, 2002 Tongue and Mother Tongue takes on two compelling challenges the language guestion and the place and role of the mother tongue in African literature This collection is the culmination of the fierce decades old debate on the question of African literature and its criticism The fourteen essays range from a variety of critical and theoretical perspectives covering the theoretical and ideological aspects of the language question the nature of criticism the influence of the oral tradition critical analysis of mother tongue literature and textual analyses Themes in African Literature Damian Ugwutikiri Opata,2000 The Columbia Guide to West African Literature in English Since 1945 Oyekan Owomoyela, 2008-10-21 Composed by a premier scholar of African literature this volume is a comprehensive guide to the literary traditions of Gambia Sierra Leone Liberia Ghana and Nigeria five distinct countries bound by their experience with colonialism Oyekan Owomoyela begins with an overview of the authors texts and historical events that have shaped the development of postwar Anglophone literatures in this region exploring shifts in theme and the role of foreign sponsorship and illuminating recent debates regarding the language identity gender and social commitments of various authors and their works His introduction concludes with a bibliography of key critical texts The second half of the volume is an alphabetical tour of writers publications concepts genres movements and institutions with suggested readings for further research Entries focus primarily on fiction but also touch on drama and poetry Featured authors include Chris Abani Chinua Achebe Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Cyprian Ekwensi Uzodinma Chukuka Iweala Helen Oyeyemi and Wole Soyinka Topics range from the European origins of African literature and the West African diaspora to the development of an African personality the establishment of a regional publishing industry and the global literary marketplace Owomoyela also discusses such influences as the postwar emergence of Onitsha Market Literature the Mbari Club and the importance of the

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n where is it and what is it And the voice The many critical discourses have not really answered these questions In effect od n is many things To enable the reader to see these the study proceeds with an intermezzo a frame of reference that sets od n the festival in its own historico cultural ecoenvironment identifying the strategies that inform the performance and constitute its aesthetic It is a classical yet for od n an innovative procedure This interdisciplinary background equips the reader with the knowledge necessary to watch the performance to witness its beauty and to understand the half words od n utters And now the performance can begin The voice emerges one last time to introduce the second section which presents two case studies The reader is led day by day through the celebrations od n ed Mor mi s story and its realization in performance then confrontation by the masks of the ancestors duing od n eg ng n particularly as held in Ibadan The meaning of od n becomes clearer and clearer Od n is poetry dances masks food prayer It is play er and belief gb gb It is interaction between the players both performers and spectators It is also politics and power It contains secrets and sacrifices It is a reality with its own dimension and above all as the quintessential site of knowledge it possesses the power to transform In short it is a challenge a challenge that the present book and its voices take up Ngugi Wa Thiong'o Patrick Williams, 1999 Ngugi Wa Thiong o is one of the most important contemporary world writers his name has for many become synonymous with cultural controversy and political struggle Patrick William's lucid analysis offers the most up to date study of Ngugi's writing including his most recent collections of essays Focusing on important aspects of Ngugi s more obscure works and drawing on a wide range of relevant theoretical perspectives this study examines the growing complexity of Ngugi s accounts of the history of colonized and postcolonial Kenya Black Writers From South Africa Jane Watts, 1989-10-02

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