

Africa Resources

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All resources are available from online retailers unless otherwise noted.

Culture Guides

Barsby, Jane. **Kenya**. CultureSmart! series. 2017

This guide to Kenyan culture and society includes local customs and traditions; the impact of history, religion, and politics; the Kenyans at home, work, and play; eating and drinking, Kenyan style; dos, don'ts, and taboos; business practices; communication, spoken and unspoken; and many practical tips.

Byakutaaga, Shirley Cathy. **Tips on Ugandan Culture: A Visitor's Guide**. 2006.

This handbook documents some key aspects of social and cultural practices that foreigners visiting or wishing to stay and work in Uganda will find useful to understand. It illustrates Ugandan English, travel language and shopping language, safety tips, and non-verbal communication.

Winks, Quintin. **Tanzania**. CultureSmart! series. 2009.

This guide to Tanzanian culture and society includes local customs and traditions; the impact of history, religion, and politics; the Tanzanians at home, work, and play; eating and drinking, Tanzanian style; dos, don'ts, and taboos; business practices; communication, spoken and unspoken; and many practical tips.

Development and Aid

Maathai, Wangari. **The Challenge for Africa**. 2009.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai offers a refreshingly unique perspective on Africa's challenges even as she calls for a moral revolution among Africans themselves. Illuminating the complex and dynamic nature of the continent, she deftly describes what Africans can and need to do for themselves, stressing all the while responsibility and accountability.

Moyo, Dambisa. **Dead Aid: Why Aid Is Not Working and How There Is Another Way for Africa**. 2009.

This book reveals why millions are actually poorer because of aid, unable to escape corruption and reduced, in the West's eyes, to a childlike state of beggary. Using hard evidence to illustrate her case, Dambisa Moyo shows how, with access to capital and with the right policies, even the poorest nations can turn themselves around.

Radelet, Steven. ***Emerging Africa: How 17 Countries Are Leading the Way***. 2010.

Since 1995, seventeen African countries have defied expectations and launched a remarkable, if little-noticed, turnaround. This book describes that revitalization and why it is likely to continue, uncovering the national success stories that are often lost in "the Africa debate."

History and Biography

Beah, Ishmael. ***A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier***. 2007.

What is war like through the eyes of a child soldier? How does one become a killer? How does one stop? In this memoir, Ishmael Beah tells of how at the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered Sierra Leone, rendered unrecognizable by violence. By thirteen, he'd been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts.

Ilibagiza, Immaculée, with Steve Erwin. ***Left To Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust***. 2006.

In 1994, Immaculée Ilibagiza's idyllic life in Rwanda was ripped apart as her country descended into genocide and her family was brutally murdered during a three-month killing spree that claimed the lives of nearly a million Rwandans. In those months of terror, Ilibagiza discovered the meaning of truly unconditional love—a love so strong she was able to seek out and forgive her family's killers.

Kaoma, Kapya J. ***Raised Hopes, Shattered Dreams: Democracy, the Oppressed and the Church in Africa (The Case of Zambia)***. 2015.

This book integrates political, economic, and theological analysis in addressing the economic and political developments in Zambia from 1964 to 2014, and the Church's response to them. The book provides the theological rationale for the Church's involvement in politics and suggests practical ways the Church can aid the democratic process and ensure national socio-political and economic well-being.

Rice, Andrew. ***The Teeth May Smile but the Heart Does Not Forget: Murder and Memory in Uganda***. 2009.

In 2000, lawyer Duncan Laki came across a clue to his father's 1972 disappearance, and the ensuing search ultimately led him to a shallow grave—and then to three old soldiers, including Idi Amin's military

chief of staff. Both political history and detective story, this is above all an illumination of the wounded societies of modern Africa and an exploration of how—and whether—the past can ever be laid to rest.

Photo Collections

1,000 Mugs: Empowering Students in South Africa. *[available from the diocesan Global Mission office upon request]*

Marlene Nelson, member of Parish of the Messiah in Auburndale, planned to make 1,000 mugs and sell them to support education for the children of Khethani, South Africa, but the cancer that took her life prevented her from throwing a single mug. Marlene's friend collaborated to make and sell over 1,200 mugs, proceeds from which were used to build a kitchen for Khethani's Celimfundo Primary School.

Pitt, Louis W., Jr. **"Post-Colonial Healing in Central Africa."** 2016. *[available from the diocesan Global Mission office upon request]*

This "illustrated memoir" chronicles the experiences of former All Saints, Brookline, rector Louis W. Pitt, Jr., in Central Africa, first as Dean of the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Lusaka, Zambia, from 1972 – 1977, and then as Sub-Dean of the Anglican Cathedral of St. Mary and All Saints in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 1983 – 1987.

Youth Resources

All Saints Parish, Brookline. **"Joining God's Mission in Mgombezi, Tanzania."** 2010. *[available from the diocesan Global Mission office upon request]*

This binder contains documents that were used with children at All Saints, Brookline, in 2010 as part of a Lenten mission project. Not only did the parish children collect money for a new swingset for children in Mgombezi, they learned about the village, learned several words and phrases in Swahili, and made friendship bracelets for their new friends in Tanzania.