

## NAIROBI BOOK CLUB

[some favorites in **red**  
and Kathryn Toure favorites in **blue**]

<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>
January	Grain of Wheat	Ngugi Wa Thiongo (Kenya)
February	<i>break</i>	
March	<i>break</i>	
April	Baking Cakes in Kigali	Gaile Parkin (Zambian born-about Rwanda)
May	Twenty Chickens for a Saddle	Robyn Scott (Zimbabwe)
June	Stanley: The Impossible Life of Africa's Greatest Explorer	Tim Jeal (UK)
July	<i>break</i>	
<b>August</b>	<b>Cutting for Stone</b>	<b>Abraham Verghese (Ethiopia)</b>
September	One Day I Will Write About This Place	Binyavanga Wainana (Kenya)
<b>October</b>	<b>We Need New Names</b>	<b>NoViolet Bulawayo (Zimbabwe)</b>
November	Paradise	Abdulrazak Gurnah (Tanzania)
December	Movie night: No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series	Alexander McCall Smith (UK-about Botswana)

<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>
January	Notes from the Hyena's Belly	Nega Mezlekia (Ethiopia)
February	Map of Love	Ahdaf Soueif (Egypt)
March	Little Liberia	Jonny Steinberg (US author-about Liberia)
April	Unbowed: A Memoir	Wangari Maathai (Kenya)
<b>May</b>	<b>Americanah</b>	<b>Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche (Nigeria)</b>
June	Spots of a Leopard: on being a man	Aernout Zevenbergen (Holland-Zambia)
<b>July</b>	<b>Dust</b>	<b>Yvonne Adhiambo Owour (Kenya)</b>
August	This Blinding Absence of Light	Tahar Ben Jelloun (Morocco)
<b>September</b>	<b>Reading the Ceiling</b>	<b>Dayo Forster (Gambia)</b>
October	The Magic of Saida	M.G. Vassanji (Tanzania)
<b>November</b>	<b>What is the What</b>	<b>Dave Eggers (US author-about South Sudan)</b>
December	On Black Sisters' Street	Chika Unigwe (Nigeria)

<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Lyrics Alley</b>	<b>Leila Aboulela (Sudan)</b>
February	Little Bee	Chris Cleave (British – about Nigeria)
March	Towards Asmara	Thomas Keneally (Australian-about Eritrea)
April	The Book of Night Women	Marlon James (Jamaica)
May	<i>break</i>	
June	Leaving Before the Rains Come	Alexandra Fuller (British– raised in Zimbabwe)
<b>July</b>	<b>Kintu</b>	<b>Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi (Uganda)</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Boy, Snow, Bird</b>	<b>Helen Oyeyemi (Nigerian born-British)</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>The Memory of Love</b>	<b>Aminatta Forna (Sierra Leone)</b>
October	The Ghosts of Happy Valley	Juliet Barnes (British-Kenyan)
November	Borderlines	Michaela Wrong (British author-about Eritrea)
December	Movie Night: The Ambassador	Mads Brügger (Danish journalist-Documentary)

<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Bom Boy</b>	<b>Yewande Omotoso (Barbados-Nigerian in S.Africa)</b>
February	The Lights of Pointe-Noire	Alain Mabanckou (Republic of Congo)
March	Tram 83	Fiston Mwanja Mujila (DR Congo)

April	<i>break</i>	
May	The Fishermen	Chigozie Obioma (Nigeria)
June	Swallows of Kabul	Yasmina Khadra (Algerian)
July	Ghana Must Go	Taiye Selsasi (Ghana-Nigeria)
August	Orchard of Lost Souls	Nadifa Mohamed (Somalia)
September	Season of Crimson Blossoms	Abubakar Adam Ibrahim (Nigerian)
October	So Long a Letter	Mariama Ba (Senegal)
November	Homegoing	Yaa Gyasi (Ghana), 2016
December	Hairdresser of Harare	Tandai Huchu (Zimbabwe)

### **2017**

	<b><u>Title</u></b>
January	<i>break</i>
February	Under the Udala Trees
March	Consequences of Love
April	The Stone Virgins
May	The Book of Chameleons
June	Confession of the Lioness
July	<i>break</i>
August	postponed due to elections
September	All Our Names
October	The In-Between World of Vikram Lall
November	Triomf
December	<i>break</i>

### **Author**

Chinelo Okparanta (Nigeria)
Suleiman Addonia (Eritrea)
Yvonne Vera (Zimbabwe)
Jose Eduardo Agualusa (Angola)
Mia Couto (Mozambique)
Dinaw Mengestu (Ethiopia)
M. G. Vassanji (Kenya)
Marlene van Niekerk (South Africa)

### **2018**

	<b><u>Title</u></b>
January	Behold the Dreamers
February	Black Mamba Boy
March	<i>break</i>
April	<i>break</i>
May	Stay With Me
May	Born on a Tuesday
June-Aug	<i>break, -most members left</i>
September	Dance of the Jakaranda
October	The Woman Next Door
November	Beasts of No Nation
December	Jambula Tree (short story)

### **Author**

Imbolo Mbue (Cameroon/USA, 2016)
Nadifa Mohamed (Somali/British, 2010)
Ayobami Adebayo (Nigeria, 2017)
ElNathan John (Nigeria, 2015)
Peter Kimani (Kenya, 2017)
Yewande Omotoso (Barbados/Nigeria/SA, 2016)
Uzodinma Iweala (Nigeria, 2005)
Monica Arac de Nyeko (Uganda, 2017)

### **2019**

	<b><u>Title</u></b>
January	<i>break</i>
February	Three Strong Women
March	Waiting for the Wild Beasts to Vote
April	Born a Crime
May	Abyssinian Chronicles
June	Baking Cakes in Kigali
July	The Memory of Love
August	Kintu
September	Tribute to Binyavanga Wainaina (any title)
October	Beneath the Lion's Gaze
November	Science Fiction Night: Binti – or – Do You Dream of Terra Two
December	Americanah

### **Author**

Marie NDiaye (Senegal/France, 2012)
Ahmadou Kourouma (Cote D'Ivoire, 2004)
Trevor Noah (South Africa, 2018)
Moses Isegawa (Uganda, 2001)
Gaile Parkin (Zambian-born, about Rwanda)
Aminatta Forna (Sierra Leone)
Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi (Uganda)
Binyavanga Wainana (Kenya, died May 2019)
Maaza Mengiste (Ethiopia), 2010
Nnedi Okorafor (Nigeria)
Temi Oh (Nigeria)
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Nigeria) 2013

<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>
January	Zeina	Nawal El Saadawi (Egypt), 2011
February	<a href="#">Homegoing</a>	Yaa Gyasi (Ghana), 2016
March	Dear Ijeawela, or A Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Nigeria), 2018
April	The Other Americans	Laila Lalami (Morocco), 2019
May	<a href="#">Silence is My Mother Tongue</a>	Sulaiman Addonia (Eritrea), 2018
June	Dust	Yvonne Adhiambo Owour (Kenya), 2014
July	Transparent City	Ondjaki (Angola), translated 2018