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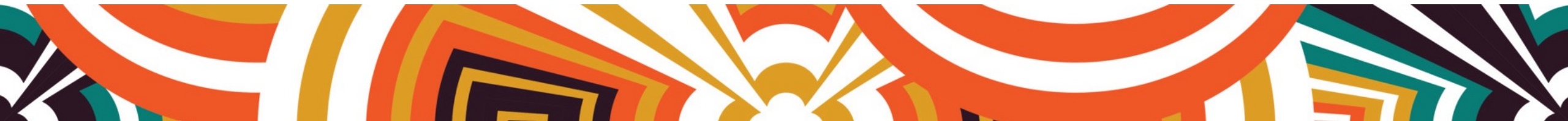


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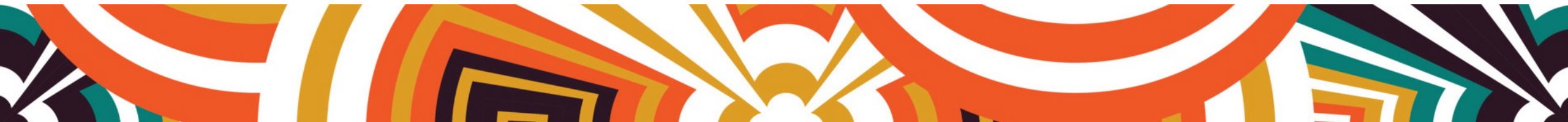


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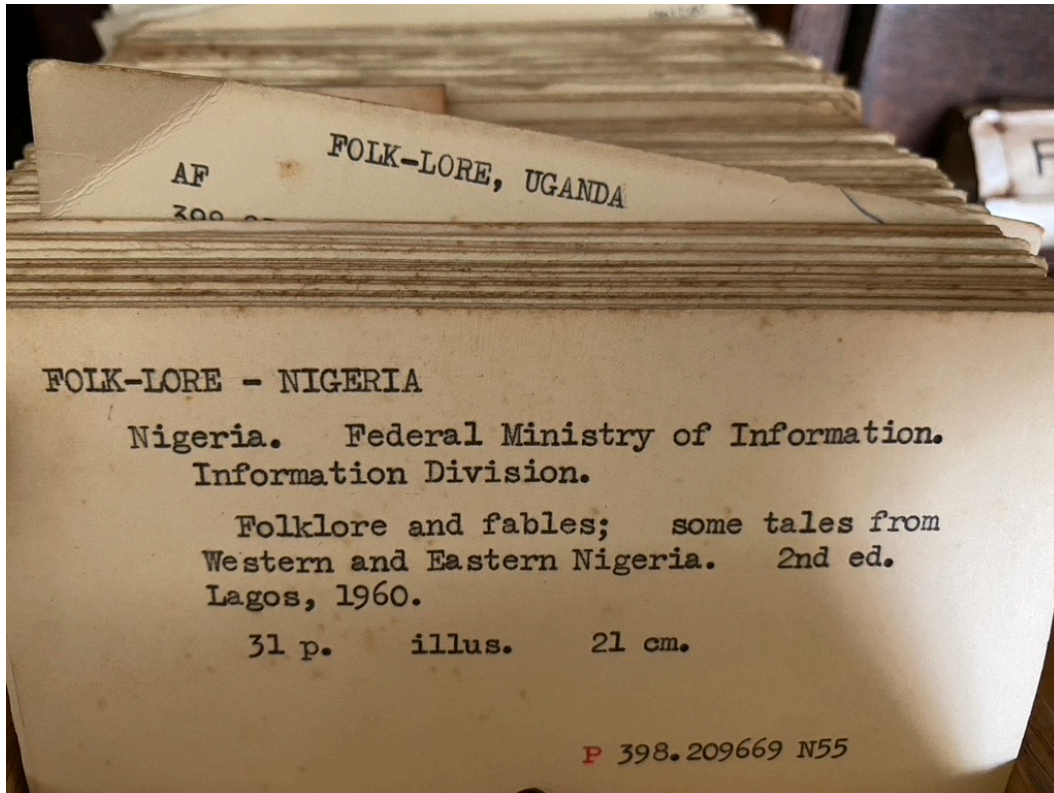


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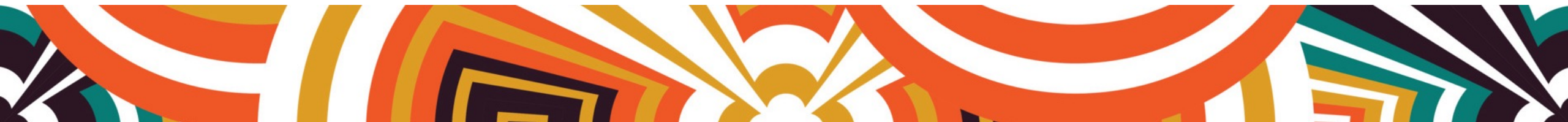
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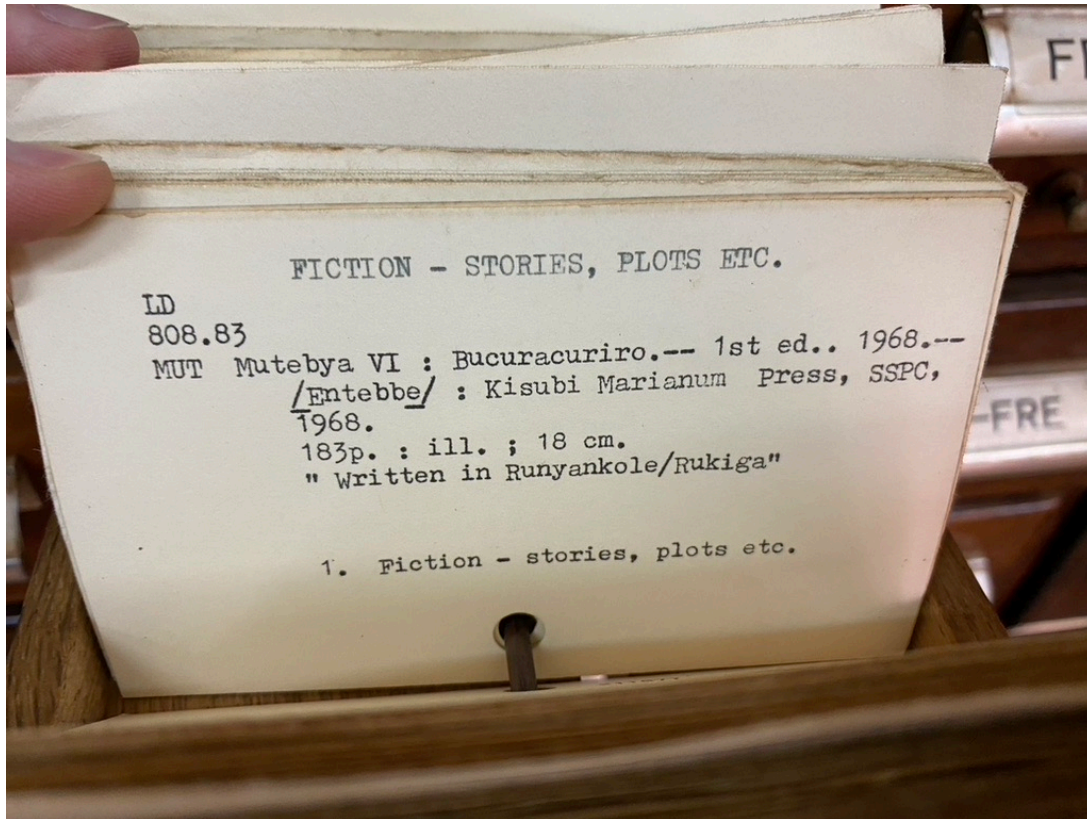
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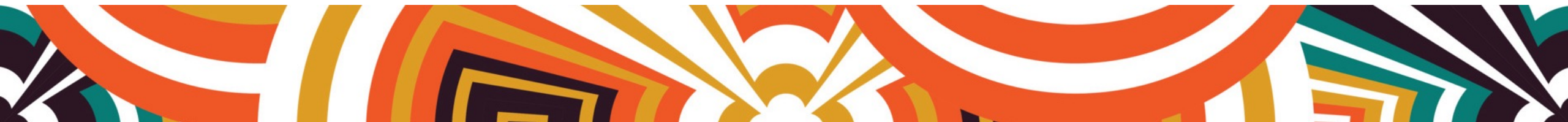
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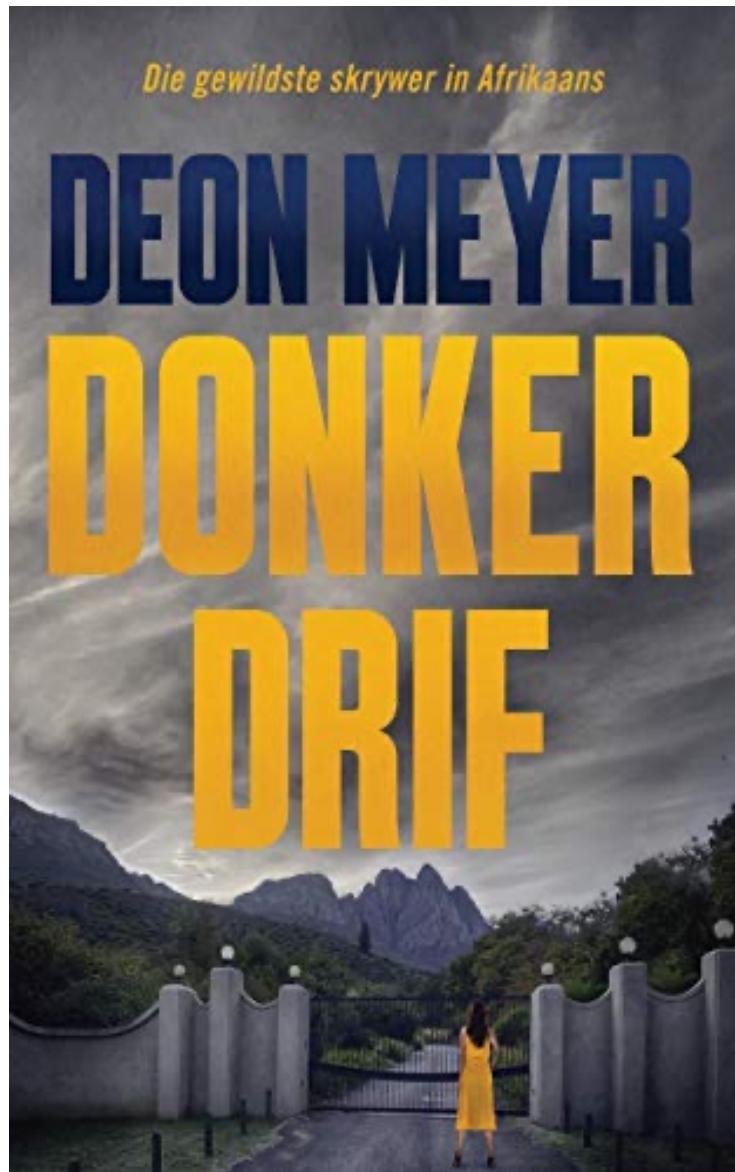
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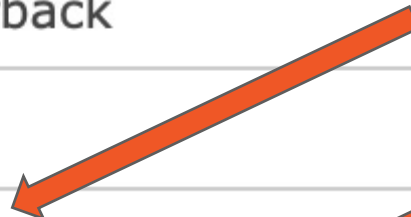




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Of 1008 titles sold in 2020

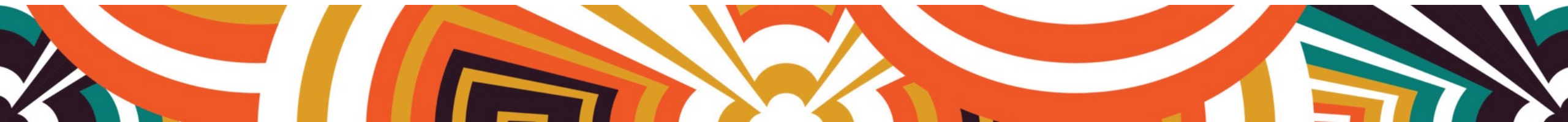
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TOTAL SALES: 280 500



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Diary of a Zulu Girl

*From mud huts, straight
back hair and umqomboti,
to penthouses, expensive
weaves and Moët*

Part 1

MIKE NKULULEKO MAPHOTO

“I’m averaging about 45,000 readers per day and [the publishers] offer \$500 and say that it takes nine months to make a book? That’s a long time because people are already reading something on this book. I turned them down eventually. I am going to self-publish. I’ve already started the process, met the printing company, everything.”

Interview with Mike Maphoto ‘Africa in Words’

<https://africainwords.com/2013/09/16/qa-with-diary-of-a-zulu-girl-author-mike-maphoto/>



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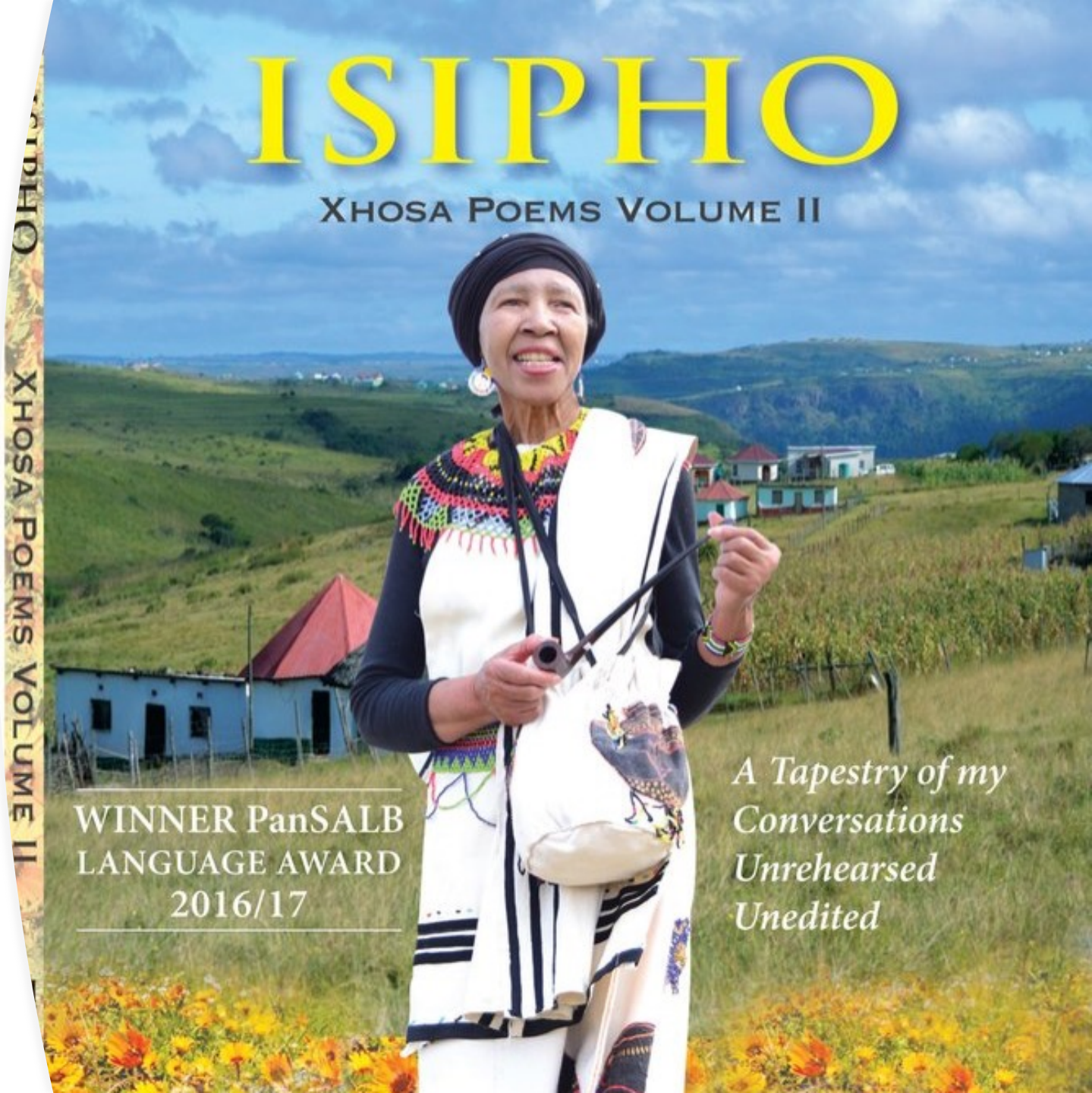
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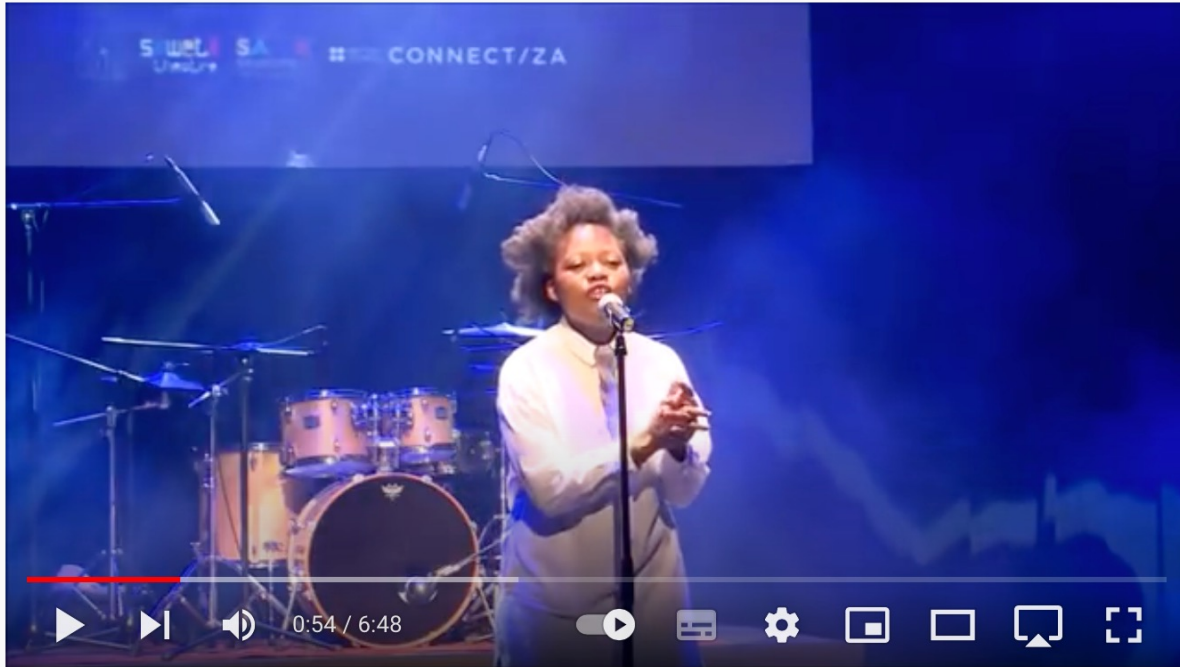
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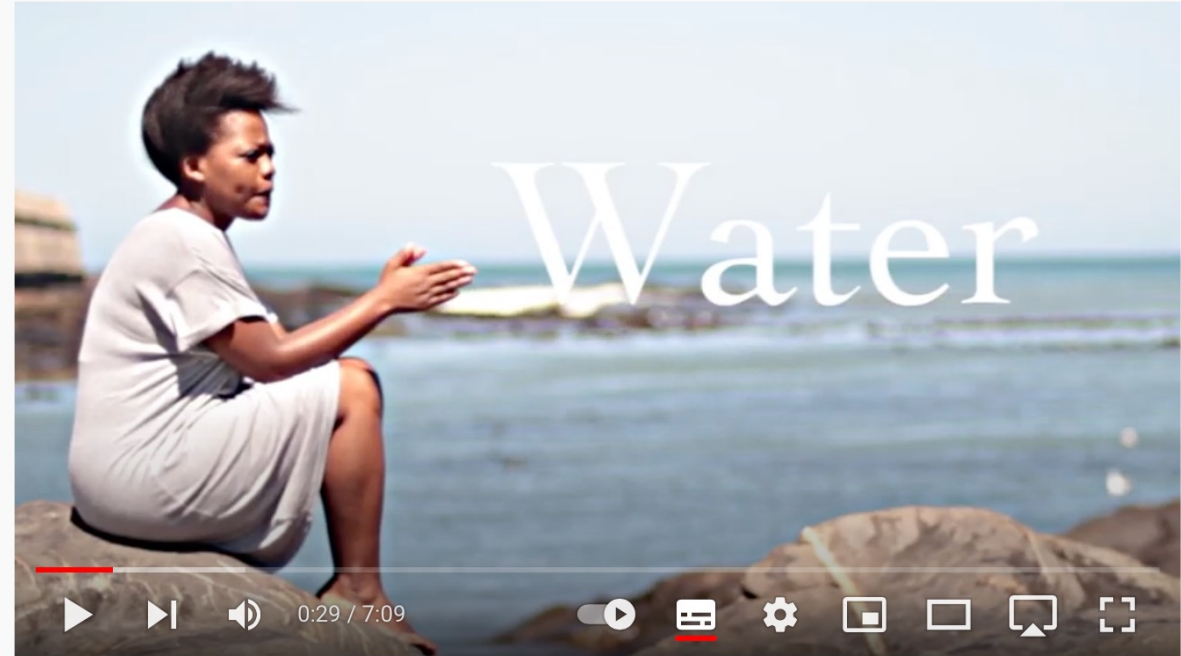


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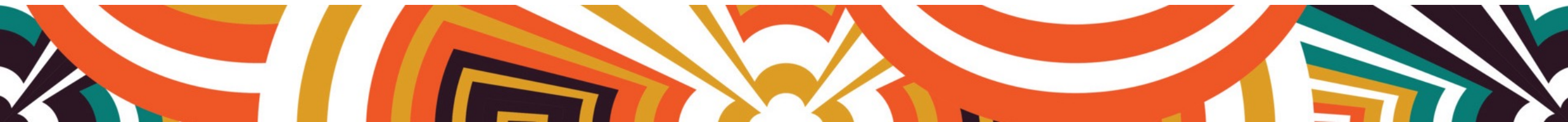
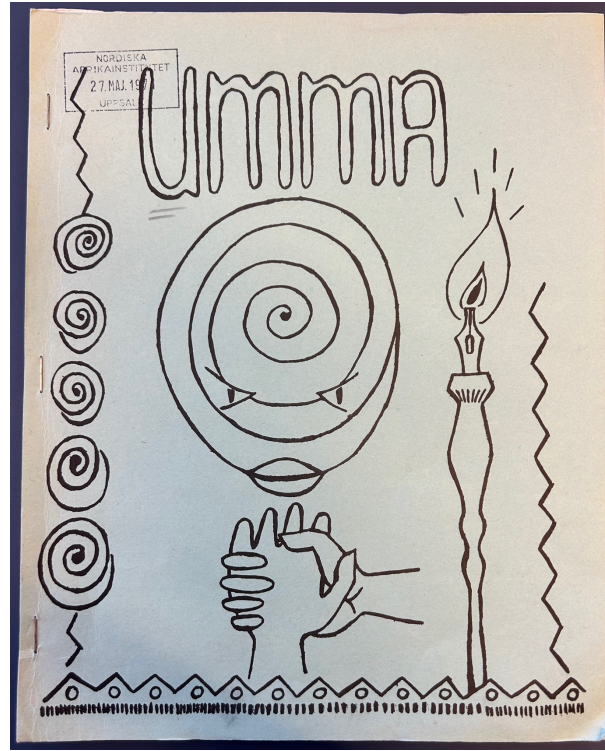
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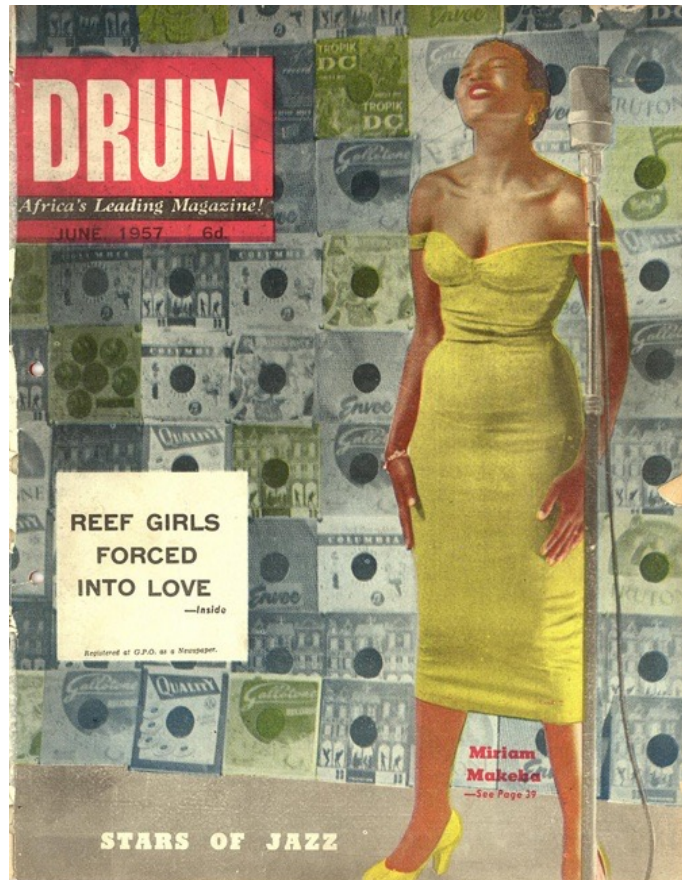
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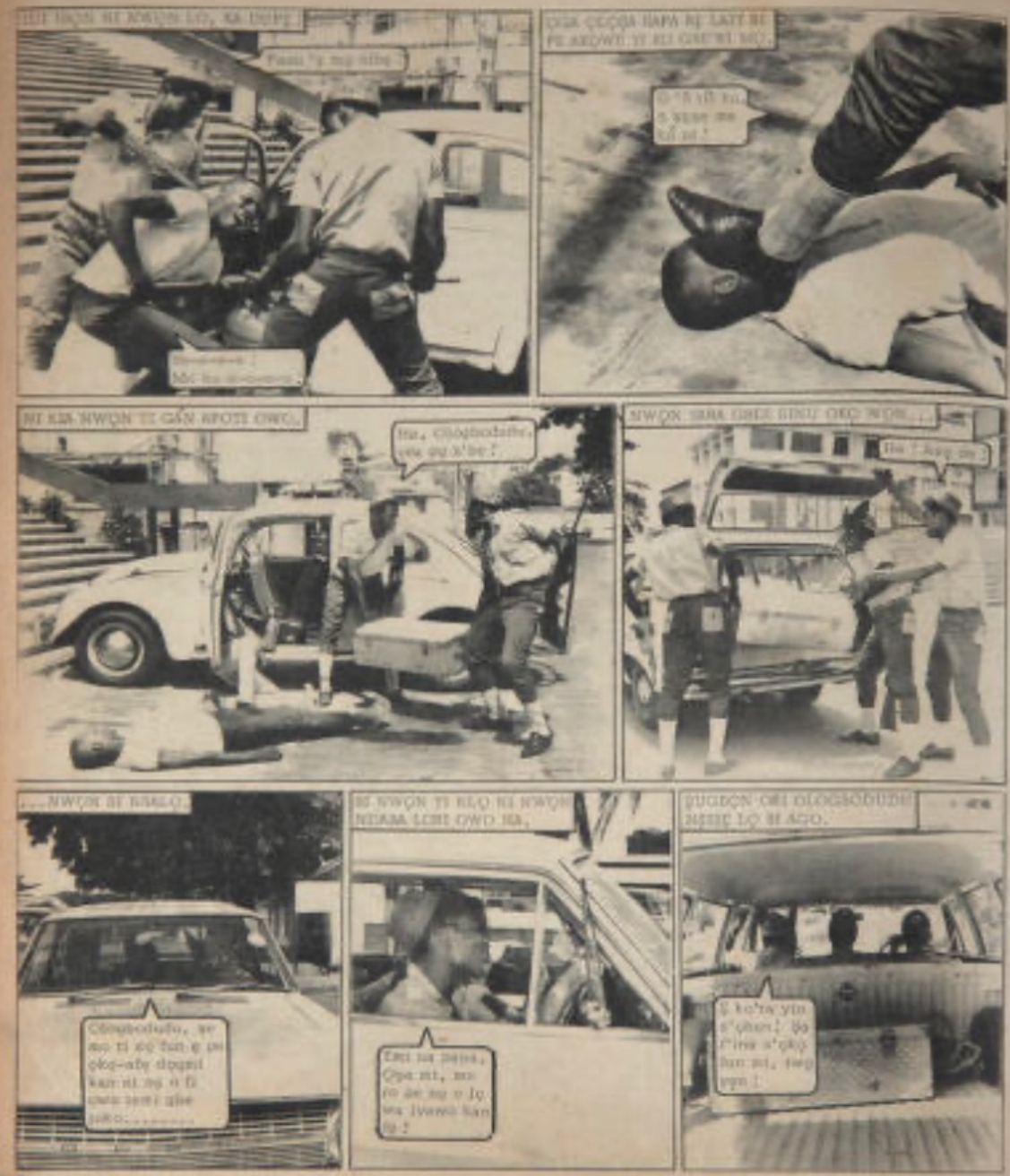


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Ere
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APA KINNI





IT IS STRANGE FOR ME TO SAY THAT MY VISION HAS BEEN... CLOUDED.

04:59

PORTHARCOURT,
NIGERIA.

A THOUGHT THAT RATTLES THE BONES, AS I REALIZE THE FRAGILE NATURE OF THE WORLD I'VE CREATED. I KNEW THIS WAS COMING.



THE AFTERMATH OF ALL MY GOOD INTENTIONS, A DYING GASP THAT HAS BIRTHED A STORM.

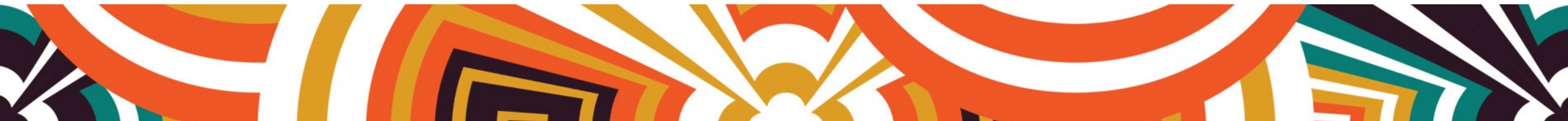


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Ontological Invisibility

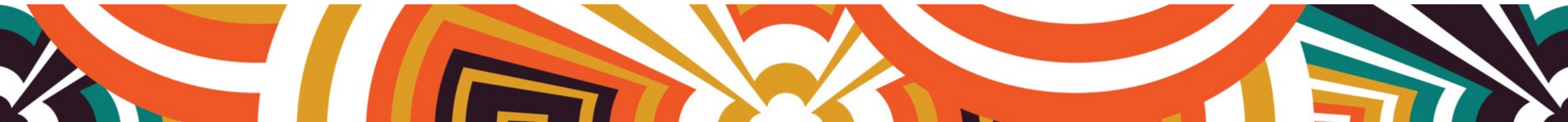


Colonial History of Book

- Book cataloguing – split Oral forms from Written ones (not inherent characteristic of definition of the literary, e.g. Classical Literature and the Epic)
- Print culture – newspapers in colonies, publishers in European and American cities.
- Dominance of European languages

Structural Ephemerality of African literature

- Print forms include low-cost 'zine' pamphlet literatures, comic books, self-published novels and informal or semi-formal literary magazines;
- Oral and performed forms include spoken word poetry, storytelling and street theatre;
- Digital forms, include Facebook and blog fictions, platform fictions, Insta-fiction, YouTube performed fictions, WhatsApp fiction and poetry, and other diverse forms of online poetry, &etc.



Metadata Problem 2

No standard or linked data

- Searchability
- Bigger picture
- Leads to hypervisibility of only formal, published books
- Structural invisibility of informal or semi-formal materials



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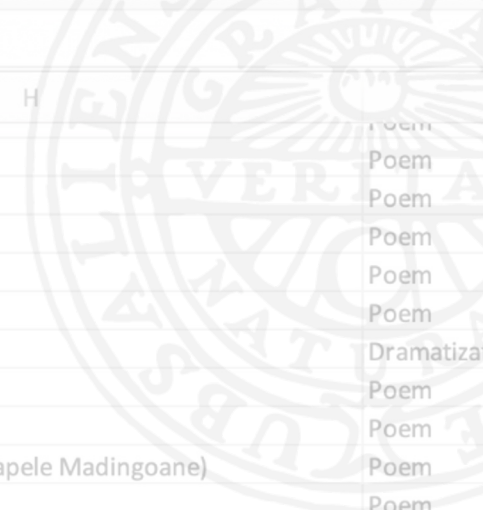
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- South African Poetry and Short Fiction from 1978 to 1993
- Censorship
- 37 issues in total
- Over 2500 individual titles

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3	Chombo cha Kushika Maneno Chatoa	Tape Recorder Reveals Secrets	(sic) J.I. Mwangoji	James Isaac Mwagojo	Baraza weekly	Kenya
4	Kekka Aepuka Kunyongwa	Kekka Escapes Hanging	A. Baka		Taifa weekly	
5	Alihasi na Kukosa Radhi kwa Penzi Har	Lost manhood and Missed Father's Bless	A. I. Awadh	Abdallah I. Awadh	Taifa weekly	
6	Sauti ya Mariamu Yanifanya Kugutuka	Mary's Voice Startles Me	A.A. S--ady (name obscured)		Baraza weekly	Kenya
	Kafyonzwa Damu	Sucked Dry of Blood	A.H. Adan		Baraza weekly	Kenya
8	Mpanda Farasi Wawili Huchanika?	The Rider of Two Horses Usually Gets Sp	A.I. Awadh	Abdallah I. Awadh	Taifa weekly	
9	Mapenzi Yamtokomezwa Kijana Mpare	Love Ruins a Young Pare Man	A.M. Msangi		Baraza weekly	Kenya
10	Sauti ya Kivuli	Voice of the Shadow	A.O. Mwangomba		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
11	Vaiet Kaharibu Mapenzi ya Mke Wangu	Vaiet Destroyed My Wife's Love	A.P. Wamunze		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
12	Mapenzi ya Shida Yamfanya Peter Kuji	Disastrous Love Makes Peter Put Himse	A.S. George		Baraza weekly	Kenya
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17	Ailani Mbachao kwa Gagulo za Mpita	He Gives Up His Old Friend for a New Or	Abdallah I. Awadh	A.I. Awadh	Taifa weekly	
18	Apiganae na Upanga, Hufa kwa Upanga	One Who Fights with a Sword, Dies by t	Abdilahi Omar		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
19	Bonde la Giza	Valley of Darkness	Abdilahi Omar		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
20	Wamboi Ahadaiwa na Kukosa Mume	Wamboi Deceived and Loses Husband	Abigael Muthoni		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
21	Usiache Mbachao kwa Msala Upitao	Don't Leave Your [old familiar] Mat for	Abigael Muthoni		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
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3	Chombo cha Kushika Maneno Chatoa	Tape Recorder Reveals Secrets	(sic) J.I. Mwangoyo	James Isaac Mwagojo	Baraza weekly	Kenya
4	Kekka Aepuka Kunyongwa	Kekka Escapes Hanging	A. Baka		Taifa weekly	
5	Alihasi na Kukosa Radhi kwa Penzi Ha	Lost manhood and Missed Father's Bless	A. I. Awadh	Abdallah I. Awadh	Taifa weekly	
6	Sauti ya Mariamu Yanifanya Kugutuka	Mary's Voice Startles Me	A.A. S--ady (name obscured)		Baraza weekly	Kenya
7	Kafyonzwa Damu	Sucked Dry of Blood	A.H. Adan		Baraza weekly	Kenya
8	Mpanda Farasi Wawili Huchanika?	The Rider of Two Horses Usually Gets Sp	A.I. Awadh	Abdallah I. Awadh	Taifa weekly	
9	Mapenzi Yamtokomezwa Kijana Mpare	Love Ruins a Young Pare Man	A.M. Msangi		Baraza weekly	Kenya
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11	Vaiet Kaharibu Mapenzi ya Mke Wangu	Vaiet Destroyed My Wife's Love	A.P. Wamunze		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
12	Mapenzi ya Shida Yamfanya Peter Kuji	Disastrous Love Makes Peter Put Himse	A.S. George		Baraza weekly	Kenya
13	Ujana Wawavuruga Akili Wapenzi	Their Youth Agitates the Lovers' Minds	A.T. Banzi	Alex T. Banzi	Baraza weekly	Kenya
14	Lazima Nimwoe Nitulize Moyo	I Have to Marry Her to Calm My Heart	A.T. Banzi	Alex Banzi	Baraza weekly	Kenya
15	Najichoma Kisu Kumfuata Msichana A	I Stab Myself with a Knife to Follow a G	A.T. Banzi	Alex T. Banzi	Baraza weekly	Kenya
16	Tafadhali Megi Uwe Wangu wa Milele	Please Megi Be Mine Forever	A.T. Banzi	Alex T. Banzi	Baraza weekly	Kenya
17	Ailani Mbachao kwa Gagulo za Mpita	He Gives Up His Old Friend for a New Or	Abdallah I. Awadh	A.I. Awadh	Taifa weekly	
18	Apiganae na Upanga, Hufa kwa Upang	One Who Fights with a Sword, Dies by t	Abdilahi Omar		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
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20	Wamboi Ahadaiwa na Kukosa Mume	Wamboi Deceived and Loses Husband	Abigael Muthoni		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
21	Usiache Mbachao kwa Msala Upitao	Don't Leave Your [old familiar] Mat for	Abigael Muthoni		Taifa weekly	Nairobi (Kenya)
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23	Salie Aogopa Kurudi Nyumbani Rizavu	Salie Fears Returning Home to the Rese	Abubakar Mohamed		Baraza weekly	Kenya
24	Uvumbuzi wa Chakula na Dawa za Nya	Discovery of Snake Food and Medicine	Adam Kashuru		Taifa weekly	
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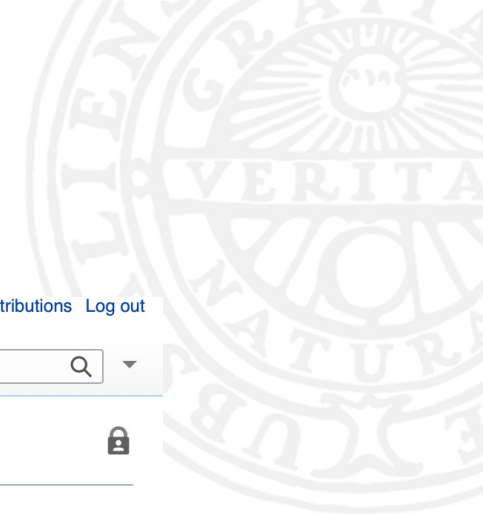
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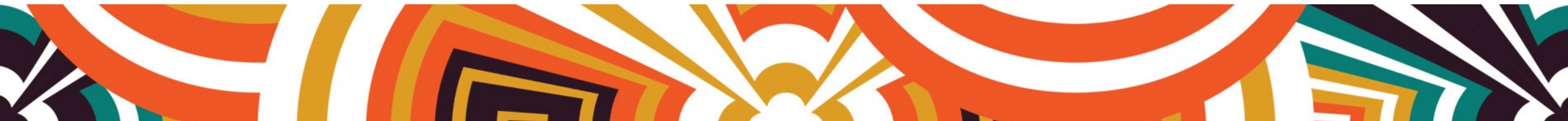


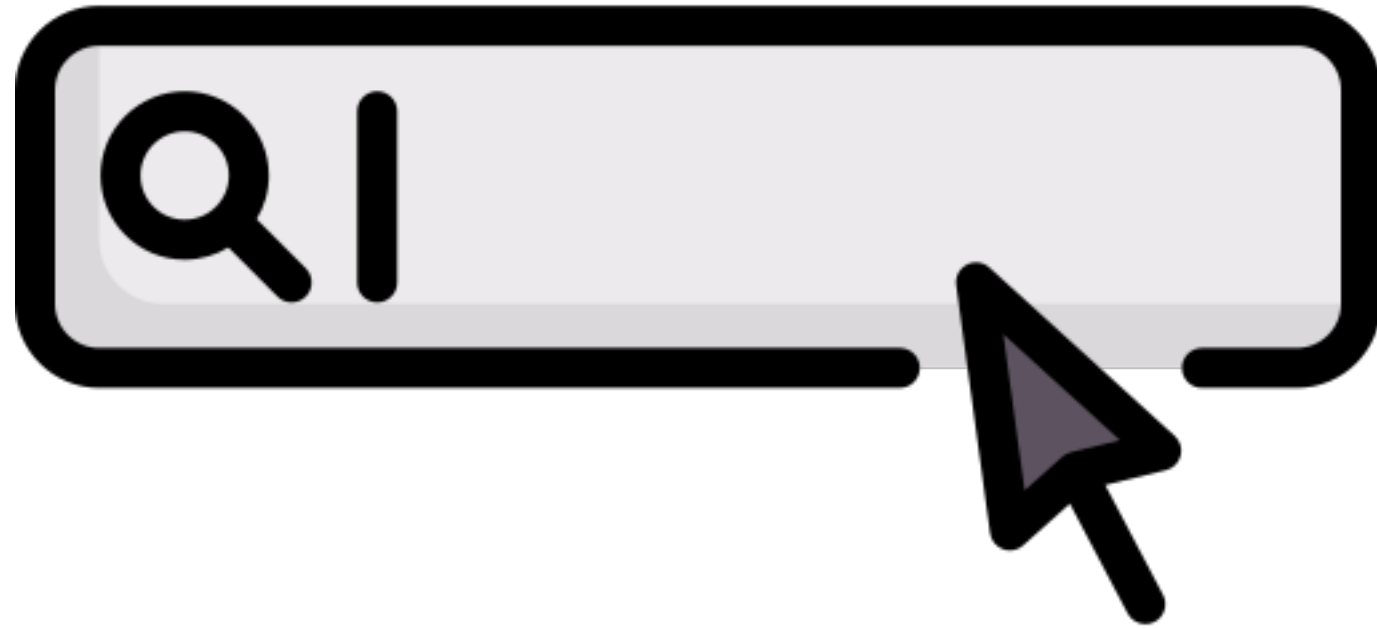
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