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Explores the metafictional strategies of contemporary African novels rather than characterizing them primarily as a response to colonialism.

The profound effects of colonialism and its legacies on African cultures have led postcolonial scholars of recent African literature to characterize contemporary African novels as, first and foremost, responses to colonial domination by the West. In *Africa Writes Back to Self*, Evan Maina Mwangi argues instead that the novels are primarily engaged in conversation with each other, particularly over emergent gender issues such as the representation of homosexuality and the disenfranchisement of women by male-dominated governments. He covers the work of canonical novelists Nadine Gordimer, Chinua Achebe, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, and J. M. Coetzee, as well as popular writers such as Grace Ogot, David Maillu, Promise Okeke, and Rebeka Njau. Mwangi examines the novels' self-reflexive fictional strategies and their potential to refigure the dynamics of gender and sexuality in Africa and demote the West as the reference point for cultures of the Global South.

"Africa Writes Back to Self is a solid contribution ... its emphasis on texts written in local African languages makes it particularly useful. Its combination of reading established African writers alongside more locally known authors provides an uncommon insight into East African literature, making it good reading for scholars wishing to broaden their horizons on various aspects of contemporary African literature." — H-Net Reviews (H-Africa)

"Evan Maina Mwangi, drawing from a rich selection of contemporary African novels, and attentive to their local histories, and sensitive to the nuances of linguistic and cultural translation, offers a bracing, nuanced, and yet surprisingly obvious thesis ... *Africa Writes Back to Self* is deeply pedagogical ... it reflects not only on what should be taught, but also on how it should be taught." — Research in African Literatures

"...Mwangi effectively reinforces the familiar argument that early nationalist texts' metafictional critique of European discourse about Africa masked profound gender chauvinism ... [a] fine and wide-ranging book." — African Studies Quarterly

"...Mwangi is astonishingly well read in English and in several East African languages, and this volume covers both 'literary' and popular writing and novels known regionally as well as internationally." — CHOICE

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