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Five top websites for African literature

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FOR those interested in African literature, here are some of the best websites around.

CHIMURENGA

Initially packaged as a hard copy magazine when it was founded in 2002, Chimurenga has expanded to all sorts of projects. From its sister magazine *Chronic*, to an online shop and library, the team are dedicated to disseminating literature and literary artefacts in innovative ways. Drawing on the work of some of Africa's best authors, analysts and critical thinkers, it is an good resource for those au fait with works from the continent, as well as novices.

Visit the site at chimurenga.co.za

LONG STORY SHORT

A brand-new online digital archive of live readings, writers' podcasts and celebrities reading African works.

The project was launched with a reading by actress Hlubi Mboya (pictured) and the latest one is Chibundu Onuzo's *Going Home*, read by actress Abena Ayivor. As the team continues to expand and share its work, the hope is that

the podcasts will become a tool to address local literacy issues, using African literature.

Visit the Long Story Short – AfricanLiterature page on Facebook.

BRITTLE PAPER

This is a yummy literary treat.

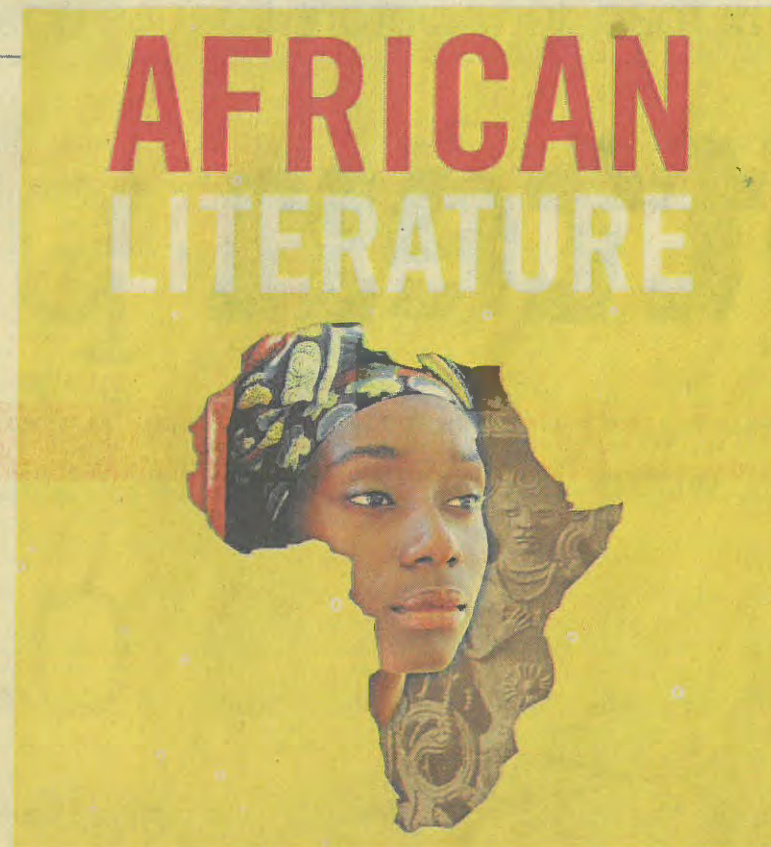
From fan-fiction remixes of Chimamanda Adichie's *Americanah* to lively debates about Africa's best writers, the site is packed with resources for casual readers, scholars and even those who cannot resist a quotable quote or two. The site is beautiful and supereasy to navigate. It is unlike many other literary websites, which can be a little clunky.

Visit the site at brittlepaper.com

AFRICA IN WORDS

Of all the literary websites, Africa in Words is probably the most serious — and this is definitely not a bad thing. It features calls for academic papers and rigorous philosophical debates, and goes well beyond the realm of literature to pursue content related to art, film, history and all things cultural.

Despite being founded in the UK, it has a distinctive commitment to cutting edge con-



Check out some great African literary sites online.
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tent that serves African literature.

Visit the site at africainwords.com

KWANI?

Founded by the charismatic Kenyan author Binyavanga Wainaina, and currently led by Caine prize winner Billy Kahora, Kwani? is a magazine that continues to expand its reach

to events, public readings and lectures for students.

The site is a rich and delectable resource, pulling together all the best of the Kwani? output. From information on their upcoming open mike sessions to an archive of publications, it's a well-oiled web machine.

Visit the site at kwani.org — City Press