
The Chattering Wagtails of Mikuyu Prison

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Selling Points:

- A poet of world-renown.
- A featured Amnesty International Prisoner of Conscience during his time in prison.
- Planning local publicity events in York

The Author:

Formerly Head of the English department, University of Malawi and chair of the Linguistics Association for SADCC Universities Mapanje was brutally arrested and imprisoned without trial for four years. Following his release in 1991 Jack Mapanje came to York, with his wife and family. He has recently been appointed Northern Arts Writer in Residence and now spends much of his time in the UK visiting prisons and lecturing on his experiences in Malawi.

The Book:

Dedicated to "the black and white writers and human rights sages, throughout the world, who prayed and fought for my freedom" this new collection damns the Malawian regime that incarcerated Mapanje. The collection covers Mapanje's initial reaction to the banning of his last volume in Malawi, his imprisonment in Mikuyu Prison and poems written since his release and exile from Malawi.