

BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

Sir: I found Nancy J. Schmidt's reassessment of children's literature about Africa very balanced and extremely valuable. I agree with her assessment of almost all publications. Her one sin has been one of omission rather than commission.

On page six Mrs. Schmidt devotes only six lines to paperback books for children published by the East African Publishing House, the African Universities Press, and other European presses. To my mind, these books are the most valuable kind of literature one can put in children's hands. They are unrivaled in authenticity, in local color both in subject matter and language used, and in their educative value. I have purchased some of them for all elementary, middle, and junior high schools in the Madison Public Schools. Feedback from teachers and school librarians have confirmed my opinion. Children have found them very colorful and read them avidly. It would have also been helpful to tell where these books can be obtained in the United States.

- (1) Books from the East African Publishing House are obtainable from: Northwestern University Press, 1735 Benson Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, who are the sole distributors in the United States.
- (2) African Universities Press books can be obtained from: Africana Publishing Corp., 101 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10003.
- (3) OUP books on Africa are obtainable from: Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

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