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Dedicated to all the Contributors.

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About the Society

SOCIETY OF YOUNG NIGERIAN WRITERS is a literary organization based in Oyo State, Nigeria. It was established to promote literary and creative writings among youths in the country.

SOCIETY OF YOUNG NIGERIAN WRITERS is an international and local affiliate of the Association for the Study of Poets, Playwrights and Novelists lives and works and World of Poets and Literary Society.

Our thematic areas are creative writing, poetry, essay, drama, diary and short story writing. In a bid to effectively address some social issues like politics, corruption, bribery, child hawking, religion malpractices to mention but few.

We use various creative writing means such as poetry, drama, short stories, diary, novels and other forms of literary and creative arts to express our opinions and different views.

AYO OYEKU

Title of 1st Work: First Among Equals

Publisher: Benevolence Publishers (Nigeria) Published in 2004

ISBN Number of work: 978-056-756-9

Category: Children storybook

Title of 2nd Work: Noble Ambition

Publisher: Benevolence Publishers (Nigeria) Published in 2004

ISBN Number of work: 978-056-755-0

Category: Children storybook

Title of 3rd Work: Tears of the Lonely

Publisher: Trafford Publishing (UK) Published in 2011

ISBN Number of work: 978-1-4669-0549-8

Category: Novel

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Award(s) or Prize(s) won: None yet

Membership of Literary Organization(s): Association of Nigerian Authors

Book reading is a solitary and sedentary pursuit, and those who do are cautioned that a book should be used as an integral part of a well-rounded life...*A book should not be used as a substitute or an excuse.*

Garrison Keillor (1942 -)
U.S. writer and broadcaster.

MBIZO CHIRASHA

Mbizo Chirasha is an Internationally acclaimed performance poet, writer, and creative projects consultant. He is widely published in more than Seventy-five journals, magazines, and anthologies around the world. He was the poet-in-residence: from 2001-2004 for the Iranian embassy/UN Dialogue among civilizations project; the United Nations Information Centre - 2001-2008; Convener/Event Consultant THIS IS AFRICA POETRY NIGHT 2004 - 2006; official performance poet Zimbabwe International Travel Expo in 2007; Poet in Residence of the International conference of African culture and development/ ICACD 2009; and official Poet Sadc Poetry Festival, NAMIBIA 2009. A delegate to the Unesco photo novel writing project in Tanzania, Mbizo is the Official poet in residence for the ISOLA/ international conference of oral literature 2010 in Kenya. Mbizo is Chirasha is widely profiled in both local and abroad media institutions. His poetry books *Good Morning President* is Published in UK and *Whispering Woes of Ganges and Zambezi* is published by an Indian/American Publisher *Cyber wit Press*. A lot of more anthologies are under review by other publishers. Mbizo Chirasha the Founder /Operations/Creative Director of Girl child Creativity Project and the newly founded Urban Colleges Writers Prize.

All books are divisible into two classes, the books of the hour, and the books of all time.

John Ruskin (1819 - 1900)

British art critic, writer, and reformer.

Sesame and Lilies, "Of Kings' Treasuries"

PAUL ADEPOJU

Title of work: CRIMSON DYNAMICS: Sustainable
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Award(s) won: 2011 Vanguard Newspaper's Young
Nigerian Making The Difference Award; Nominee 2010
International Press Institute's Young Journalist of The Year
Award; Certificate of Recognition from Goi Peace
Foundation and UNESCO

Philosophy: Bad situations are opportunities for great
stories. In life we have a choice - to focus on the
challenges, or embrace the unlimited opportunities for
greatness.

FABIAN If this were play'd upon a stage now, I could
condemn it as an improbable fiction.

William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)

English poet and playwright.

Twelfth Night, Act 3, Scene 4

EMMANUEL BABATUNDE DAVIES

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Award(s) won: None

Philosophy: Give, it shall be given on to you.

A good book is the best of friends, the same today and for ever.

Martin Farquhar Tupper (1810 - 1889)

British writer.

Proverbial Philosophy: A Book of Thoughts and Arguments, Originally Treated, "Of Reading"

A man ought to read just as inclination leads him; for what he reads as a task will do him little good.

Samuel Johnson (1709 - 1784)

British lexicographer and writer, July 14, 1763.

LOUIS AKWAEZE

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Awards won: Youngest all time teen fantasy published
Author, Anambra state. Not an award though but it's a fact.

Philosophy: Nobody can help you more than yourself. We
ourselves are makers of ourselves.

God put us on this earth to read *Ulysses* and to try to find the
time to get started on *Finnegans Wake*...He did not intend us
to pole-vault or bungy-jump, do aerobics or go white-water
rafting.

Malcolm Bradbury (1932 - 2000)

British academic, novelist, and critic.

Independent Magazine (London), "Physicality"

ERELAYEFA SYLVANUS ADIKAH

Title of Work(s): Our State, Grace, A Fool's last Words, et cetra

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Philosophy: Poetry is like faith – it takes a lot of peering through to derive its full meaning.

I don't write exposed poetry; I give the reader the opportunity of imagining the story or meaning from what I have written, to personalize it for his or herself.

For me, that's the beauty of poetry.

Award(s): None

The fact that—these books—two novels, a book of travel, a biography, a work of contemporary history—never got beyond the first ten thousand words was testimony to the resilience of his character.

Well, good luck to you, kid! I'm going to write the

Great Australian Novel.

Patrick White (1912 - 1990)

British-born Australian novelist.

The Vivisector

EMMANUEL UGOKWE

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Award(s) won

- 2008 - Association of Nigeria Authors/ Things Fall Apart At 50 Art Prize, Nigeria
- 2008 - Association of Nigeria Authors/ Ken •
– Igbo Man of Letters Award Winner
- 2009 – Princess Hastrup Prize For The Best •
- 2009 – Igbo Man of Letters Award
- 2010 – Preemptive International Essay
Competition Winner
- 2010 – Nigeria 50 Stars @ 50 Award Winner
- 2010 – Nominee for Young Writers Achievers
Award for Nigeria 50 Years Golden
Jubilee by Commonwealth Club London
- 2011 -Writer in Residence, Ebedi International
Writers Resident, Nigeria, West Africa

Lying is the beginning of fiction.

Jamaica Kincaid (1949 -)

Antiguan-born U.S. novelist, short-story writer, and
journalist.

The New York Times

COLLINS ODIGBO

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Charlotte Brontë, one cannot but feel after comparing her early work with modern bestsellers, was only unlike them in being fortunate in her circumstances, which gave her a cultured background, and in the age in which she lived, which did not get between her and her spontaneities.

Q. D. Leavis (1906 - 1981)

British writer and critic, 1932.

Well, good luck to you, kid! I'm going to write the Great Australian Novel.

Patrick White (1912 - 1990)

British-born Australian novelist.

The Vivisector

OBINNA UDENWE

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Award(s) won: The National Top12 Award, 2009.

Philosophy: I believe that art and literature are great tools that bring about social consciousness and have continued to use my skills to ensure that I do this.

GOLDSMITH Here's such a stir about a fellow that has
written one book, and I have written many.

JOHNSON Ah, Doctor, there go two-and-forty sixpences
you know to one guinea.

Samuel Johnson (1709 - 1784)

British lexicographer and writer.

Referring to James Beattie's *Essay on the Nature and
Immutability of Truth* (1770).

UCHE FRANCIS UWADINACHI

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Award(s) won

Winner of ANA Lagos (Association of Nigerian Authors)
Poetry Performance Festival (LASPOFEST) Prize 2006
Pakistan June 'Poetrycraze' contest 2009.
2nd Prize Poetry Winner of Ken Saro-Wiwa Contest USA 2010,
Winner June Loudthotz Poetry contest 2011,
Consolation Award For The Korean-Nigera Poetry Feast 2012,
2nd runner-up in the National Poetry Slam Competition 2012

Philosophy- Socialist

If a book is worth reading, it is worth
buying.

John Ruskin (1819 - 1900)

British art critic, writer, and reformer.

Sesame and Lilies, "Of Kings'
Treasuries"

OJEKUNLE ALEX ADEREMI

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Award(s) won: nil

The books one reads in childhood, and perhaps most of all the bad and good bad books, create in one's mind a sort of false map of the world, a series of fabulous countries into which one can retreat at odd moments throughout the rest of life, and which in some cases can even survive a visit to the real countries which they are supposed to represent.

George Orwell (1903 - 1950)

British writer.

"Riding Down from Bangor"

NICHOLAS OMOH

Title of Work: A Picture of What Education should be in the
21st Century

Web:

http://www.nuhafoundation.org/home/blog/bloggingentries/2011/general/picture_education_should_be_21_century_n_omoh

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Awards: World Bank Essay Finalist 2011, NUHA blogging winner 2011.

Philosophy: be the change you want to see.

We all know that books burn—yet we have the greater knowledge that books cannot be killed by fire. People die, but books never die. No man and no force can abolish memory...In this war, we know, books are weapons.

AGU ONYEDIKACHI DAWN

The Title of Work: The Crest Of Passion'.

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No Blog or Web.

No Award:

My Philosophy: Anything worth doing, is worth doing well.

A book is like a man—clever and dull, brave and cowardly, beautiful and ugly. For every flowering thought there will be a page like a wet and mangy mongrel, and for every looping flight a tap on the wing and a reminder that wax cannot hold the feathers firm too near the sun.

John Steinbeck (1902 - 1968)

U.S. novelist.

Books, we are told, propose to instruct or to amuse. Indeed!...The true antithesis to knowledge, in this case, is not *pleasure*, but *power*. All that is literature seeks to communicate power; all that is not literature, to communicate knowledge.

Thomas De Quincey (1785 - 1859)

British essayist and critic.

London Magazine, "Letters to a Young Man

AKOLAWOLE SHOREMI

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Award(s) won:

Philosophy: We Can. We Will. We Must.

All one's inventions are true, you can be sure of that. Poetry is as exact a science as geometry.

Gustave Flaubert (1821 - 1880)

French novelist.

Letter to Louise Colet

Even when poetry has a meaning, as it usually has, it may be inadvisable to draw it out...Perfect understanding will sometimes almost extinguish pleasure.

A. E. Housman (1859 - 1936)

British poet and classicist.

Leslie Stephen Lecture, University of Cambridge

IGE OLUWATOFARATI

Title of Works: Town Crier (2008)

Oriki (Praise Poetry) (ISBN: 978-978-088-994-4) (2011)

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Awards Won: Most Inspirational Writer 2008 (Word Activists)

Best Writer 2009 (Faculty of Science, Olabisi Onabanjo

University)

Philosophy: The pen is mightier than the sword!

A line will take us hours maybe;

Yet if it does not seem a moment's thought,

Our stitching and unstitching has been naught.

W. B. Yeats (1865 - 1939)

Irish poet and playwright.

In The Seven Woods, "Adam's Curse"

JANET AFEBGUA

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AWARD: Honorary Mention for JLF writing competition (5th position).

Few writers have shown a more extraordinary compass of powers than Donne; for he combined what no other man has ever done—the last sublimation of subtlety with the most impassioned majesty.

Thomas De Quincey (1785 - 1859)

British essayist and critic, December 1828.

Referring to John Donne.

Blackwood's Magazine Edinburgh