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THIS anthology is planned to give, within the limits of its format, a general impression of the stories of Africa written during the past fifty years. Although consisting mainly of stories whose African environment is a vital and integral part of them, it includes for contrast a few examples of those to which an African setting is only incidental. Some episodes from the experiences of African adventurers have also been chosen.

Translations from African literature in other European languages are excluded, but by way of recognition of African folklore (which for adequate representation would need a volume to itself) the book opens with a typical native story.

A short glossary of obscure local words, supplementing the writers' own footnotes, is given on page 360.

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