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Year of Publication: 2013

Ekine, Sokari ; Abbas, Hakima, The Queer African Reader [1], Cape Town, Pambazuka Press, 2013, pp. 220

Wide ranging reader including poetry and analysis, personal testimonies, and activist accounts and discussions of strategy. Testament to resistance of LGBT communities across the continent.

Year of Publication: 2011

Manji, Firoze ; Ekine, Sokari, African Awakening: The Emerging Revolutions [2], Cape Town, Dakar, Nairobi and Oxford, Pambazuka Press (imprint of Fahamu), 2011, pp. 234

These are largely contemporaneous accounts, lightly revised from Pambazuka News, Pan-African Voices for Freedom and Justice, http://www.pambazuka.org [3]. As well as interesting contributions on Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Algeria (noted again under E.V [4]), this book covers unrest in a number of Sub-Saharan countries:

'People's revolts in Burkina Faso', February-April 2011, involving students, the broad population and army mutinies (unfortunately the mutineers did not make common cause with the civilian protesters), pp. 131-46.

A 'Protest Diary' from Cameroon in February 2011, by presidential candidate Kah Walla, blogs about strictly nonviolent protests brutally suppressed (pp.107-10).

In Swaziland (pp. 155-169) the 12-15 April 2011 popular demonstrations went ahead in the face of roadblocks and despite the arrests of virtually the entire leadership of the democratic association, perhaps signalling 'the beginning of the end' for the absolute monarchy.

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