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The present publication continues the annual lists published since 1996 in The African Book Publishing Record. It is generally limited to titles in European languages, published since 1998. We include significant titles before 1998, however, when they recently have come to our notice. Most of the titles were obtained by the compilers, but when they were not, the source for citations, e.g., the Library of Congress online catalog, are noted. Excluded are book reviews, such as AFRICA South of the Sahara. New editions are listed selectively, but usually not annotated unless significantly different from the previous edition.

A number of the sources in this list exist in both print and online versions. We have provided citations to both versions whenever possible, as well as both postal and electronic contact information for many smaller or non-commercial publishers. This information is directed especially to researchers and librarians in areas where the services of book dealers may not be readily available.

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Excellent sources of information are available online. The following broad Africana sites are well arranged and annotated, and are kept up-to-date.

• The Electronic African Bookstore
  <http://www.hanszell.de/afr/archive.html> by Hans Zell. This guide also exists in print form (see entry under PUBLISHING AND BOOK TRADE).

• Africa South of the Sahara: Selected Internet Resources

• African Studies Internet Resources

The online catalogs of some libraries with strong Africana collections are:

• United States Library of Congress:

• Northwestern University:
  <http://mucair.library.northwestern.edu/ABPR-abbr>. 

• University of Florida: <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/ABPR-abbr>. 


• School of Oriental and African Studies:
  <http://library.sas.ac.uk/abpr-abbr>.

Print resources
An excellent bibliographic overview is Alfred Kugan and Yvete Scheven’s Reference guide to Africa: A bibliography of Sources (Lantham, MD & London: Scarecrow Press, 1999). This was preceded by Africa: A Guide to Reference Material by John McIlwaine (London: Hans Zell Publishers, 1991). Both are invaluable sources of information for many smaller or non-commercial publishers. This information is directed especially to researchers and librarians in areas where the services of book dealers may not be readily available.


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