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## Book Reviews

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# Book Reviews

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## Children's Literature

Elijah M. Kariuki

### The Engine Puzzle.

Nairobi: Longman Kenya, 1981.  
30 pp. K.shs.9.00 pap. (Puzzlecrackers!).

### The Fire Puzzle.

Nairobi: Longman Kenya, 1981.  
26 pp. K.shs.9.00 pap. (Puzzlecrackers!).

### The Irrigation Puzzle.

Nairobi: Longman Kenya, 1981.  
28 pp. K.shs.9.00 pap. (Puzzlecrackers!).

### The Underground Water Puzzle.

Nairobi: Longman Kenya, 1981.  
29 pp. K.shs.9.00 pap. (Puzzlecrackers!).

The Puzzlecrackers series includes stories about science and technology for children from eleven to fifteen. The stories are highly didactic and teach how engines work, how to build a biogas digester, how to irrigate fields and how to dig a borehole. Scientific and technical terms are italicized and defined in the text. Each volume is illustrated with diagrams related to the story, such as how a car clutch works, the components of a biogas digester, how a hydram works and the geological conditions that produce an artesian well. Each story also emphasizes such social values as the importance of using modern farming techniques, the necessity for hard work and the responsibility which educated people have to work for the welfare of their country.

The stories take place in rural Kenya. The main characters are three boys who found the Babanyeta Science Club and one girl whom they admit with considerable reluctance. The children's hero is Musa Stephano, a university-educated Kenyan, who teaches them about modern farming methods and encourages them to learn new things and serve their country. The story line is subordinate to the didactic purpose of the series. It usually focuses on the difficulties which the children face in learning new things and their excitement and pleasure at their accomplishments. From the four stories combined the reader learns enough about the children's personal background to know that their parents have different means of obtaining a livelihood and different levels of economic welfare. Each child has one outstanding personal trait, such as bookishness or ability to learn quickly, which is emphasized in each story.

Despite their Kenyan setting, these stories are appropriate for school and public libraries throughout Africa. Libraries with special collections of children's literature and Africana may want to acquire them as examples of children's literature written to foster economic development and nationalism.

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## Economics & Development

Ekpo Eyo

### Nigeria and the Evolution of Money.

Lagos: Central Bank of Nigeria, 1979.  
117 pp. ₦8.00 pap.

To commemorate its twentieth anniversary in 1979 the Central Bank of Nigeria in collaboration with the Federal Department of Antiquities staged an exhibition in Lagos on the history of money, using items from museums in England and Ghana as well as drawing on the rich collections in Nigeria. This handsome, appropriately gold-covered, well-written and authoritative book by the director of the Nigerian Museum served as the catalogue of the exhibition.

However, the book is far more than merely a pretty catalogue to be tossed aside after leaving the exhibition. Encompassing history, anthropology, economics and banking, it traces the evolution of exchange from ancient local barter to the present sophisticated international monetary system carried out through such institutions as the Central Bank of Nigeria. The chapter titles indicate the logical organization and the scope and depth of treatment: "Exchanges in a Moneyless Society", "Non-African Pre-Coinage Currencies", "African Pre-Coinage Currencies", "Pre-Coinage Currencies of Nigeria", "The Coming of Coins", "A God Called Gold", "The Standardization of West African Currency", and "The Birth of the Central Bank of Nigeria". More than 150 illustrations ranging from pictures of rare Y-shaped iron currency and needle money to a colour foldout of modern paper currency make the book a visual as well as an intellectual delight. There also is an excellent bibliography. Ethnographica of London has done a superb job with the design and production.

The Central Bank of Nigeria is to be commended for financing production of a book which is highly recommended for library collections on numismatics, history, anthropology, economics, Nigeria and general Africana, and which also is beautiful enough to grace the coffee table.

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## Education

Abel G. M. Ishumi

### Community Education and Development.

Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau, 1981.  
238 pp. price not reported pap.

Dr Ishumi's volume is, as its subtitle states, "A study in the problems of harnessing community education and development efforts among rural and peri-urban communities in Tanzania." It is an important volume because it both articulates a position in respect to the interaction of (and response to) adult education at community level and development efforts by and

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England's 'golden age': imperial cricket and late Victorian society, even Aristotle in his " Politics "said that music, acting on a person, delivers" a kind of purification, that is, relief associated with pleasure", but the lowland illustrates the meaning of life, but not rhymes.

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