

Praise For A SON of the NILE

"Your work sits in the interstices between poem and prose. The *Pakruok*, praise genre in Luo, is comprehensive, lyrical and lovely. A good set-up, and as a monograph it works beautifully. I hope you were inspired by your island sojourn."

YVONNE ADHIAMBO OWUOR, author of *Weight of Whispers, Dust, and Dragonfly Sea*

"Thank you so much for writing and sharing this beautiful poem, Teddy! You have helped tell the story of your sources of strength and the inspirations which guide you. It is lovely and fiery and rich with history and the seeds of the future. I am thinking about how we might invite everyone at UWC to write their own version and share with one another. Thank you for your dedicated enthusiasm and thoughtful support of UWC."

NAOMI SWINTON, Director, UWC-USA's *Bartos Institute for Constructive Engagement of Conflict (CEC)*

Teddy Warria's poetic prose, simple in its form and yet sophisticated in its conceptualization and execution, speaks to the power of human connectedness based on shared universal human values including modesty, courage, empathy, curiosity and collaboration and how these values dovetail into human development. Teddy's profound message also speaks to the African philosophy of *Ubuntu* which literally translates into: "I am because you are" and is achieved by simply connecting the complex nodes that bind us together as part of humanity. In Teddy's poetic odyssey we collectively learn the importance of understanding ourselves through the past as we appreciate the present and contemplate the future in which we are bound by the shared human values. In sharing some guiding templates, Teddy is encouraging and challenging us to write our own stories for the benefit of posterity".

FRANCIS OKOMO-OKELLO, Group Chairman of TPS Eastern Africa PLC (Serena Group of hotels, resorts, and lodges); Independent Non-Executive Director of ABSA Group Limited (formerly Barclays Africa Group Limited) and immediate former Chairman of Barclays Bank of Kenya PLC

"Through his profoundly moving and rich composition, Teddy Warria provides a lens into the many factors that shaped his distinct and complex character: his African lineage, intimate relationships, rich culture, dramatic landscape, global adventures and purposeful work. Indeed, Tedros is the result of all that and more. He is - much like his brilliant writing - extraordinary."

PAULINE BROWN, author of *Aesthetic Intelligence: How to Boost It and use It in Business and Beyond*, Lecturer at Harvard Business School, Corporate Advisor, and Former Chairman of LVMH North America

"*A Son of the Nile* is a bold anthology of prose where he examines his genealogy and gives it purpose. Being Teddy, it is eclectic, interesting, provocative, but can also be esoteric. I am duly challenged."

JOSEPH W. OKELO, Chairman and Founder, AFBEKENYA.org - Association of Family Business Enterprises (AFBE)

"My years living in Kenya as a young man forever changed my life's arc.
My first reception of "A SON of the NILE" was via audio recording. I relaxed, closed my eyes, and was taken on a deeply spiritual journey, the voice of Mr. Teddy Warria washing over me like a deep and mighty river.
Thank you for the deeply affecting experience of this significant work."

DAVID SHIVERICK SMITH, President and Founder, CAVU.org - Climate Change Voces Unidas (CAVU)



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