



The Group of 78 Bookshelf

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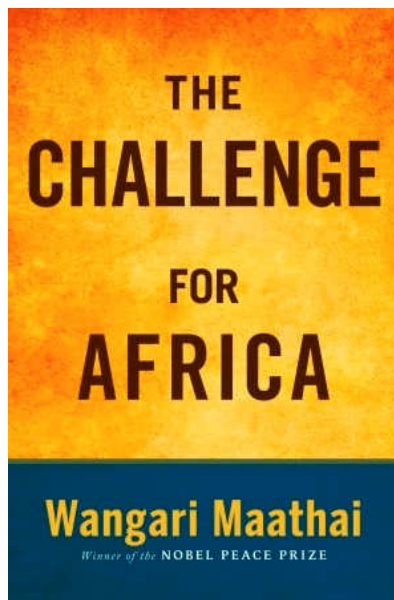
Wangari Maathai, “The Challenge for Africa”

Pantheon Books New York. 2009.

Recommended by Shirley Farliger July 17, 2011

This author, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, has written a memoir that sheds a hopeful light on what was the “dark continent.” She founded the Green Belt Movement giving power to women and helping heal the Earth as thousands of trees were planted by women. She was elected to office and gives an insightful account of politics in Kenya. The book leaves no doubt that Africa’s problems are partly the fault of the policies of the West. “Developed countries demand that developing nations open their markets but they do not reciprocate sufficiently by opening their own.” China is doing better with \$2 billion in development assistance and \$70 billion in trade (2007).

I happily endorse this book, as all of us should have an interest in this fascinating continent and a woman whose story gives uplifting proof of the power of perseverance. Principled, passionate people like her can change their countries and inspire the world.



<http://www.randomhouse.com/book/104883/the-challenge-for-africa-by-wangari-maathai>