

Blurb for *Names and Secrets*

This is a novella which won the second position in The Burt Award for African Literature in 2015. Set in Matur County Primary School, the novella illuminates issues of ethnic and regional identities. Through the eyes of Chekai, a teenage boy, the book suggests that young people in Kenya are both conscious of, and directly affected by, the irrational polarities that afflict their society. Such polarities inhibit the country's ability to fight twenty first century threats, such as crime and terrorism. But Chekai survives school bullying and becomes a champion of reconciliation and harmonious co-existence.