

***Never Say Never* by Anthony Mugo**

Reviewed by Mercy Mutua

This book is about a boy named Daniel Muthini Njoki who was a son of a poor, single mother, he was arrested and taken to a remand home in Murang'a then taken to Getathuru reception Centre. Later he was transferred to approved schools i.e. Kericho, Othaya & Kabete in different places since his mother could not afford fees to other schools. In these schools it was where he managed to pursue both primary and secondary education and eventually he passed well to join the university. This confirms that the boy's goal of education was later achieved regardless of the schools he attended.

I would wish to recommend this book to teenager youths going through education difficulties. This is to encourage youths that there is always a way to succeed only if they don't give up in times of difficulties and also hard times during education. This tells our teenagers and young generation in the secondary and primary schools to have hope for the future despite the challenges they are facing during their education times.

The lesson derived from this book is that challenges are a common feature to everyone in life but those that are determined will be able to overcome them and prosper. This tells us that once faced with challenges we should not fear to face them but be bold, strong enough and very determined to overcome them and eventually we will come out as winners.

***Beyond Etiquette* by Ambassador Mwanyengela Ngali**

Reviewed by Cyrus Wambua

The book "Beyond Etiquette" is an autobiography of an African career diplomat – Ambassador Mwanyengela Ngali. He is not only documenting his life journey but sharing experiences and offering inspirations to young men and women who are facing similar life challenges and difficulties relating to the ones he faced in his youth.

The illustrated experiences in this book are a living reflection that one can achieve their dreams if they set their eyes on the ball. This is irrespective of the different constant struggles and difficulties like being raised up by non-supportive relatives or even sometimes single parenthood proving that where there is will there is way.

The book also brings out a clear picture on African International Relations and it is very rich in motivation and inspiration.

I highly recommend this book to the youths and especially the students who have a big dream but they have a feeling of having been brought up from a non-supportive family or a financially disadvantaged background.