

'Ekosimba': First Contemporary Congolese Anthology Releasing in October 2026

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"EKOSIMBA" (Mlimani Editions) is a multilingual anthology of 63 poems by contemporary Congolese writers from the African continent and global Diaspora. Primarily translated into English, it will be released during Congo Week as a non-profit project.

63 POEMS, ONE MESSAGE: to increase visibility for the Congolese literary community, including both emerging and established writers, and to support the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Eastern Congo.

Ekosimba - On Congo, Memory, War, and Renewal

Ekosimba—"it will work out" or "it will hold" in Lingala—is a landmark collection featuring creative works, poems, reflections, and personal stories by Congolese writers, artists, and cultural figures. Moving beyond the usual narratives dominated by conflict and tragedy, this anthology of 63 texts delves deeply into the lived experiences and quiet triumphs of Congolese people.

Bringing together the perspectives of artists from across the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the broader diaspora—from Bukavu, Goma, and Kinshasa to international stages—Ekosimba explores the complex interplay between history, personal memory, and cultural identity. Through poetry, essays, and public speaking, the contributors give voice to regional realities, coming to terms with decades of conflict while affirming the beauty, humanity, and everyday life that continues to flourish.

63 birds take flight. They invite you, dear reader, to support survival and contribute to a vision of healing and renewal.

Ekosimba is an act of reclaiming, solidarity, and hope. Created in partnership with Friends of the Congo, this non-profit initiative donates all proceeds to organizations actively supporting individuals and communities affected by the conflict on the ground in the DRC. By giving a voice to both established authors and emerging talents, the project establishes a direct link between artistic expression and the community.

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All proceeds will support Congolese females affected by war-related sexual violence. In partnership with Friends of the Congo (FOTC) and Mlimani Editions, the project is published by Mlimani Editions and distributed globally through Ingram via FOTC.