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Editor's note



The tale of African talent continues. This edition we focus on an upcoming author from Bulawayo. A young man with a passion for writing and to date has published 3 books and working on a forth one.

So after reading this, be sure to support by liking and following his social media pages. Also check out his book 'Blessings' that is available for sale on Amazon Kindle.

Remember success rarely happens in isolation, everyone needs someone to succeed.

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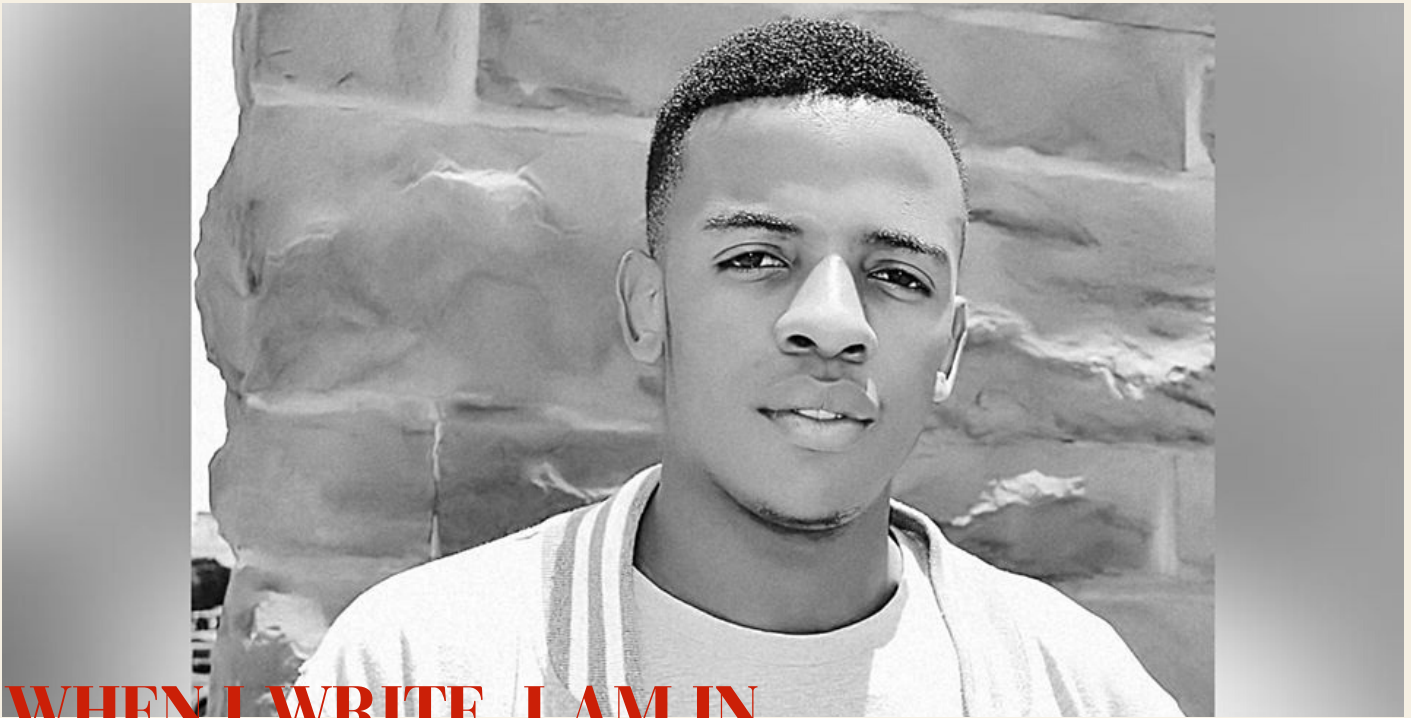
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WHEN I WRITE, I AM IN MY ELEMENT

My name is Thabo Clive Mathonsi, and I am also known as "Mjox" in my circle of peers. For the longest of time, I have wondered why I picked up a blank piece of paper and painted it with my ideas of a complex world! Yet in some way, we are all dreamers in this life. It is in this notion that I would like to present myself as a writer.

It all began in the year 2008 when I wrote my first poem as a form two student, at John Tallach secondary school in Zimbabwe. For some time, writing remained a hobby that I did for fun. However, with time the hobby became an area of passion, and I have continuously developed it over the past couple of years. To date I have written and published three novels namely;

- *Blessings Tears of An African Child*,
- *I am Lazarus, and I'm Blind*
- *Ezizweni Untold Stories of an Ancient Civilisation*

In addition to these three, I have also published one anthropology titled *Poetic Justice*. One of my accomplishments includes the recognition of my novel 'Blessings' by the African Writers Journal (JAYLit), where I represented Zimbabwe and Africa as one of the top authors of the year.

My dream is to have a foundation, authorial school and movie studio! I want to create a high opportunity free environment for anyone that is talented and truly believes that he /she is an author to not only write books but also develop scripts for their books that will become future plays and movies for everyone to see! Being a scriptwriter is my 2021 goal and I have already began writing the script for Blessings which I aim to finish by end of November 2020 after finishing other books.

The novel Blessings is available for purchase on Amazon Kindle, and I am working towards availing the remaining books on the same platform by June 2020. Hard copies for all novels are readily available in Zimbabwe for those who would like to purchase a copy. Please contact me for more information on the details below.

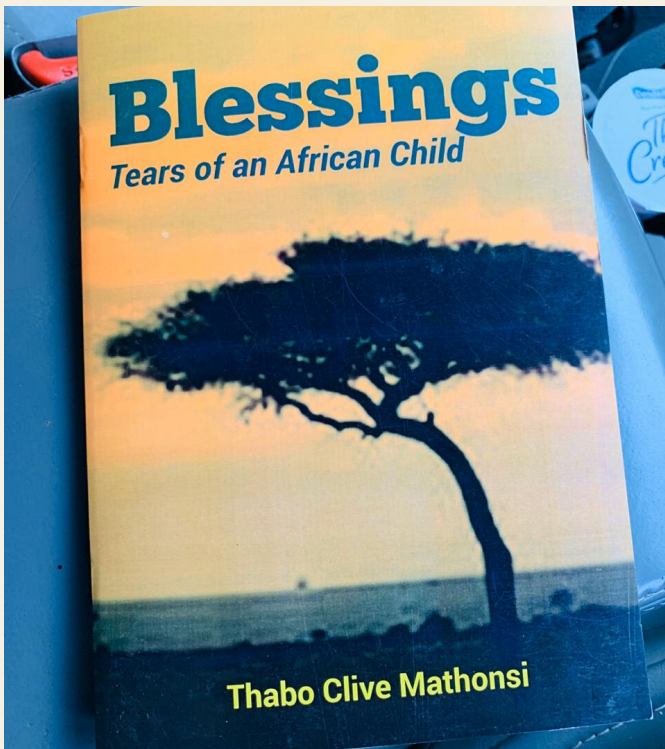
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Blessings

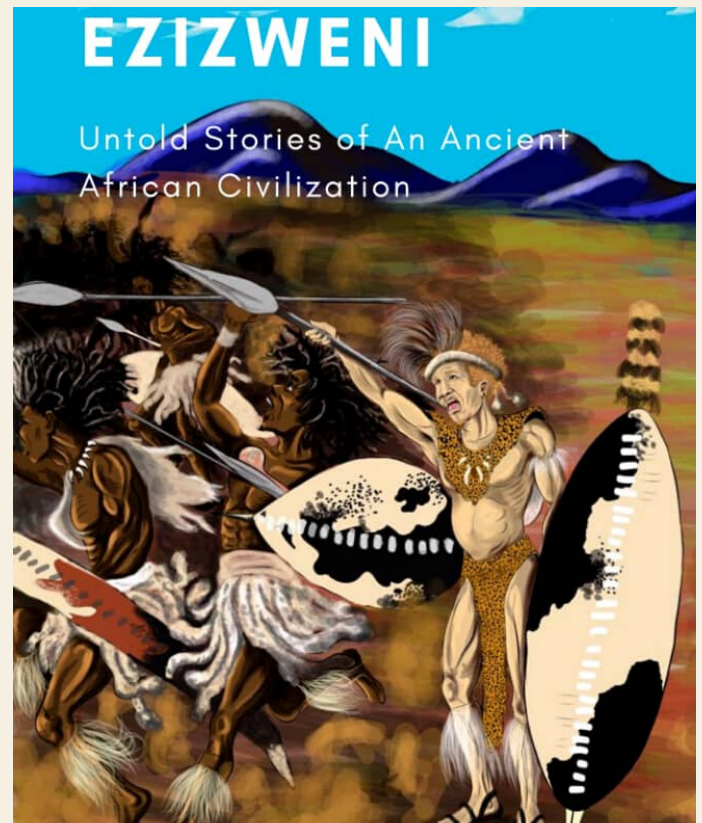
Lost and alone at the crossroads, a teenage girl finds herself facing the panorama of being run over by a huge truck called misfortune. Betrayal becomes the hump in front of her, pain the red robot that refuses reversal, and finally defeat, the noises from the car horns of family disputes that wait to take her down. With no one to trust, no one to believe her, and no shoulder to lean on, she is left with only one choice, overcoming the obstacles she faces and stopping the truck of misfortune or risk being run down. Predators, prey, betrayal, jaw-breaking experiences is all in Blessings.

If you enjoyed watching movies like Sarafina, The Pursuit for Happiness and 12 Years as a Slave, then this is a must-read. Blessings volume two of the book will be available next year March all things being equal.

Ezizweni

Ezizweni is my most recent novel, and it is a collection of the untold stories of ancient African Civilisations. The book aims to bridge the gap between the present date and life back in the day.

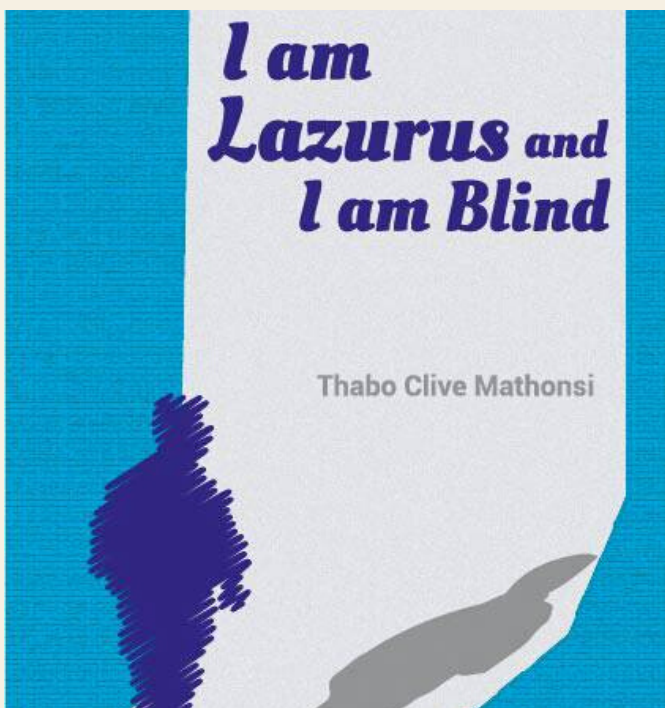
It takes a close look at how eventualities such as religion, war, poverty, power, abuse, and migration have transformed the world, in particular Africa. It's a historical and epic fantasy that will undoubtedly keep you flipping through the pages until the end.



I am Lazarus

This novel depicts the day to day life of a blind African man who faces many adversities yet manages to tackle them all as they come. Often some mistake disability for inability; as such, this story aims to show that everyone can excel in everything they set their heart to accomplish, regardless of physical differences.

If you enjoy history-altering novels, then I am Lazarus, is a must-read, that is bound to keep you entertained till the very last page.



DO IT TODAY, WHY WAIT?

Editors piece

Once upon a time, there was a woman named Matilda, who inherited a beautiful house from her late mother. The house had a vast and beautiful garden surrounding it, which was the talk of the town. Before her death, Matilda's mother would routinely tend to the garden daily. She was famous for her magnificent roses and tulips that she frequently supplied to the local market.

Although Matilda loved the garden, she barely made an effort to learn the art of gardening from her mother. Whenever an opportunity to learn presented itself, she would repeatedly postpone to another day. The years flew by, and Matilda continued to give excuses time after time. Eventually, her mother passed away, and Matilda inherited the garden.

As the days went by, Matilda found herself overwhelmed as she struggled to maintain the garden. She remembered in dismay the numerous times her mother had tried to teach her about the garden. Regret became her constant companion. Slowly all the flowers began to wither and fade away due to improper care, leaving the garden looking like a mere shadow of its former self. The orders stopped coming, and the once-lucrative stream of income became as dry as the Sahara desert.

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The Moral of the Story

I believe procrastination is the greatest time heist of all time. Benjamin Franklin correctly put it when he said: “You may delay, but time will not.” Time waits for no one, so use it wisely. Whatever you can do today, do it. Otherwise, like Matilda, regret is sure to become your constant companion.

If you have an opportunity to learn something today, then learn. If you can read today, then read. If you can start something today, then do it. Today is within your control, whereas tomorrow forever remains an infinite mystery.

Chasing after tomorrow is the equivalent of chasing after the wind. It's a futile pursuit that will not yield any meaningful results. Don't let an opportunity pass you by because you are waiting for tomorrow to do something.

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