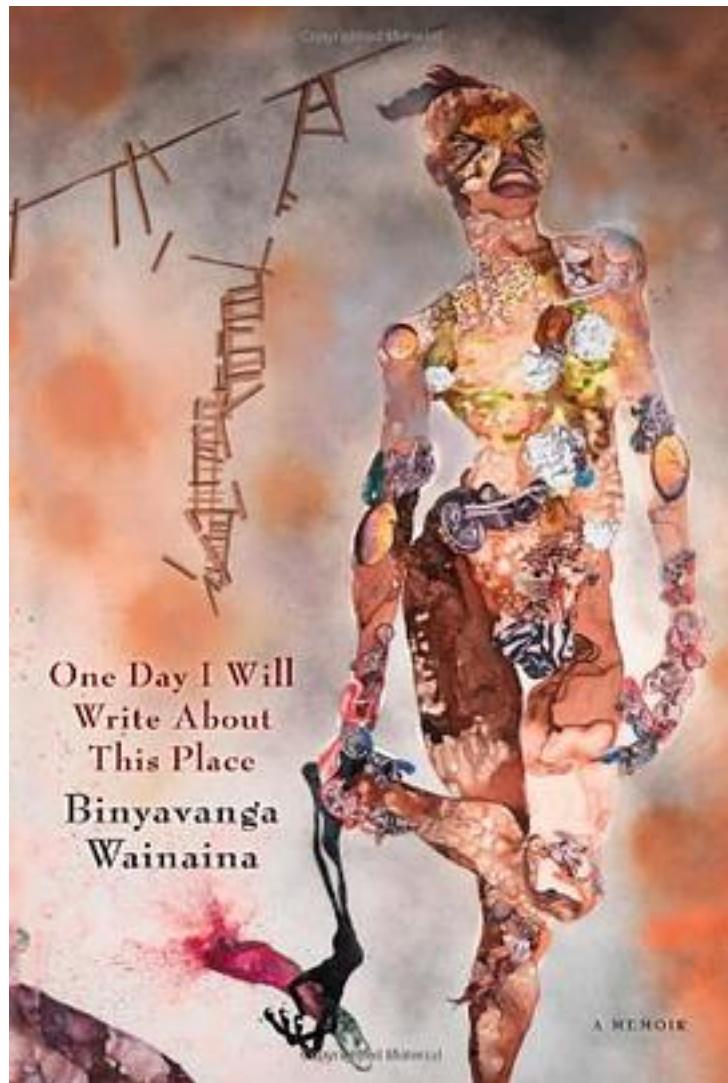


# One Day I Will Write about This Place



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Binyavanga Wainaina tumbled through his middle-class Kenyan childhood out of kilter with the world around him. This world came to him as a chaos of loud and colorful sounds: the hair dryers at his mother's beauty parlor, black mamba bicycle bells, mechanics in Nairobi, the music of Michael Jackson—all punctuated by the infectious laughter of his brother and sister, Jimmy and Ciru. He could fall in with their patterns, but it would take him a while to carve out his own.

In this vivid and compelling debut memoir, Wainaina takes us through his school days, his mother's religious period, his failed attempt to study in South Africa as a computer programmer, a moving family reunion in Uganda, and his travels around Kenya. The landscape in front of him always claims his main attention, but he also evokes the shifting political scene that unsettles his views on family, tribe, and nationhood.

Throughout, reading is his refuge and his solace. And when, in 2002, a writing prize comes through, the door is opened for him to pursue the career that perhaps had been beckoning all along. A series of fascinating international reporting assignments follow. Finally he circles back to a Kenya in the throes of postelection violence and finds he is not the only one questioning the old certainties.

Resolutely avoiding stereotype and cliché, Wainaina paints every scene in *One Day I Will Write About This Place* with a highly distinctive and hugely memorable brush.

作者介绍:

Binyavanga Wainaina is the founding editor of *Kwani?*, a leading African literary magazine based in Kenya. He won the 2002 Caine Prize for African Writing, and has written for *Vanity Fair*, *Virginia Quarterly*, *Granta*, and *The New York Times*. Wainaina directs the Chinua Achebe Center for African Writers and Artists at Bard College.

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独立之后成长起来的作家跟ngugi一代果然完全不一样，更多的族裔混杂和语言视角，作者在南非求学和生存经历，提供了一个泛非但肯尼亚的生活画面

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