

Mukuka Chipanta

Author and Aerospace Engineer



Summary

Mukuka Chipanta is an Aerospace Engineer and Author currently living in the Washington DC metro area, USA. Born in Zambia, he spent his formative years in the mineral rich Copperbelt Province near the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo. Chipanta studied Engineering at the University of Manchester in the UK and has Masters Degrees in Business Administration from the University of Connecticut in the USA and the University of Hull, UK. While studying for his Masters degree at the University of Connecticut, Chipanta did his capstone course on Business in China. He travelled to several cities in the People's Republic of China and visited a host of communities as well as manufacturing and technology businesses for his research. He continues to work with Chinese companies in the Aerospace industry developing cutting edge aircraft technology.

One of Chipanta's proudest professional achievements is having played an integral role in designing the Boeing 787 Dreamliner airplane. He has travelled widely across North America, Europe, Africa, Asia and considers himself a global citizen with a heart firmly rooted in Zambia. Chipanta published his debut novel **A Casualty of Power** in October 2016 with Weaver Press. The novel has received critical acclaim and has won prizes for 'Best First Book', 'Gold for General College Level Book' and is one of only nine books to have been longlisted for the prestigious 9Mobile (formerly Etisalat) Prize for African Literature. Chipanta has also had success in publishing a number of short stories as well as articles in newspapers and renowned magazines such as Ozy and Kalahari Review. He is currently working on a new podcast series entitled **Kutika!** in which he will showcase a string of short stories that address a number of social issues affecting Africa today. He is also hard at work on his second novel which he hopes to publish in the near future.

Publications

- A Casualty of Power - A novel published by Weaver Press - October 2016
- A Home Blessing – A short story published in Kalahari Review - March 2017
- The Lady, the Dreamer and the Blessor – A short story published in Oxford Press as part of Makerere Conference of African Literature - November 2017
- The Legend of Treetops – Ozy Magazine – March 2018

Awards

- **Best First Book** – A Casualty of Power - American Literary Classics Awards - 2017
- **Gold for General College Level Book** - A Casualty of Power - American Literary Classics Awards – 2017
- **Longlisted for 9Mobile (formerly Etisalat) Prize for African Literature** – A Casualty of Power - 2018

Upcoming work

- ***Kutika!*** – A podcast series in which Chipanta showcases his short stories in audio form. In ***Kutika!*** Chipanta addresses a number of emotive social topics such as infidelity, traditional norms, spousal abuse and more in a string of contemporary African stories. It will be available soon on itunes, Stitcher, Google Play and other popular platforms.
- Chipanta is also working on editing his second novel which he hopes to see publication in the near future.

Website & Social Media Presence

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Education

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