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WHO WILL BUY THIS BOOK?	Those interested in literary fiction, Kenya, colonial past

There are no ghosts in Kenya.

Ever since his arrival in the house on the mountain, Charlie Carter, a volunteer worker from England, has been convinced that the house is haunted; after questioning locals, he learns that seventy years earlier, Shula, a young native girl was entombed alive by the sexually jealous wife of a colonial settler. Has she ever left the house?

Charlie is in Katamara, a village in 1970s' rural Kenya working on a hospital building project and hoping to find a woman to become his wife. He finds three. The beautiful Esmeralda: but he has to contend with his dubious deputy Freddie (Bristow) and the local policeman (Corporal Adonis Musyoka), the one-man crime-prevention guru of Katamara, both of whom are also besotted with this outrageous tantalizing teen. And there is Jennifer, the Irish hospital nurse, herself escaping a troubled past and Aisha, Freddie's secret lover. Can Charlie win Jennifer or rescue Aisha from Freddie and the squalid shanti-town in which she lives?

But in a giant country beneath a giant sky can a ghost girl emerge from the hate and vengeance of a colonial horror story to restore humour, love and decency to the human spirit?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: McCawley Grange was born in York in 1940. At the age of ten he emigrated with his family to County Wicklow, Eire, whereupon the family began to suffer financial hardship. Leaving school at thirteen years of age he worked in the building trade, then as a hotel worker and gardener and on his return to York in 1956, successively as a linesman, factory worker and builder.

At age seventeen, following a row with his father, he left home for London, where for a time he lived and worked with the Irish labouring fraternity. Returning to York, he joined the Fire Service in 1962 and after twenty-five years left the service with the rank of Assistant Divisional Officer. Following this, he spent two years with the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) organization building 'low cost' housing in Kenya.

Now retired, he lives in York with his wife, two children and four grandchildren employing much of his time playing golf and writing. *Shula and the Goats from Tala*, is his second book. Of his first book, *Some Lessons in Gaelic*, 'What we loved about the book – apart from its gripping story – is the rich array of colourful characters'. *York Born & Read*.

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