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First novel, left unpublished, of the francophone literature of Burundi, *L'homme de ma colline* (1970) immerses its reader in colonial "Ruanda-Urundi" during the 1930s and 1940s. One discovers there a rural civilization with a transforming colonial society whose contradictions write themselves in the tragic destiny of the story's hero, the young Benedikto. Victim of the harassment from the corrupt local hierarchy, Benedikto, with the help of his family, gets by as he can before being obliged to flee Uganda where his tragic end awaits. A single flame of humanism transcends hatred, lucre, and pretension, illuminating these pages in which, in embellished yet just language, a few stirring figures free themselves.