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&
the Shungwaya Phenomenon

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Abbreviations



Journals and documents referred to repeatedly in the notes at the end of each chapter are abbreviated as follows:

<i>AARP</i>	<i>Arts and Archaeology Research Papers</i>
<i>HA</i>	<i>History in Africa</i>
<i>IJAHS</i>	<i>International Journal of African Historical Studies</i>
<i>JAH</i>	<i>Journal of African History</i>
<i>JAS</i>	<i>Journal of the African Society</i>
<i>JRAI</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute</i>
<i>JRAS</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal African Society</i>
<i>JRGS</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal Geographical Society</i>
<i>NC</i>	<i>Numismatic Chronicle</i>
<i>SUGLA</i>	<i>Sprache und Geschichte in Afrika</i>
<i>TNR</i>	<i>Tanganyika Notes and Records</i>
<i>ZES</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Eingeborenen Sprachen</i>