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English Without Tears: Mind Your P's and Q's is a practical textbook that delves into the nitty gritty of the English language spoken in this contemporaneous global village. Jettisoned by its biological mother, the English Language has been adopted, appropriated, nurtured and made to bear the hallmarks of global Englishes. It is still the English language in full communion with its ancestral roots, but it is English that been panel beaten almost out of shape and endowed with the speech mannerisms, elocutionary patterns and phonetic peculiarities of the non-native. The goal of this book has been to shed ample light on some grammatical and lexical incongruities that often disfigure the speech of Anglophones whose mother tongue is not English. We are hopeful that this work would meet the dire needs of students and instructors of the English language all over the world. The substance in this book is easily digestible; our lexical choices are devoid of convolution and our illustrations are down-to-earth. Ultimately, this book is our unapologetic contribution to the ongoing global Englishes revolution.

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In this book Tresphor Mutale critically examines contemporary African Christianity through the leadership from prophets, men of God, pastors, seers and more. The book looks at the rationality of apparently irrational religious expressions and experiences in the name of religion. It analyses the irrationalities using the spectacles of African Traditional Religions (ATR), especially with respect to the importance of rituals. From the vantage point of rituals, there is sense in nonsense, and some of the irrational religious expressions being experienced today become rational. The book raises the aspect of authority of ritual leadership in ATR and how this symbol holds authority in Christianity today and how it has power to influence believers. Mutale argues that African Christianity and how it is experienced today point to the deeper influence of African Traditional Religions. The book provokes many questions about the power of African symbolisms, their application in Christianity and how Christianity through the lenses of African Traditional Religions is able to relate and influence other areas of society like, economics, politics and sociality. The book draws on and enriches perspectives on religion and religiosity with the depth of Mutale's ability to bring into conversation anthropological, philosophical, sociological and theological approaches.

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