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Anthropology

Between God and Man: Meaning and Essence in Nigerian Traditional Festivals / Frank Aig-Imoukhuede
Lagos: Glendora Books, 2014
376p.
97897899435944
\$ 200.00/ HB
2136gm.

This is a companion book to 'A Calendar of Nigerian Traditional Festivals' by the same author and presents in a clearly defined way, the layering upon layering of cultures which make up the Nigerian amalgam.

It presents a compelling reconstruction of Ife-Benin and Igbo-Ife relationships that accords with existing documentary and archaeological evidence; and an account of the antecedents of Benin, Ife and Igbo Ukwu art, the abrupt end of Ife's classical art and Ife's relocation to its present site. The book explains the seeming incongruities and contradictions in the Moremi-Igbo encounters at Ile Ife and the geographical and social distances which make them implausible unless the Ife and the Igbo were neighbours and the encounters between them took place in a different location of Ife.

As proof, the book presents the existence of Igbo ichi marks on soapstone carvings at Esie in Igbomina territory west of the Niger from which the Igbo launched guerilla attacks against Moremi's Ife; and the ichi mark on the soapstone representation at the Ideta shrine in Ile Ife of Obatala, the Yoruba creator god who in the Yoruba Ifa divination corpus, is described as 'Oosa Igbo (the deity of the Igbo.)

'Between God and Man...' is designed to promote heritage awareness for transforming the diversity and pluralism for which Nigeria is known into building blocks for community cohesion and an investment capital for its economic development.

It seeks to promote an integrated approach to the preservation and conservation of the cultural and natural heritage in Nigeria, reconcile the imperatives and requirements of development, strengthen endogenous capacities and the participation of local communities, local authorities and the private sector in tourism development in Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859881>

Art

Metamodern Vision of Tola Wewe / Moyo Okediji
Ile Ife, Osun State: Onaism University Press, 2022
viii, 150p.
9798218076764
\$ 150.00 / HB

1134gm.

Moyo Okediji, Professor of Art History at the University of Texas, Austin, is an art historian, artist, and curator. His books include African Renaissance, Old Forms, New Images in Yoruba Art; Western Frontiers of African Art; and The Shattered Gourd: Yoruba Forms in Twentieth Century American Art.

In Metamodern Vision of Tola Wewe, Okediji has written a deeply penetrating, compellingly engaging and incisive magisterial study on one of the most fascinating, complex and prolific artists on the African continent in the 21st century.... - Bolaji Campbell, (Professor of Art History, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859882>

The Art of a Nation: An Art Exhibition Celebrating the Official Opening of Nike Art Gallery Abuja / Chief Reuben Okundaye

Lagos: Nike Art Gallery, 2023

88p.

\$ 75.00 / PB

460gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859883>

Nike Art Gallery: Collection of Selected Artworks, Vol. V / (Curator) Nike Okundaye

Lagos: Nike Art Gallery, 2023

ii, 70p.

\$ 90.00 / PB

432gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859884>

Nike Art Gallery: ART X / Nike Art Gallery

Lagos: Nike Art Gallery, 2022

30p.

\$ 50.00 / PB

198gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859885>

Motions and Emotions: An Exhibition of Paintings / Bolaji Ogunwo

Lagos: Nike Art Gallery, 2018

184p.

9788096387

\$ 150.00 / PB

760gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859886>

Biography/Memoirs

Awoism: Exemplary Integrity and Welfarism / Dr. Layo Adeniyi

Dubai: Titlas Inc., 2020

242p.

Includes Bibliography

9780956550354

\$ 35.00 / PB

314gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859887>

From Cambridge to Ibadan: The Story of a Chartered Chemist and a Fellow of the Academy of Science / Timothy Isioma Odiaka

Ibadan: University of Ibadan Printery, 2022

iv, 60p.

\$ 20.00 / PB

138gm.

A Valedictory lecture delivered at the Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan on Monday, 26th September 2022 by Timothy Isioma Odiaka, FAS, Professor of Organometallics and Coordination Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859888>

The Genesis of My Battles in Life / Smart Oluwabamise Akinmejiwa

Nigeria: Smart Oluwabamise Akinmejiwa (Self-Published), 2023

180p.

9781801287609

\$ 30.00 / PB

276gm.

A life tale etched with pain and suffering. Little did Smart Oluwabamise Akinmejiwa know it would be the doing of his own family. His existence was unwanted from the very start. However, the sole fact that he was not a female saved Smart's life and his parent's relationship.

Little did Smart know his life would soon be held on trial for crimes he did not commit. The author's body still stings from the lashes he had to face every time. Smart's life had been difficult from the very start, yes. However, the accusations led against him for the crimes he did not commit were enough to send the bane of his existence through entirely new trials.

However, life did change, hope did prevail, and Smart finally found love, the one thing he had deserved the most all this time.

Smart Oluwabamise Akinmejiwa life's account is not easy to stomach, and living through it was nothing short of experiencing his own personal hell.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859889>

Zero Balance: A Compelling True Life Story on Hitting Rock Bottom and Finding Your Balance / Titilope Ibilola

Lagos: Femperial Publishing, 2020

172p.

9789789885893

\$ 30.00 / PB

280gm.

Zero balance is a story that chronicles how debt almost got the best of the writer. While it is a summation that reflects the writer's personal journey, it would be familiar for anyone who has struggled with financial challenges and indebtedness.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859890>

Unleash: The Blueprint for a Life that Attracts Uncommon Opportunities / Topsy Kola-Oyeneyin

Nigeria: Venia Publishing, 2023

xiv, 162p.

9789787828069

\$ 35.00 / PB

258gm.

You are not too young! At the age of twenty-eight, I became a General Manager in Nigeria's oldest Bank — a position typically held by individuals in their fifties. Opportunities that were rare then are about to become more common. We are coming into a time of unprecedented growth and opportunities - driven by technological advances, cultural shifts, and a new dawn of geopolitics. Time will tell if the growth in the 2020s will mirror that of "the Roaring 20s" – but two things are there will be a generational shift of power and influence, and new wealth will be created. UNLEASH is a blueprint to help you prepare and position to take advantage of this season of transition and uncommon opportunities. It is filled with practical principles on how you operate, relate, and work that are guaranteed to help you achieve your desired results – irrespective of your location, age or starting position. I have applied these principles and seen results in supporting Fortune 500 and government leaders in successfully executing large-scale transformation programs over the past two decades. Furthermore, I continually apply these insights in my ongoing efforts to build a mutually beneficial marriage partnership and raise two highly opinionated young girls. If these principles worked for me, they will work for anyone who applies them. Bottom line, the question is not your age. The question is, are you ready to UNLEASH?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859891>

The Big Break: The Birth of a Star / Barr. Orbby Agwuncha
Nigeria: The Big Break Moment Africa Ltd., 2023
xv, 213p.
9789787986134
\$ 25.00 / PB
234gm.

So much societal pressure is on the youth today. The tertiary institutions keep pouring out graduates who have big dreams and little competencies with far fewer opportunities to create a platform where their talents can be seen or heard. This is why we jumped on this challenge. The Big Break: The Birth of A Star is a book that presents the three most important elements that birth a star out of anybody and details a guide on how they work together to make you a success. Africa has untapped talent and mismanaged success. The cycle will go on unless we educate our youths to stop waiting endlessly for a job offer and tap into the goldmine sitting within them yearning to be explored. What this book offers is the right mental approach to the talents embedded in every individual, supplying the right driving force to bring it to the limelight. This book provides you with the right attitude and practical steps to bring you to stardom and help you retain it, for stars do fall. Whatever industry you categorize your talents into, this book walks you through the path to your big break. Consider this the manual life finally gave you.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859892>

Son of a Railwayman: An Autobiography of Chukwudi Ukwuegbu / Chukwudi Ukwuegbu
Benin City: Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., 2022
340p.
Includes Index
9789788557203
\$ 35.00 / PB
470gm.

Chukwudi Ukwuegbu's Son of a Railwayman is the honest portrait of an unrepentant iconoclast. It relates how he progressed from the early exhibition of his intellectual gifts to the heights of educational achievements.

We are presented with his remarkable ability to recall the events in and around Mushin, where he spent his early and teenage years, in the sixties. The primary and secondary schools' experiences

are told with candid innocence. The unfortunate Civil War years are told lovingly, albeit, without the accompanying gory details.

Barrister Ukwuegbu's career in the West African Examinations Council is given full treatment. It highlights his unflattering commitment to duty and his unflappable resolve to succeed.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859893>

Waifor Boy: An Autobiography / Patrick A. O. Modebe

Benin City: Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., 2020

x, 74p.

9789788548379

\$ 30.00 / PB

186gm.

Waifor Boy is a retrospective view of the life of Patrick Modebe. It is his modest contribution to the efforts being made to promote the reading culture in Nigeria. The book written in a simple, straightforward way to mark his 70th birthday, is a compilation of some of his experiences as a public servant. At the end of the book the reader will appreciate why he gives God all the credit for his modest success in life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859894>

Celebrating Chinua Achebe: Essays on His Life, Legacy and Works / (Ed) Chukwuemeka Bosah
Enugu: Ben Bosah Books, 2013

xiv, 218p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9780977339853

1. Achebe, Chinua.
2. Authors, Nigerian – 20th century – Biography.
3. Nigeria – Biography.
4. Festschriften.

\$ 50.00/ HB

420gm.

In essays, verse and questions, twenty-two contributors representing a plethora of endeavors discuss Chinua Achebe's life, works and legacy. These contributors who were Achebe's friends, peers, colleagues, scholars, protégés, and yet others who were influenced by him and come from different generations discuss the man and his influence in this uniquely remarkable book. Wole Soyinka and Ngugi wa Thiong'o lead an ensemble cast of outstanding individuals, that include two up and coming young writers, Ugo F. Edu and Chiderah A. Monde, in celebrating Chinua Achebe. The picture that emerges from reading this book is a beautiful mosaic of a mild mannered, but powerful man who made a difference to the lives of many people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859895>

Nigeria Heroes and Sheroes: Diary of a Journalist of Courage / Ken Ugbechie

Lagos: Godson & Godman Limited, 2022

644p.

Includes Index

9789787952344

\$ 75.00 / PB

736gm.

Nigeria Heroes and Sheroes is a compelling chronicle of the imprints of Nigerian men, women and institutions on the sands of development; a journalist's audacious assessment and verdict on

Africa's largest economy. The author's generous laudation of some persons is matched by his sharp rebuke of those whose leadership inefficiency helped to tar the nation in the most dour colours.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859896>

My Life Journey: An Autobiography / Olatunde Aluko

Lagos: Gaskia Media Limited, 2023

xxii, 470p.

Includes Index

9789787973639

\$ 75.00 / PB

728gm.

Olatunde Aluko, through the pages of My Life Journey, has presented an African story of global relevance and timeless lessons that would be cherished by generations yet unborn. When he sets out in 1954 as an impressionable teenager from the bucolic environment of Ado-Ekiti to the burgeoning city of Ibadan, it was the first step in a life of adventures and great achievements that would take him to every corner of the world. His well-written odyssey, presented with clarity, pithy prose, and mellifluous cadence, is an affirmation of the indomitable spirit of man to triumph against almost impossible odds. A tour de force!

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859897>

Navigating Change – My Story: Timeless Secrets for Growth in an Ever-Changing World / Niyi

Borire (Foreword) Rev. George Adegboye

Nigeria: Niyi Borire (Self-Published), 2020

132p.

9780645043303

\$ 30.00 / PB

214gm.

Why do people lose their identity in a time of major change?

Why do some people grow in a time of change, while others groan and grumble?

In Navigating Change, Niyi Borire takes us on a captivating journey to uncover some of the timeless secrets that promise growth in a time of change. From surviving sexual abuse as a child and his failings as a young man, to the financial hardship he suffered in his university days, to his migration to Australia against all odds, Niyi illustrates how an underdog can win. Indeed, his story proves how a powerless person, if intent on the pursuit of his purpose, can navigate change and achieve a fulfilling life.

Niyi Borire shares his personal, candid story of overcoming disadvantage to then thrive and achieve success as a Neurologist in Sydney, Australia.

This memoir speaks to everyone struggling through rapidly changing or frustratingly slow-moving situations. Navigating Change is not just another memoir. It is an inspirational book that will build in you the capacity and courage to sail through stormy seas. It will teach you the principles to become a pioneer of your own desired change, without losing your identity, purpose or individuality.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859898>

Vantage: My Life, Starting Up and Startups / Olumide Soyombo

Lagos: BGX Publishing, 2023

xliv, 312p.

Includes Index

9789787994832

\$ 50.00 / PB

422gm.

Africa is now the land of unicorns, but before unicorns, there were numerous stories that captured the power and pioneering spirit of the continent's techpreneurs. Enter Olumide Soyombo who discovered the Personal Computer as a teenager and with the nudging of his father, became an entrepreneur. Set against the backdrop of the evolution of Africa's emergence on the tech scene and the pivotal role and leadership offered by Nigerians and the country's contemporary culture, Vantage tells the story of Olumide's pioneering role. With rare insights into the backroom of ventures, balanced with the candour of playing hard, the tales speak to the spirit of partnerships being both business and personal.

Our story starts from the historic Benin where Olumide is born and spends his early years. It then takes us to Lagos where the family moves to from Benin and we catch a glimpse of Olumide's entrepreneurial spirit as well as the mischief he is capable of, before docking in Iyana-Offa in idyllic Ibadan where he got his baptism of fire at the Airforce Comprehensive School. We return to Lagos, after which we pivot briefly to the United Kingdom for a vacation job and a master's degree before finally berthing in Lagos.

Vantage tells of a life that has been instrumental in creating billions of dollars in value. We follow Olumide's formation from mischievous boy to a young adult pursuing hedonism and academic excellence side-by-side, to his softening as father and mentor. We learn about setting up his first business with his friend, the growth and expansion of the business from Nigeria to Africa and Europe, and his accidental foray into angel investing and capital venture.

Across its three books and spanning four decades, Vantage is a candid narration of what has worked for Olumide Soyombo. It tells of the effect of a loving family, faith, books, relationships, and mentorship of good people on his life. However, as is oft repeated throughout the book, it is not a prescription.

Vantage is Olumide Soyombo's business memoir. However, it is also a mirror. How so? Because what you see in his stories is influenced by your interpretations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859899>

Harsh Realities / Connie Jean Aremli
Ibadan: BookBuilders Edition Africa, 2023
viii, 164p.
9789789212422
\$ 25.00 / PB
230gm.

Connie Jean Ama Abeni Aboagye Aremu is Ghanaian by birth. She went to England to study for her A Levels and then read law in 1964. She met Dr. Latif Oladepo Aremu of blessed memory in London, fell in love and got married to him in August 1969. She has been living in Nigeria since 1975 and considers her husband's home town of Iwo, Osun State, as her own home town, where she attends the Church at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Onilete, every Sunday after Holy Communion Service in Ibadan. She has previously published three books, viz: The Criminal Responsibility to Homicide and Supernatural Beliefs, A Rhapsody of Essays on Nigerian Law and A Portia Comes to Judgement.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859900>

The First Five Years: From Book-Smart to Streetwise: A Memoir / Ayodele Ashiata Kadiri
Owerri, Imo State: Griots Lounge Publishing Nigeria, 2023
260p.
9789786008820
\$ 35.00 / PB
332gm.

The 'First Five Years: From Book-smart to Streetwise' largely documents the early career journey of a young professional in Nigeria. The author, a Nigerian lawyer in a leading Nigerian law firm, holds nothing back in sharing details of her career trajectory, infusing lively anecdotes and authentic narrations. Replete with vulnerability, every young professional looking to navigate the first five years of their career will find it very relatable. The memoir is set out in Eight (8) Chapters, garnished with extracts from the author's journals, personal statements or motivation letters and several other published writings.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859901>

She Gave Me Roots: Me and My Mum | He Gave Me Wings: Me and My Dad (Dual Books) / 'Funso Adegbola

Ibadan: Purplebloom Publishers, 2023

1v.

9789786024806; 9789786024813

\$ 40.00 / HB

336gm.

He Gave Me Wings – Dad was so proud of me, he thought I was a whiz-kid and “made me believe I was the best thing since sliced bread!” This brief memoir by 'Funso Adegbola recounts a unique and special relationship of a daughter with her very famous Dad, Chief Bola Ige. Herein we find a new image of Bola Ige, not only the consummate politician but also a father who was unabashedly crazy about his children. In the author's own words: “I feel I owe it to my children and posterity to share some of these joyful moments so that we can learn invaluable lessons and thereby improve our lives and filial relationships.”

She Gave Me Roots – The life of an extraordinary woman whose strength, determination, and support shaped the course of her family's destiny. Justice Atinuke Ige emerges as a role model for women. Her strong presence, both within and outside the home, leaves an indelible mark on the lives she touched. Written with love and admiration by her daughter, this captivating memoir offers an intimate glimpse into the extraordinary life of Justice Atinuke Ige. Her resilience, grace, and commitment to her family serve as a confirmation of the power of love and the pursuit of dreams. She Gave Me Roots is a touching tribute to a remarkable woman who left an indelible legacy of strength and determination.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859902>

A Shred of Fear: A Memoir / Uche Nwokedi

Lagos: Narratives Landscape Press, 2022

xvi, 220p.

Includes Index

9789785849257

\$ 30.00 / PB

312gm.

Fifty years after the Biafran War ended in 1970, and as memories of the war fade and cultural, religious and tribal divisions rear their heads, Uche Nwokedi's childhood memories of that time are presented in this memoir. Aged seven when the war began, he and his family would spend the next three years as refugees in their own country. A Shred of Fear brings dramatic events vividly to life. Moments of fear, sadness, tragedy, and family solidarity are told with pathos and humour. More than a war story, this compelling narrative shines a fearless light on a dark period.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859903>

African Odyssey of a Lebanese Emigrant: An Autobiography of Sorts / Habib Jaafar

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2023

xvi, 272p.
Includes Index
9789786004440
\$ 45.00 / PB
384gm.

Beirut, Lebanon — 1982 ...no sooner had I stepped out of the car when a bomb exploded right next to where we had parked; I was not even fifty metres away. Without thinking, I immediately rushed back to the car... What I saw still haunts me. I saw horrible burns all over Ghazi's face and upper body... After the death of Ghazi, I was emotionally disturbed; part of me had died with him. At the cemetery, offering our condolences, the atmosphere was extremely tense as Ghazi's mother approached me and said with a broken heart and in a tone I will never forget, 'why did God take Ghazi and not you, Habib?' At that moment, I knew it was time for me to leave Lebanon.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859904>

Undaunted: The Journey and Lessons of 20 Years of Media Practice / Adebisi Adetunji
Ibadan: Crown Delight Communications, 2022
126p.
9789787925935
\$ 20.00 / PB
150gm.

Undaunted tells the story of daunting milestones in the author's media career progression. It's a tale of how unwanted career events have been shaped into lessons and prospects. It's the perfect memoir that any young person interested in the media industry should read, especially at a time when several excellent media practices have gone with the wind. The author's work ethic, resilience, and relational skills are left for the curious eyes of any reader to see; particularly from her time at Radio Nigeria. This book presents practical steps that young media professionals in the core or soft media stream can adapt to better their acts. However, this book, unlike the opportunities the author has described isn't wearing an overall! Thankfully, it is laid bare for readers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859905>

Book of Consolation / Olusegun Ayodeji Diyaolu Osinowo
Abeokuta, Ogun State: Sophie Academic Services Ltd, 2020
210p.
9789785588484
\$ 25.00 / PB
224gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859906>

Steel Woman: Heroic of the African Woman and the Pursuit of Gender Justice / Michael Buraimoh
London, UK: Diaspora Publishers Ltd, 2022
xii, 216p.
9781838469207
\$ 30.00 / PB
264gm.

THE TRUE LIFE STORY OF ONE WOMAN'S STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME THE PERILS OF PATRIARCHY, INTERWOVEN WITH A CRITICAL LOOK AT SOCIETY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS WOMEN AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

Wasilat Amoke grew up in Nigeria in the 1950s at a time when the prevailing culture normalized misogyny and gender-based abuse. Poor attitudes towards women and girls consigned her to a life

of severe hardship. Her hopes for escaping misery rested on her children, whom she raised within a society that stood aloof yet would have condemned her had she failed.

Steel Woman serves as a powerful lens through which many of today's injustices are examined. It challenges the normalisation of female suffering and will hopefully inspire you to join the fight for gender justice.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859907>

The Challenge of Good Governance and Leadership in Nigeria: 8 Years of Mr. Peter Obi in Anambara State / (Ed) Prof T. Uzodinma Nyala

Lagos: The Alaigbo Development Foundation (ADF), 2022

xvi, 152p.

\$ 35.00 / PB

234gm.

A book that describes the challenges His Excellency, Peter Obi faced during his 8 year Tenure as the Governor of Anambra State, Nigeria.

It has a total of 7 chapters which can be summarized into three segments:

1. Mr. Peter Obi's early beginning, his philosophy as a leader, his ascendancy to politics.
2. Triumph of the Judicial System.
3. Achievements of Peter Obi in his 8 years as governor of Anambra state that stands him out from his contemporary.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859908>

Unleashed Dreams: A Thorny Journey to Tranquillity / Titilope Tawakkaltu Anifowoshe

Mowe, Ogun State: Writers Occupy, 2023

136p.

9789787803509

\$ 35.00 / PB

192gm.

"Unleashed Dreams" is an extraordinary memoir that encapsulates the essence of resilience and unwavering determination in the face of daunting adversity. Titilope's life journey is a tapestry of triumph over devastating losses and societal pressures, ultimately sculpting her into the remarkable person she is today. Through her heartfelt anecdotes, she unveils the remarkable journey of self-discovery, where perceived differences are transformed into dazzling strengths that redefine the very fabric of her being.

Furthermore, Titilope boldly confronts the staggering double standards that plague the realm of youth politics. She unearths the profound discrimination and marginalisation that young individuals encounter within this arena, weaving her personal encounters into a vivid tapestry of struggle and resilience. With profound wisdom and unwavering conviction, she guides fellow young minds towards an empowered path, revealing the untapped potential that lies within them and offering invaluable insights to surmount the seemingly insurmountable hurdles.

"Unleashed Dreams" is not merely a memoir, but a remarkable testament to the indomitable human spirit and the transformative power of embracing one's true self. It invites readers on an exhilarating journey, one that resonates with the deepest corners of the soul and ignites the flame of hope within.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859909>

Tai Solarin : Africa's Greatest Educationist and Humanist / Dele Babalola

Nigeria: Dele Babalola (Self-Published), 2023

160p.

9789787803448

\$ 35.00 / PB

216gm.

An inside account of the life story of Tai Solarin, the late headmaster of the famous Mayflower School, Ikenne , Nigeria. It is a truly moving story written by an old student of Mayflower in the days of Tai Solarin as principal, depicting the communal /socialist activities of the students in a religiously -free atmosphere . Tai lived his life as Africa's greatest educationist, humanist , atheist and one of the foremost social critics of the various governments of Nigeria. He was the defender of the defenseless; an ombudsman extraordinaire for the people ; a perpetual gadfly goading on the Nigerian government to provide egalitarian social services for the people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859910>

Yanju Adegbite : His Story / Abimbola Lagunju

Ibadan: Berlitsr Books, 2022

xvi, 224p.

9789787904794

\$ 35.00 / PB

336gm.

Yanju Adegbite, His Story is a narrative of the life of the veteran broadcaster and documentary producer. Born in Ibadan, Nigeria in 1955, Yanju fortuitously overcame the early vicissitudes of life when his father died to become one of Nigeria's ace broadcasters and a household name. *His Story* celebrates his art and tells of the challenges and triumphs of the man behind the microphone. Yanju is married to Tomi Adegbite and together, they have five children and several grandchildren.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859911>

Sani Abacha: Nigeria's Most Powerful Defence Minister and Head of State / Adebayo Adeolu

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2023

viii, 164p.

9789789187928

\$ 35.00 / PB

304gm.

Written from an unusual point of view, this biography documents the life of Sani Abacha as one of the most powerful figures not only in the Nigerian military but also in the country as a whole. Beginning as a young officer in the Army, he rose to become a prominent general through diligence and hard work, eventually becoming the Country's Head of State.

The book also serves as an insight into the life of a rather misjudged man, dispelling myths and revealing facts rather than rumours.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859912>

Struck Down But Not Destroyed: ... From Adversity to Advocacy / Temilade Favour Adesina

Akure, Ondo State: Reconciliation House Books, 2023

viii, 96p.

9789785721218

\$ 25.00 / PB

150gm.

Struck Down but Not Destroyed is a story of survival, recovery, resilience, and inspiration of a vibrant young lady who faced an unexpected life issue of quadriplegia as a result of a vehicular accident during her final year in her undergraduate days. This is a story of hope in hopelessness and turning her adversity into Advocacy. It is a memoir of a lady who remained optimistic despite her severe spinal cord injury coupled with her challenging and overcoming stories in life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859913>

Emeka / Frederick Forsyth
Ibadan: Spectrum Books Limited, 1982 (Reprinted 2011)
vi, 154p.
9780294880; 9789780294885
\$ 15.00 / PB
128gm.

Emeka is the dramatic, powerful and moving life-story of CHUKWUEMEKA ODUMEGWU OJUKWU. It is the story of a rebel, general, head of state, governor, philosopher and Igbo leader. A story never told before about Emeka's youth, his army training, the civil war, his exile of more than twelve years and his return home on 18 June 1982. The writing was authorised by Ojukwu and written by his close friend and confidant Frederick Forsyth, the author of Dogs of War, Odessa File, The Day of the Jackal and The Biafra Story. Frederick Forsyth's fifteen years association with Ojukwu makes Enzeka an honest, truthful and very readable book. Mr Forsyth stayed in 'Biafra' as a war correspondent throughout the civil war, kept in close touch with Ojukwu during the years in exile and returned with him to Nigeria. Ojukwu — the new Nigerian image. The fascinating story of a selfless, ambitious, highly intelligent, courageous and honest man. Enzeka — the symbol of Igbo-ness. Dikedioranma of Igboland. Enzeka should be read by every Nigerian.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859914>

This Is Pastor Adeboye / Koko Kalango (Illustrator) Raphael Agboola
Port Harcourt: Rainbow Publishers Ltd, 2022
120p.
9789785480757
Notable Africans Series
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A boy from a very poor family in a village that was not on the map.
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One of the most influential people in the world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859915>

Business

Leaving the Tarmac: Buying a Bank in Africa / Aigboje Aig- Imoukhuede
England, UK: RedDoor, 2021
xii, 228p.
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9781913062453
\$ 35.00 / PB
346gm.

THE MOST COMPELLING BUSINESS SUCCESS STORY TO COME OUT OF AFRICA.

When Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede and Herbert Wigwe bought Access Bank in 2002 it was one of the smallest and most crisis-prone banks in Nigeria. Their goal was to build it into one of the biggest and strongest banks in the country.

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The author has written with searing honesty about the set-backs as well as the triumphs that they met with along the way, providing an unrivalled insight for anyone planning to build a company or do business in the volatile but high-growth markets of modern Africa.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859916>

Paying the Price for the Prize: Leveraging the Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Our Age and Environment to Stardom / Chuks Ogbekile

Lagos: University of Lagos Press and Bookshop Ltd, 2021

xxxiv, 176p.

Includes Index

9789785892376

\$ 25.00 / PB

238gm.

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Tears of Hungry Nigerian Entrepreneur: Personal Reflections on Life, Family and Business / Seun Akisanmi

Nigeria: Elopublishing Enterprises, 2017

xvi, 272p.

9789789610464

\$ 40.00 / PB

262gm.

This book is an attempt to document some of the lessons and experiences I've had as a father, son, husband, student, CEO, Christian, and Nigerian. My hope is that you will get an insight into part of what an average Nigerian entrepreneur goes through before attaining the desired pinnacle of success, even though I am yet to reach that height. You will have the opportunity to hopefully learn from my mistakes and be inspired by my few victories. My ultimate desire is that many young Nigerian entrepreneurs will end up not shedding as much tears as I have shed in my almost-two-decades of being an entrepreneur in Nigeria. It may seem like a tall order but the entrepreneur in me is taking a risk that it will be worth it. I hope you will only shed tears of joy and your journey in life will be more fulfilling and bearable as a result of your mental encounter with what I share on the pages of this book.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859918>

Igba Boyi : A Study of the Igbo Apprenticeship Scheme in Onitsha Markets / Nkemdili Au. Nnonyelu (et al.)

Abuja: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd., 2023

350p.

Includes Index

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410gm.

Igba Boyi: A Study of the Igbo Apprenticeship Scheme in Onitsha Markets is the product of an expansive, eighteen months' study on the famed Igbo apprenticeship scheme, popularly known as *Igba Boyi*, using Onitsha markets (the hub of Igbo business and entrepreneurship) as the study area. The study adopted a concurrent mixed-method research design, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative approaches to data collection and analysis. It offers new insights into

the state and emerging trajectory of the *Igba Boyi* scheme and recommends a holistic re-envisioning and re-branding of the practice such as a shift from its current excessive informality to a semi-formal structure that will accommodate the best practices from the old and new worlds of entrepreneurship.

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Communication & Journalism

A Reporter and His Beat / Yinka Fabowale

Ibadan: Floy Publications, 2022

xx, 272p.

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348gm.

This book provides a comprehensive insight of a reporter on the beat in Africa's greatest country, Nigeria. Apart from surveying the trends and dynamics of journalism training and practice, media ecologies, ethos and traditions over time, it also reflects the sociology of the Nigerian media. In it, Yinka Fabowale, one of Nigeria's most accomplished and award-winning journalists, vividly paints the picture of the diverse experiences and challenges the African journalist faces as he rises from the level of a rookie to the zenith of his career. From detailed accounts of his rigorous but very rewarding practical apprenticeship under some hardcore, no-nonsense professionals; the daily risks and thrills of being a journalist, the dangers of cooptation, compromise and corruption and lessons he learnt from both highly and lowly placed news sources and the events he covered spanning different eras of military and democratic regimes, the author points out the similarity and disparity between theory and practice and offers unique and realistic lessons to reporters, journalists and scholars. It also mirrors developments and stagnation at diverse levels of analysis of the state of Nigerian journalism and the society - from the personal to the sectoral to the regional and national. It relives the realities regarding journalism education, professionalism, ethics, gate-keeping functions and watch-dog mandate of the press, in addition to policy misses by government as well as dysfunctional politics among other factors hindering national development, and thereby holds up a mirror for the nation's Fourth Estate and society's self-assessment and the need to refocus on ideals. This makes the book an invaluable practical tool and resource material for policy makers, practitioners and students of communication and media studies, sociology, history, political science and any reader interested in the wide range of subjects it covers. The book's uniqueness lies in its excellent narrative and creative approach to teaching journalism. The chapters are short but focus intensely on the subject, just as the themes overlap and inter-relate. The content is rendered in simple, lucid and light-hearted language, laced with humour and wit that makes it reader-friendly.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859920>

The Morning After: A Guide to Media Reporting and Prevention of Suicide in Nigeria / Olufemi

Oluwatayo & Martins Ifijeh

Lagos: Prima (Narrative Landscape Press), 2020

xiv, 138p.

9789785699098

\$ 20.00 / PB

158gm.

In the world in which many of us grew up, any report of a medical doctor jumping headlong into the lagoon would be attributed to the diabolical acts of some witches and wizards. Today, Nigerians are aware that otherwise normal people, including successful professionals, could nurse a feeling of

emptiness and despair that ultimately triggers suicide. But at a time concerted efforts were needed to address the challenge, reporting such tragedies tends to either glamourize or stigmatize what ordinarily are mental health issues. It is against the foregoing background that I commend 'The Morning After A Guide for Media Reporting and Prevention of Suicide in Nigeria', a very insightful book that deals with how to handle a major health problem hardly ever discussed in Nigeria. With chilling statistics and anecdotal references, what Olufemi Oluwatayo and Martins Ifijeh are telling us is that since not all wounds are visible, we do not always know what people around us are going through or what action they might take when pushed to the edge. For that reason, they argue, there is an urgent need for sensitivity in the way suicides are reported in Nigeria. They have also proffered solutions on how the silent public health challenge can be prevented in Nigeria. This is a major work that should provoke a serious conversation on how and why many Nigerians are now taking their own lives.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859921>

Ecology/Environment

The Nigerian Environment Past 100 Years and the Future / (Eds) David Okali, Mynepalli Sridhar & Chris Ikporukpo
Ibadan: The Nigerian Environmental Study Action Team (NEST), 2019
xvi, 472p.
9789789810574
\$ 100.00 / PB
1190gm.

"The Nigerian Environment: Past 100 Years and the Future" is a commemorative publication that emerged as part of the country's Centenary celebrations in 2014. This comprehensive work was assembled following a symposium organized by the Nigerian Environmental Study Action Team (NEST), generously supported by the Federal Ministry of Environment. The book covers a wide array of topics, encapsulating the entirety of the environment, and is thoughtfully organized into 12 distinct thematic areas. These areas include **land resources, water resources, the atmosphere, ecosystems, forests, and biodiversity, coastal and marine environments, energy and environment, environment and health, urbanization, industry, and waste management, environmental education and awareness raising, disasters and emergencies, as well as environmental governance, economics, and the management of Nigeria's environment.** Within each of these thematic areas, the publication delves into a comprehensive analysis of the trends in managing the Nigerian environment over the initial hundred years of the country's existence. It then extends its purview into the future, projecting sustainable strategies and practices. This publication holds a place of great significance as a national reference work on environmental matters and sustainable development. It serves as a beacon for policymakers, scholars, and concerned citizens, offering invaluable insights and guidance to shape a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future for Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859922>

Economics/Development Studies

Nigerian Railway System: Journey to Modernisation / Williams Aderemo Yinkore
Lagos: Railway Printing Press, 2020
xxii, 326p.
Includes Index; Bibliography
9789789856176

\$ 32.00 / PB
418gm.

The story of Nigerian Railway System: journey to modernisation is the story of the tortuous part and the twist and turns leading to the Modernization of the Nigerian Railway System: The renewal, rehabilitation and modernisation of the Operational Infrastructure, Institutions and Human Capital. The pursuit and actualization of which had been the vision of all the various Administrations since 1964.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859923>

Principles and Practice of Newspaper Sales in Nigeria / Abiola Ayankunbi

Lagos: Royal Choice Multimedia International, 2018

xv, 282p.

Includes Index

9789783264856

\$ 30.00 / PB

532gm.

The newspaper industry enters the millennium, neither dying nor assured of a stable future. The declining profile of newspapers has been widely debated as the industry is faced with soaring cost of newsprint, slumping ad sales, dwindling revenue from classified advertising and precipitous drops in circulation.

The debate has become quite engaging lately, with the deepening recession shrinking the profit margin, and as once-explosive growth in newspaper revenues levelling off, forestalling what industry watchers had hoped would become an important source of income.

There is scarcity of textbooks on newspaper marketing but the ones on general marketing abound. Although, "marketing is marketing," the guiding principles and practices when discussing newspapers marketing, are entirely different. Today's media managers are just interested in reaping revenue through strategic partnership, Sponsorship, awards, etc but pay little attention on how to build the reader-loyalty.

This book examines the future that will partly be shaped by the need for vision, leadership, and community support of local news and journalism. The future will be shaped by what readers choose. One issue is whether the newspaper industry is being hit by mismanagement from which it may recover or whether new technology has rendered newspapers obsolete in their traditional format. To survive, newspapers are considering combining other options, although the outcome of such partnerships has been criticized. Despite these problems, newspaper companies with significant brand value and equity which have published their work online, have a significant rise in viewership readership.

Both Television and the Internet bring news to the consumer faster and in a more visual style than newspapers, that are even, constrained by their physical form and the need to be physically manufactured and distributed. This book provides comprehensive and balanced coverage of traditional materials, new, emerging issues and topics. It also deals with introductory tips on management sales concepts that have mostly influenced media companies over the past years. In as much as a company needs to hear what its readers are saying about its newspapers, listening to readers must be an ongoing process and the results must be communicated promptly and put into use because without a system that measures your service effectiveness regularly, you won't know if you are improving or not.

While today's newspapers may appear visually different from the earlier ones of a century ago, in many aspects, they have changed little and have failed to keep pace with changes in society. There is, thus, cause for concern but not for panic. The book will be useful to publishers, shareholders, media employees, agents, vendors, advertising agencies and general readers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859924>

Burning the Wealth of a Nation: The Nigeria Perspective / Michael Famokunwa
London, UK: Framichi Publications, 2023
xii, 172p.
9781739435028
\$ 28.00 / PB
222gm.

This book aims to provoke a change in the approach to Nigeria's challenges, highlighting the untapped potential in the individuals and the nation. The acquired knowledge should be willingly shared for the progress of Nigeria and for the benefit of all. The questions in this book are designed to be simple and thought-provoking to encourage further positive discussions and research about wealth burning in Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859925>

Health & Medicine

Hu Iwa Sia Bi Eniyan Eleran Ara : An Ethical Theory of Interaction in African Traditional Medicine (ATM) / Akin-Tiko Akinmayowa
Lagos: Lagos-African Cluster Centre, University of Lagos Press and Bookshop Limited, 2022
xiv, 110p.
Includes Index
9789789984572
\$ 25.00/ PB
156gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859926>

History

UNSPOKEN: A Chronicle of Yoruba Female Kings (Oba Obinrin) / Ronke Ademiluyi
Ile Ife, Osun State: House of Oduduwa, 2022
xviii, 102p.
9789789919932
\$ 110.00 / PB
566gm.

The Book is about Yoruba women who ruled as Kings centuries ago. The aim is to celebrate Women in monarchy and leadership and to recognize them for the efforts they played in building the community and to encourage more women to take up leadership roles.

In many areas of the Yoruba society, women are given a certain amount or range of power and authority to carry out certain leadership duties in areas such as trading, commerce, spirituality and even in royal affairs as found in women in positions such as Iyalode, Iya Oba, Olori and these women through their actions counsel and advice played vital rules in different spheres of the Yoruba scenery. These roles show the respect accorded to women in the Yoruba society. Invariably there have been some women who have gone above and beyond these stipulated positions to become venerated women in history and have become kings in their respective Kingdoms, female kings and what we call Oba Obinrin.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859927>

A Political History of Modern Nigeria: Words and Thoughts of Mbazulike Amechi, Volume I / (Ed) Gabriel Nwanze
Nigeria: Mbazulike Amechi (Self-Published), 2019

xv, 434p.
9789789736508
\$ 100.00 / HB
1178gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859928>

A New Face of Private Healthcare: The Hygeia Nigeria Story / Oyinade Elebute & Adeyemo Elebute
Lagos: West African Book Publishers Limited, 2011
xviii, 224p.
9789781535147
\$ 100.00 / HB
658gm.

This is the story of how a dream evolved into a real life health facility needed by Nigerians when they suffer life-threatening injuries and diseases. The book highlights the challenges faced during the various stages of the transformation of the dream into reality. Among the challenges are financing the capital intensive healthcare; meeting the stringent conditions in the acquisitions of medical equipment as well as drugs: getting qualified medical and allied health professionals, and recovering accumulated debts from patients after treatment.

The passion for quality healthcare delivery which Hygeia Nigeria has embedded in their policies, principles and practices has paid off recently. Lagoon Hospitals become the first health provider in Sub-Sahara Africa to be accredited by Joint Commission International (JCI), the equivalent of ISO certification for product manufacturers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859929>

Islam in Yorubaland: History, Education and Culture / (Ed) Muibi O. Opeloye (et al.)
Lagos: University of Lagos Press and Bookshop Ltd., 2018
xvi, 436p.
Includes Index
9789785628084
\$ 100.00 / HB
802gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859930>

Sacred Crown of The Source / HRM Oba Bankole Adewale Ojotalayo
Jericho, Ibadan: Mosuro Publishers, 2023
xii, 340p.
Includes Index
9789785927986
\$ 40.00 / PB
504gm.

Sacred Crowns of the Source chronicles the events leading to the emergence of the 'The New Dawn Obas' in Ife Kingdom. This is an Informative and educative book with eight chapters. Chapter One discusses how the idea of beaded crowns and Obas was birthed; Chapter Two talks about the involvement of the Government in the making of new Obas in Ife Kingdom; Chapter Three is about the Selection Process; Chapter Four highlights the Coronation Ceremonies of New Obas in the various villages in Ife Kingdom; Chapter Five introduces the elected 'New Dawn Obas'; Chapter Six gives a breakdown of the Virtual Retreat organized for The New Obas; Chapter Seven discusses Succession; and Chapter Eight is the Epilogue.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859931>

Law

Corporate Governance Reporting in Nigeria: A Review of the Thirty Most Capitalized Companies in the Nigerian Stock Exchange / Society for Corporate Governance Nigeria

Corporate Governance Reporting in Nigeria 2018

Lagos: Commercial Law Development Services (CLDS), 2018

364p.

Includes Bibliography

9789789678020

\$ 50.00 / PB

988gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859932>

The Dynamic Intersections of Economics, Foreign Relations, Jurisprudence and National Development (Socio-Legal Essays) / Femi D. Ojumu

Lagos: Guardian Newspapers Limited, 2023

xvi, 316p.

Includes Index

9789787819418

\$ 195.00 / HB

814gm.

The writer's dexterity in taking the paradox that is Nigeria and dissecting such pertinent issues as geopolitics & international jurisprudence, parliamentary democracy, rotational Presidency; national security and the criminal law, the balance of meritocracy and partisanship; corporate governance, leadership, and trickle-down economics amongst other salient subjects, within the context of the volatility and disruptions in today's global context, speaks to Femi Ojumu's expertise. The reader is brought to a place of understanding national development at the local level and the importance of the interplay of the dynamics of global factors such as economics, social, governance, technology, and leadership on the environment as we all aspire for peace and prosperity worldwide. – **Toki Mabogunje – Vice-Chair Africa ICC/World Chamber Federation, Past President, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859933>

Criminality, Victimology, Communal Killings and Compensation: Legal and Security Considerations / Adebayo Akinade

Lagos: Institute of Security, Nigeria, 2018

ix, 223p.

Includes Index

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1. Criminality – Victimology – Communal Killings.
2. Legal and Security Aspects.

\$ 30.00 / PB

252gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859934>

Linguistics

How Yoruba and Igbo Became Different Languages / Bolaji Aremo

Revised & Enlarged Edition

Ibadan: Scribo Publications Limited, 2012

xvi, 212p.

9783719564
\$ 30.00 / PB
262gm.

The main objective of this study is to identify examples of genetically related Igbo and Yoruba words that might serve as further evidence in support of some linguists' claim that the two languages developed from the same parent language.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859935>

Literature

Nomad / Romeo Oriogun
Nigeria: Griots Lounge Publishing Nigeria, 2021
viii, 116p.
9789785756739
\$ 30.00 / PB
186gm.

"Romeo Oriogun's poetry explores alterity and displacement- of location, of intimate physical spaces, of color/race, the remnant music of caliban. He does this with a deft hand and an instinctive feel for the cadences of the lyric. - Niran Okewole, author "Logarhythms and the hate artist"

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854612>

Fearless / Ifeoma Chinwuba
Abuja: Grower Literature, 2004
xiii, 252p.
1857768051; 9789789180219
\$ 25.00 / PB
350gm.

Once Ralph was just an ordinary English boy who was often ill. He missed his mother, who had been in hospital herself for a long time. Life with his father in London was one long round of doctors and different medicines.

Then Ralph's father decided to take a job in Mission School in Nigeria, and Ralph realized that his world would never be the same again. If he had known that in a few months' time he would be able to disappear at will or summon up rain on a cloudless day, he would not have believed it. In a rural village in Nigeria, with new friends to meet and painful rites to undergo, Ralph becomes the hero Fearless, as Africa weaves its unique spell.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859936>

Shigidi and The Brass Head of Obalufon / Wole Talabi
Lagos: Masobe, 2023
304p.
9789786008967
\$ 35.00 / PB
366gm.

Shigidi is a disgruntled and demotivated nightmare god in the Orisha spirit company, reluctantly answering prayers of his few remaining believers to maintain his existence long enough to find his next drink. When he meets Nneoma, a sort-of succubus with a long and secretive past, everything changes for him.

Together, they attempt to break free of his obligations and the restrictions that have bound him to his godhood and navigate the parameters of their new relationship in the shadow of her past. But the elder gods that run the Orisha spirit company have other plans for Shigidi, and they are not all aligned—or good.

From the boisterous streets of Lagos to the swanky rooftop bars of Singapore and the secret spaces of London, Shigidi and Nneoma will encounter old acquaintances, rival gods, strange creatures, and manipulative magicians as they are drawn into a web of revenge, spirit business, and a spectacular heist across two worlds that will change Shigidi's understanding of himself forever and determine the fate of the Orisha spirit company.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859937>

Endless Chances: A Time and Travel Romance / Lola Fashina

Nigeria: Lola Fashina (Self-Published), 2022

xii, 260p.

9781737778509

\$ 30.00 / PB

406gm.

A heart-stirring story set in a society stratified into social classes, where the poor serve the wealthy. When Ajoke is sent from her village in rural Nigeria to work as a housemaid, she has no idea of the overwhelming challenges and struggles that await her. Along the way, she engages in a secret and forbidden romance built on a foundation of risks. Ajoke realizes she may never escape her indentured status, but continues to fight for the life she believes she deserves. Ajoke's life is a series of chances taken on her journey of discovery that gives hope to those who remain voiceless.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859938>

Ayanfe: Love and Courage, Book 1 / Feyi Aina

Second Edition

Abuja: Ifeadigo Publishing Company Limited, 2023

412p.

9789787975466

\$ 35.00 / PB

474gm.

Princess Ayanfe's only duty is to marry the Prince of Irefa, buy the land of Agbo Ode the eastern sea routes and make her father happy. Love has no place where duty is concerned.

Captain Dehinde walks the fine line between his official duties and his heart. He can't deny his attraction to Princess Ayanfe, but he must hide it or the penalty would be grievous.

When information reaches them that an accused man might just be innocent, they start a trail of quiet investigations that put her in his constant company and him in the cross hairs of the Crown Prince and the Tribunal Council. With stakes higher than ever, Dehinde must choose between his duty to the Kingdom and his love for her.

Ayanfe explores the story of two courageous people and their hunt for the truth in a land where the word of the Tribunal Council is law; and a questionable truth potion decides who lives or dies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859939>

The Brass-Bells Drum: A Novel / Akinwumi Orojide-Isola (Translator) Pamela J. Olubunmi Smith

Ibadan: Pan-African University Press, 2021

xxx, 274p.

9781943533572

\$ 30.00 / PB

490gm.

A preeminent translator has translated a prominent book, producing an outcome that is magnetic and majestic. A timeless story comes alive, the strictures of state decadence narrated with clairvoyance, but the resolution drags us to an uncertain destination. Can there be a secular rapture? – Toyin Falola, Professor of History, University Distinguished Teaching Professor, and Jacob and Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities, the University of Texas at Austin
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859940>

Pound of Flesh: History is Written By Survivors / Chiedu Dieyi
Abuja: Ifeadiogo Publishing Company Limited, 2023
vi, 493p.
9789787804797
A Brenda Agunor Thriller Series, Book 2
\$ 35.00 / PB
598gm.

Chiedu Dieyi's Pound of Flesh is the riveting sequel to the Brenda Agunor series, where Agent Brenda finds herself on the run and fighting for her life. In a race against time, she must carry out unthinkable orders to save her fiancé's life. As notable politicians fall one by one, every crime scene points to her, forcing her to team up with a Nigerian-born American counterintelligence agent Kingsley.

As she gets closer to the truth, Brenda finds herself facing unexpected betrayals and a shocking discovery that will change everything. How would she weave her way out of the incriminating evidence mounting up against her? How would she face off with Martina Obeki, an enemy from her past, who is out for a personal vendetta? Will she be able to stop the impending attack on the nation's seat of power and bring justice to those responsible, or will the ticking time bomb blow up in her face? Find out in this page-turning sequel.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859941>

Suitors are Scarce in Lagos / Lola Akande
Lagos: Tunmike Pages, 2020
viii, 296p.
9789789797370
\$ 30.00 / PB
334gm.

Suitors are Scarce in Lagos is a collection of ten short fiction which captures the myriad experiences of women, men, and young adults in one of the busiest cities in West Africa — Lagos. "Who is Sane in Lagos?" takes the reader through a typical day on the road in Lagos. In "A Bullet from Nowhere," a newly-wed bride relocates from the countryside to Lagos to live with her husband, but falls into unintentional prostitution. In "Caged Bird," a Boko Haram escapee couple arrives in Lagos only to be sucked into the fast pace of Lagos life. In the title story, a suitor-seeking woman discovers that suitors are scarce in Lagos in spite of the teeming male population of the city. Similarly, all the other stories build themselves around the geographical fabric of Lagos. The collection interrogates the features of Lagos. It probes into the demographics that make up the city, including its people, its glamour and color, and its raw dogged determination to succeed no matter the odds. The stories excoriate the peculiar vices of Lagos. In addition to its variegated thematic elements, the collection employs simple language, humor, and sarcasm to reveal that it is not only suitors that are scarce in Lagos, but other human aspirations and desires also. Suitors are Scarce in Lagos has the potential to become a tour de force on the burgeoning Lagos genre.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859942>

The World We Once Had / Osigwe Ahmed Momoh

Abuja: Robson Readers & Publishers Ltd, 2023
376p.
9789780000005
\$ 35.00 / PB
400gm.

When Agbe – a sentry in the army of an ambitious king fails to sacrifice a young girl at the King’s behest, he risks losing his head. Years later, after rising to fame and glory in the King’s prestigious army, his sins catches up with him. Now married to his ‘assignment’, Agbe must reckon with his past as the King’s fury haunts his young family , splitting them to the farthest corners of the earth; that not even time and distance, nor fame and good fortune , even the birth of their newborn baby , would prevent them the cruel hands of fate.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859943>

The Three Of Us / Ore Agbaje-Williams

Lagos: Masobe, 2023

206p.

9789785943795

\$ 35.00 / PB

216gm.

Wife. Husband. Best friend.

What if your two favourite people hated each other with a passion?

A nice house, a carefree life, a doting husband, a best friend who never leaves your side. What more could you ask for? There's just one problem: your husband and best friend love you, but they hate each other.

Set over a single day, husband, wife and best friend Temi toe the lines of compromise and betrayal. Told in three parts, three people's lives, and their visions of themselves and one another, begin to slowly unravel, until a startling discovery throws everyone's integrity into question.

Full of intrigue, idiosyncratic wit and a healthy dose of wealth and snobbery, The Three of Us is part suburban millennial comedy of manners and part domestic noir that will leave you wondering: whose side are you on?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859944>

Do Something Before You Die / Nigel Henry

Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2021

204p.

9789785781625

\$ 30.00 / PB

260gm.

Do Something Before You Die chronicles the life of a young and promising academic, Cundeipuss, who leaves Britain to pursue a career as a lecturer at the University of Iloso, Iperia, a country in Africa.

Cundeipuss had divorced his young wife who sees no logic in his decision to leave the prospects Britain offers for the uncertainties in Iperia. Cundeipuss would soon become a friend to disappointments but relishes each moment with bottles of Stella, a popular beer brand in Iperia. Like the average academic at the University, Cundeipuss spends most of his leisure periods at the University Staff Club where he meets the good, bad and ugly of the academic community. At the time of Cundeipuss' arrival, Iperia witnessed a large influx of expatriates, especially at the University of Ilosho. However, an economic downturn in the fortune of the country will not spare Cundeipuss and his fellow expatriates from misery.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859945>

Triumph: Three Friends. Three Stories. One Faith: A Novel / Uchenna Peace Anaekwe
Nigeria: Uchenna Peace Anaekwe (Self-Published), 2020
xiv, 94p.
9789789911578
\$ 15.00 / PB
152gm.

'Triumph' is about three friends; Chinonye, Folake and Patricia who come at crossroads in life and in their individual journey they understand their victory in Christ Jesus. Chinonye is diagnosed with cancer and her daughter's unhealthy behaviour doesn't help matters. Patricia has been childless for five years and her mother-in-law gives her troubles while John, her husband, becomes a man she does not recognize. Folake on the other hand is a single mother who barely escaped an abusive marriage. It however seems like her past always tries to catch up with her.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859946>

The God's Advocate: The Fate of Ele Community Hangs in the Balance / Fabian Agumagu
Abuja: Ifeadijo Publishing Company Limited, 2023
148p.
9789787817988
\$ 30.00 / PB
192gm.

The people of Ele Community are deeply entrenched in the practice of the gods and are kept on track by the leading of the Assor, the chief priest. However, the peace in the community shatters with the arrival of a foreign God that tears the village between progress and heritage. Can Assor spearhead the fight of the gods or will Ele Community forgo the ways of their ancestors? Fabian Agumagu's eloquent prose weaves a tapestry that echoes the timeless tug between progress and tradition, set against the rich backdrop of African culture. The god's Advocate is a captivating literary fiction, portraying the gripping clash of modernity and ancient ways, leaving readers yearning to uncover the fate of Ele Community.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859947>

A Ration of Thorns / Jumoke Okuwobi
Lagos: A'Lime Media, 2018
xii, 140p.
9789789682720
\$ 25.00 / PB
224gm.

A Ration of Thorns by Jumoke OKUWOB I Narrative, compelling and suspense-filled. A ration of thorns is a story told from three perspective all centered on an act of infidelity. Lydia "the high-flying business executive and wife." Mike, "the supportive husband and tragic character." Femi, "the Doctor, friend and mediator." The story is told by these characters on the consequence of a single act of infidelity, the suspense and resulting outcome of that act. The story also centers on the cruelty of lust, the fragility of love and the power of forgiveness. After years of struggling with infertility, Lydia Adeyeri has a one-night affair with a stranger and gets pregnant. Unable to keep this as a secret she reveals the act to her husband and thus begins a battle of wits and the road to self-discovery and forgiveness. The story explores the men's perspective on adultery and health.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859948>

Gathering Clouds / Nneamaka Onochie
Port Harcourt: Faithpress, 2021
vi, 196p.
9789789914623
\$ 25.00 / PB
300gm.

Gathering Clouds is a contemporary African novel set in Western and Eastern part of Nigeria. It is a book that highlights the intricacies of some African homes, domestic violence, abuse, ethnic complexities, sense of self and identity, compromise, sacrifice, rudiments of friendship, ardent hypocrisies, patriarchy, murder and so much more.

The book is a bold narration of the plight of Isioma an African woman nestled in the web of societal standard, expectation and marital crisis. Is the death of an abusive spouse the sole remedy for spouses in abusive marriage? It is when the calm clouds gather that thunder is made.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859949>

The List / Yomi Adegoke
Lagos: Masobe, 2023
384p.
9789786009049
\$ 35.00 / PB
374gm.

In this sensational, page-turning debut, a high-profile journalist's world is upended when her fiancé's name turns up in a viral social media post.

Ola Olajide, a celebrated journalist at Womxxxn magazine, is set to marry the love of her life in one month's time. Young, beautiful, and successful—she and her fiancé Michael are considered the "couple goals" of their social network and seem to have it all. That is, until one morning when they both wake up to the same message: "Oh my god, have you seen The List?"

It began as a crowdsourced collection of names and somehow morphed into an anonymous account posting allegations on social media. Ola would usually be the first to support such a list—she'd retweet it, call for the men to be fired, write article after article. Except this time, Michael's name is on it.

Compulsively readable, wildly entertaining, and filled with sharp social insight, The List is a piercing and dazzlingly clear-sighted debut about secrets, lies, and the internet.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859950>

If The Foundations Be Destroyed: What Can The Righteous Do? : A Fiction / Ven. Adewale Sanda
Ibadan: Purplebloom Publishers, 2023
276p.
9789786004754
\$ 35.00 / PB
342gm.

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River Spirit / Leila Aboulela

Lagos: Masobe, 2023

364p.

9789785945157

\$ 35.00 / PB

316gm.

When Akuany and her brother Bol are orphaned in a village raid in South Sudan, they're taken in by a young merchant Yaseen who promises to care for them, a vow that tethers him to Akuany through their adulthood. As a revolutionary leader rises to power – the self-proclaimed Mahdi, prophesied redeemer of Islam – Sudan begins to slip from the grasp of Ottoman rule, and everyone must choose a side. A scholar of the Qur'an, Yaseen feels beholden to stand against this false Mahdi, even as his choice splinters his family. Meanwhile, Akuany moves through her young adulthood and across the country alone, sold and traded from house to house, with Yaseen as her inconsistent lifeline. Everything each of them is striving for – love, freedom, safety – is all on the line in the fight for Sudan.

Through the voices of seven men and women whose fates grow inextricably linked, Aboulela's latest novel illuminates a fraught and bloody reckoning with the history of a people caught in the crosshairs of imperialism. *River Spirit* is a powerful tale of corruption, coming of age, and unshakeable devotion – to a cause, to one's faith, and to the people who become family.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859952>

Haunted By Hope / Triumph Adekunle

Nigeria: SageWorks Publishing Ltd, 2023

294p.

9789787989029

\$ 40.00 / PB

314gm.

Esperanza's comprehension of existence was limited to the agonies of life. For her, though her name meant Hope, hope was a flickering flame on the brink of extinction. She had been subjected to the cruelty of abandonment in her childhood and was further battered by life's tumultuous storms of loss that threatened to consume her completely. However, as she stood on the brink of surrender, a ray of salvation extended its hand to her. The decision now lay before her – to grasp this lifeline and embark on a journey of discovery or to let go and resign herself to fate.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859953>

The Black Men of Bissonnet Street / Sola Owonibi

Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2023

176p.

9789786019406

\$ 35.00 / PB

208gm.

The Black Men of Bissonnet Street explores the lives of five African men who migrate to the United States of America in the quest for a better life. People say love is like a battlefield. For these men, it becomes more literal than figurative, as their homes quickly become minefields, shattering their illusions and leaving them at the mercy of erratic, vindictive spouses. The Black Men of Bissonnet Street is at once a story of hope and despair, of love and hatred, of trust and betrayal. It explores the desperations of migration and the diverse shades of misery and homesickness it brings. In the end, what appears to be a solution ushers in new challenges that these characters struggle to overcome.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859954>

Broken Rings : A Thriller / George Nnamani
Aba, Abia State: Aquqo Press Limited, 2022
x, 142p.
9789785920079
\$ 25.00 / PB
200gm.

In Eden, the capital city of Alfador, live Adaman and Evelyn, an embittered couple on the verge of divorce. But a tragic motor accident has plunged the duo into a coma, and their colleagues in the legal profession are deeply concerned. Doctors are at their wits' end in efforts to revive them, even as Prophet Japheth, a fake man of God, joins the fray, intent, through a possible miracle, to revive his dying church.

Unknown to all the stakeholders, however, what is in play is the final battle between good and evil, and no mortal can make any impact on what is going on or even understand it. But just in the nick of time, heaven and sinful earth represented by the feuding couple, meet in the most Supreme of Courts, and many secrets are revealed.

At the end of the day, events play into the waiting hands of Prophet Japheth, a transparent charlatan who, by a quirk of fate, is left with a king-size basket to reap where he did not sow.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859955>

Some Angels Don't See God / Ever Obi
Lagos: Regium (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2021
272p.
9789789831135
\$ 30.00 / PB
318gm.

Peter Idenala's stable but uninteresting life, as an ambitious young banker, is disrupted when he comes across a book, published as fiction, recounting the torrid experiences he lived through during his days in the university. He is shaken because the writer is Neta Okoye, a girl who broke his heart and dumped him six years before. Peter is forced to revisit his past, to relive his once complicated relationship with Neta and the mistakes that marred their years in school; the friendships they found and lost.

When the book leads him directly to her, they are faced with a difficult decision: Continue with their emotionally-empty lives, independent of each other, or be together again and confront the trail of past misfortunes that binds them. For Neta, accepting Peter again comes with a promise of happiness, but it also carries the risk of uncovering the secrets she has carried throughout her life. Secrets involving a brother she used to sleep with.

Their relationship faces a battle against this past blighted by pain and loss, by youth and stupidity, by unprotected sex and incest, by betrayal and heartbreaks, by manslaughter and suicide.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859956>

And Then He Sang A Lulaby / Ani Kayode Somtochukwu

Abuja: Cassava Republic Press, 2023
272p.
9789786026145
\$ 30.00 / PB
264gm.

August is a God-fearing track star who leaves Enugu City to attend university and escape his overbearing sisters. He carries the weight of their lofty expectations, the shame of facing himself, and the haunting memory of a mother he never knew. It's his first semester and pressures aside, August is making friends and doing well in his classes. He even almost has a girlfriend. There's only one problem: he can't stop thinking about Segun, an openly gay student who works at a local cybercafé. Segun carries his own burdens and has been wounded in too many ways. When he meets August, their connection is undeniable, but Segun is reluctant to open himself up to August. He wants to love and be loved by a man who is comfortable in his own skin, who will see and hold and love Segun, exactly as he is.

Despite their differences, August and Segun forge a tender intimacy that defies the violence around them. But there is only so long Segun can stand being loved behind closed doors, while August lives a life beyond the world they've created together.

And when a new, sweeping anti-gay law is passed, August and Segun must find a way for their love to survive in a Nigeria that was always determined to eradicate them. A tale of rare bravery and profound beauty, *And Then He Sang a Lullaby* is an extraordinary debut that marks Ani Kayode Somtochukwu as a voice to watch.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859957>

Such A Beautiful Thing To Behold / Umar Turaki
Lagos: Kachifo Limited (Farafina), 2022
304p.
9789785740318
\$ 35.00 / PB
330gm.

An inexplicable sickness. A small town cut off from the world. An unexpected community of survivors forges a family out of the despair, struggling against things known and unknown for survival and hope.

A mysterious plague known as the Grey grips the small village of Pilam, which the world has quarantined without pity. Laying waste to Pilam's residents, the sickness saps its victims of strength, drains the color from their eyes, and kills all promise. Only the young are immune. But beyond the barricades and walls of soldiers--the manifestation of a nation's terror--there are rumors of a cure. Dunka, the eldest son of a family reeling from the Grey, takes on the daunting task of leaving Pilam to find that cure for his siblings and save them before it's too late.

His brother and sisters, however, have plans of their own. Navigating the chaos of violence, hunger, and death, each of them tries to make sense of the bleak circumstances, forging new bonds with other juvenile survivors left to their own devices. Now an unlikely family of six, they choose their own perilous paths, at first separately and then together, coming to terms with the decisions they make and the ghosts they cannot leave behind.

Umar Turaki's gripping novel is a story of survival, love, and the human spirit's tenacious capacity for wonder.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859958>

The Mysteries of God (A Translation of D.O. Fagunwa's *Adiitu Olodumare*) / Olu Obafemi
Ibadan: Nelson Publishers Limited, 2012
vi, 218p.
9788197310; 9789788197317

\$ 25.00 / PB
258gm.

The Mysteries of God is a translation of D. O. Fagunwa's *Adiitu Olodumare* which was originally written in Yoruba. This captivating story revolves around the life of a man called *Adiitu* who had a humble background but eventually prospered through very mysterious means. He also passed through various trials and difficulties in the course of his life. This book is filled with different sub-stories that teach morals, and exposes different ills in the society. It is also rich in parables, wise sayings and folk songs. The underlying lesson in this book, however, is that God works in mysterious ways.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859959>

Expert In All Styles And Other Stories / I.O. Echeruo
Lagos: Kachifo Limited (Farafina), 2023
248p.
9789785890525
\$ 30.00 / PB
286gm.

Expert In All Styles explores, in richly-textured stories, the complex and often painful struggles of individuals with desire, despair, and hope within the social constructs of contemporary Nigeria.

The twelve stories in the collection range in setting and tone – from the joys of a family excursion in Maiduguri in The Lake Chad Club to an American-Nigerian family's return to Lagos in Communicable Disease.

In this gorgeously crafted debut, Echeruo interrogates the dynamics of power – from the intimacies of domestic life, to the machinations of national politics and the fervour of religion – seeking always an understanding of the human condition. Expert In All Styles is a thoughtful, incisive collection with memorably-drawn characters whose lives are as universal as they are particular. — Ellah P. Wakatama, Editor of Africa29 and SafeHouse

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859960>

Ireke Onibudo (An English Translation of D.O. Fagunwa's *Ireke Onibudo* / Alonge Isaac Olusola
Ibadan: Nelson Publishers Limited, 2019
vi, 142p.
9789789302277
\$ 25.00 / PB
171gm.

Ireke Onibudo is a frightening inspiring story of a character whose early life was beclouded by a plethora of vicissitudes and a deluge of suffering and intimidation from human and non-human forces. His father's matrimonial and financial recklessness actually threw him into a precarious condition; but by a dint of industry, tenacity and bravery, he was able to establish a transition from a deep pit of deprivation and poverty to a rostrum of royalty and podium of prosperity.

In-between his experience of negativity and positivity were several intimidating encounters with human, semi-human and non-human benefactors and malefactors who made him a victim of appointments, disappointments, endorsements and denials. All these encounters no doubt sharpened his metamorphosis from a state of abject poverty to a condition of fabulous wealth and royalty in a land that is alien to him and his pedigree.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859961>

War By Other Means / Idiareno Atimomo
Umuahia, Abia State: Christian Crusaders Quality Press, 2006

128p.
9782419966
\$ 15.00/ PB
124gm.

A strange call from a group of influential men begins the gripping tale of Toju Omatsone, a young lawyer who volunteers his exceptional talents to advance the cause of fighting for his peoples share of the national cake. He attempts to fight this war by means of superior intellect rather than naked violence. Broken deals, betrayals, and attempted murders streak his path as events lead him and the Nigerian State to a crossroads. With his life in danger, he soon discovers the futility of his cause and the real reasons for the backward state of Nigerian citizens irrespective of their ethnic and religious background.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859962>

Cyprian Ekwensi / Iska
Ibadan: Spectrum Books Limited, 1981 (Reprinted 2007)
224p.
9789780294250
\$ 15.00/ PB
158gm.

A novel from the pen of one of Africa's foremost writers. Iska tells the story of a Nigerian girl from a simple village background who goes to the city and joins the smart literary and political world. Conflict ensues about her relationship with an unscrupulous politician. The mood and atmosphere of Nigeria are evoked in the settings of the village, the fashionable world of Lagos, and the dark ceremonies of a religious sect. The girl is a symbol of the wind which blows strongly through Africa, destroying the old and preparing for the new.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859963>

In The Sands Of Time: Toyin Falola Prize Anthology / (Ed) Damilare Bello & Tolulope Oke
Ibadan: Pan-African University Press, 2021
xx, 348p.
9781943533558
\$ 50.00 / PB
574gm.

In the Sands of Time is a culmination of some of the brilliant stories received for the inaugural Toyin Falola Prize. A total of 34 power-packed narratives renders a broad range of African youths' perception of their continent and how they can relate to it in creative form.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859964>

Random Nigeriaanna : A Tale of Six Struggles / Halima Dalhatu
Lagos: Makere (Masobe Books and Logistics Limited), 2023
xvi, 144p.
9789789987924
\$ 35.00 / PB
186gm.

Random Nigerianna captures the struggles in the life of six different individuals in six different settings across different regions in Nigeria. The stories are independent but interwoven by the theme of struggle which captures emotional battles of love, quest for wealth and supernatural forces that take control of the mind.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859965>

A Mind To Silence And Other Stories (AKO Caine Prize Anthology 2021-22) / (Ed) Anwuli Ojogwu
Abuja: Cassava Republic Press, 2022.

336p.

9781913175528

\$ 16.95/ PB

344gm.

Includes the 2021 and 2022 shortlisted AKO Caine Prize stories as well as stories from the Caine Prize workshop.

A woman who carries her fate and that of her community in her hair is beguiled by the deceptive designs of Europeans out to colonise her most prized possession. A man finds happiness in the reincarnation of a lost love. A young woman risks her life for freedom through the cultural practice of a human loan scheme.

Tales of sacrifice, love, freedom, self-discovery and loss fill the pages of this larger-than-life tapestry of stories from across Africa and its diaspora. Forged in a diversity of tempers and forms, these stories range from the epistolary to the experimental, from mysteries, noirs and political thrillers to speculative fiction and futurism, and much more. In prose that moves from visual and lyrical to gritty and visceral, these writers explore fate, memory, the fragility of love and the duplicitous nature of human interactions.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859966>

The Third Floor : An Anthology of Short Stories / Tolulope Akinrinde

Ibadan: Purplebloom Publisher, 2023

xvi, 120p.

9789786004778

\$ 25.00 / PB

184gm.

The Third Floor is an anthology of short stories inspired out of the curiosity to know the experiences of people transitioning from childhood to adulthood. Having understood that there are several unanswered questions in the heart of the young people who feel alone in their situations, this anthology covers life experiences woven around fiction to demystify some myths about life being fair or going as planned. TTF, therefore, reveals the reality of life that everyone must pass through irrespective of the social class. Welcome to planet earth.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859967>

A Tiny Place Called Happiness (Stories) / Bura-Bari Nwilo

Ibadan: Baron's Cafe, 2016

118p.

9789785283822

\$ 20.00 / PB

138gm.

This short story collection understands the narrative of the voiceless. It brings together the lives of dreamers and dreams from the Niger-Delta area of Nigeria-mostly, using experimental and diverse style to explore the human condition. The stories in the collection bring us to a homeland we do not see, and the writer, in turn, offers the narrated cough circumstances of his characters in tender words. Nwilo writes like an aspiration--his voice desires to try many things and this is the reason we should heed this writer with many stories to tell.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859968>

Loose Nuts, Screwed Tighter: Hang on For a Crazy Adventure in the Land of the Wit / Marcel Manafa

Enugu: DeRafelo Ltd, 2022

160p.

9789787901656; 9798353948223

\$ 15.00 / PB

196gm.

LOOSE NUTS.... Screwed Tighter is a general interest humorous book about Nigeria and Nigerians that takes one on a satirical journey through the complex maze of Nigerian life.

The book takes a swipe at politicians, social media, the common man, democracy, crime, political etiquettes, lampoonery of human idiosyncrasies, relationships, and some crazy stuff and is written in both complex and simple English. All in all, all wit levels are accommodated in the book and (for each level) will bring the desired result – laughter!

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859969>

When Ravens Become Flowers: Poems / Nosakhare Collins

Oyo, Oyo State: Libretto Publishers Limited, 2023

xvii, 116p.

9789785995534

\$ 25.00 / PB

198gm.

In “When Ravens Become Flowers,” there is a lot of mirth and singing to celebrate the verses. Themes such as despair, trauma, loss, and grief are all present in the collection. The poems in this book demonstrate the fluid spectrum of human emotions, such as uncertainty, which leads to pain and misery, till they become triggers of anxiety. We also see the social effect of bigotry and institutionalized prejudice, which is often designed to silence us.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859970>

Everything That Makes Me Cry: Poems / E.T.H. Aina

Lagos: McLaureate Press, 2023

viii, 56p.

9789787812754

\$ 15.00 / PB

88gm.

“Everything That Makes Me Cry” is a captivating collection that encompasses a wide range of human experiences, traversing through the depths of sorrow, yearning, and societal challenges. Each poem is a window into the poet’s soul, inviting readers to embark on an emotional journey that resonates long after the final is turned.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859971>

Unnoticed: Presence of Things / Utibe Hanson

Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2022

80p.

9789785876055

\$ 20.00 / PB

120gm.

The poems in this collection appear as a panoptic survey, unspecific and detached, an invitation to the reader to see and decide. Therefore, fragmented preoccupations grope most of the poems to find meaning within whatever contexts the brings to them.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859972>

Rumbling Sky: Poems / Stephen Kekeghe
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2020
84p.
9789789186631
\$ 25.00 / PB
118gm.

The despicable experiences in our social environment sometimes outweigh the texture of a narrative language. Some sordid episodes are better conveyed through metaphors, which constitute the heart and breath of poetry. In any case, whether public or personal, social or private, poetry is the best medium to express the sludge of pain that mounts the floor of our hearts. When we scream through images, we vent our murky mood and send cathartic impulse to the public; in this case, the anguished majority in a distressed society mirror their depleting worth of being from the canvases of poems. This knowledge of human denigration may prepare the ground for a righteous rage...

In Rumbling Sky, one encounters a disconcerting language of the inward- the loud echoes of choking pains and the silent whispers of hope. Though most of the poems in this collection were written in a harrowing season of political recklessness and human depreciation in Nigeria, they foreground universal challenges, which bestride the sociopolitical, private and domestic domains of any nation that defames morality and humanity in the altar of politics, ethnicity and religion. The poems in Rumbling Sky, therefore, underscore the horrid realities of our contemporary world- from political arrogance and irresponsibility; incessant homicides and raging insecurity; endemic ignorance and spinelessness; hypocrisy, betrayal and the depressing rhythm of economic recession. Many of the poems clearly resent the exaltation of wealth and power over decency and humanity. Either public or private, the poems in this debut collection are testimonies to tears- the kind of prolonged tears that cloud the eyes; the type of choking sob that empowers the fists...

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859973>

The Script of Bruises / Funmi Gaji
Lagos: Konya Shamsrumi (Parresia Publishers Ltd), 2020
viii, 32p.
9789789793594
\$ 10.00 / PB
62gm.

The Script of Bruises is a collection of twenty-one poems that deploy the body as a template to depict the pains of being female or human or being sentenced for the crime of one's body is what it is.

It is about space and the politics surrounding belonging and identity. Ultimately, The Script of Bruises plumbs the depth of repressed pain with the aim of orchestrating a reunion with one's humanity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859974>

The Memory of Seasons: A Collection of Poems on Nationhood, Faith, Love and Humanity /
Arukaino Umukoro
Lagos: Eternalfilez Publishing, 2023
xiv, 114p.
9789786017198

\$ 30.00 / PB
208gm.

The Memory of Seasons, an anthology of poems by Arukaino Umukoro weaves stories, reflections, imagination and love into a beautiful, embroidered yarn. It navigates the seasons of love, the crux of humanity and the nuances that genuflect a genuine concern for society. At the heart of the poet's codex is God, nation and humanity. The poet, while gazing at the challenges of nationhood, calls for unity, peace and progress. He also explores the beauty of nature, life, faith and possibilities that consistent good governance would bring to the fore.

These poems are a breath of fresh air for lovers of beautiful and less complicated words. The use of simple accessible words is deliberate as the poet intends to break the notion of obscure meaning-making. This poetry desires to be read, to be quoted, to be reflected upon, become a meme as well as a memory, to be read at seaside cottages, in offices, in the cities, suburbs and villages, as well as in the four walls of highly intellectual spaces—all around the world. The universal themes of love and a possibility for a greater world are core elements of this debut collection.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859975>

Growing Pains / Ishaq Yakubu
Nigeria: Ishaq Yakubu (Self-Published), 2023
164p.
9789787993934
\$ 30.00 / PB
152gm.

Growing Pains is a collection of poetry and prose that delves into the complexities of adolescence. It pays close attention to topics like grief, loss, abuse, love & self-love, and healing.

The collection is divided into 6 chapters, each exploring a different topic. Through poignant and powerful language, Growing Pains offers a raw and honest look at what it means to 'grow up' in modern-day society.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859976>

Poison In My Honey (Journey To The Free Wave): A Poetry and Prose Collection / Hannah Bashir Adamu
Nigeria: Hannah Bashir Adamu (Self-Published),
136p.
9789785900156
\$ 20.00 / PB
134gm.

Poison In My Honey discusses in four chapters mental health and the myriads of life; depression, suicide, hope, loss, anxiety, phobia, femininity, confusion etc. The first chapter 'Broken Wings' talks about pain, anger, rage, essence of being, vengeance, and fluctuating emotions. The second chapter 'Soaring' hints a glimmer of hope as the being is beginning to understand the essence of life and accepting the self regardless.

The third chapter 'Opus To A Lotus' are pieces of advice (coping mechanism) from elements of existence, life, time, opportunity, purpose, value, desire, strength, balance etc. These letters serve as aforementioned coping mechanisms in the journey to a new self and towards better living. The fourth and final chapter 'Epistle Of A Queen Bee' talks briefly about the peril of 4 women from different ethnic backgrounds.'

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859977>

She Ate The Sun: Poems / Stacey Ravvero
Lagos: Fostech Communications Limited, 2021

vi, 74p.
9789789910427
\$ 20.00 / PB
90gm.

A collection of poems that illuminates the reader on the art of being, witnessing and loving life for all its muted colors. This body of work shared by the artist is vulnerable and tenderly opens the reader up to her journey as a creative navigating life, love, art and being a woman.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859978>

Life Through The Prism (A Collection of Poems) / Iretomide Akintomide
Nigeria: Iretomide Akintomide (Self-Published), 2022
v, 47p.
9789785948967
\$ 10.00 / PB
54gm.

Life Through The Prisms is a collection of poems which reflects my different views on various situations in life. As the title suggests, this book is likened to a white light passing through a triangular prism to produce a spectrum of colours. This means one bad situation, if handled with optimism may produce several good ones.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859979>

No-Man's Land And Other Plays: Tribesmen And The Argonauts And Buffalo In The Marsh: Drama / Akinwale Shefiq Ariwoola
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2022
283p.
9789789187386
\$ 35.00 / PB
378gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859980>

Morounmubo : Beauty from Ashes / Yemi Ajagbe
Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2019
90p.
9781697489323
\$ 20.00 / PB
132gm.

Morounmubo explores the harrowing social, physical, mental and psychological abuse suffered by the female gender in a highly patriarchal society. The play highlights the dangers the girl-child goes through at home, in school and society at large. These abuses often damage the psyche of its victims and gives them a negative perception towards men and life as a whole. While men are not necessarily as terrible as portrayed in the play, it does bring to light the animalistic and evil nature of some and begs the vigilance of mothers and guardians in training the girl-child. Against all odds, Tanwa, the heroine goes on to show that every individual has the ability to write and rewrite their destiny. Morounmubo teaches us to carefully consider the choices we make daily because these choices will ultimately determine and shape the direction of our lives.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859981>

Omalinze (An Igbo Antigone) / Ikechukwu Asika
Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2023
84p.

9789785934137
\$ 20.00 / PB
112gm.

“Asika’s Omalinze—a thrilling retelling of Sophocles’ Antigone—is one of a kind. A story of love, war, and pride told with charm and grace, Omalinze reaffirms our interconnectedness with the gods who make a show of our existence. This play is a piece to be treasured”. – Professor Rems Umeasiegbu.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859982>

The Travails of Aare-Ona-Kakanfo / Akinwale Shefiq Ariwoola
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2020
108p.
9789789185900
\$ 30.00 / PB
154gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859983>

L’Otor – The Devil’s Pilgrimage: A Play / Jude Idada
Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2023
xiv, 174p.
9789785934144
\$ 20.00 / PB
240gm.

L’OTOR - The Devil's Pilgrimage is a play about a son's dramatic and cathartic reunion with his mother in Benin City after a ten-year traumatic journey from Nigeria to Italy by road. Set in her bedroom and spanning one night, it is an engaging discourse between them, during which they are forced to re-examine their family history and dynamics in the light of his life, his goals, his aspirations, and his decisions.

It explores the forces that fuel the burning desire of a young man to embark on a journey of uncertainty, the dangers he encounters, and the suffering he experiences in his bid to reach Europe and secure for himself and his family, a new and more prosperous life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859984>

When Big Masquerades Dance Naked: A Play / Olubunmi Familoni
Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2023
88p.
9789785934151
\$ 20.00 / PB
116gm.

When Big Masquerades Dance Naked is a biting satire on power, corruption, and greed in the fictional town of Ilekoro, a town where political officeholders connive with traditional rulers to trample on the rights and commonwealth of the masses. But their oppression does not go without opposition as manifested in the character of Ijoba and ilk, who struggle relentlessly to light to torch of hope for the people through the long, tortuous nights.

When Big Masquerades Dance Naked is not just a limpid portrayal of our social realities, it is a play that calls everyone to action; a treatise on how truth trumps darkness and prevails in the advancement of our common humanity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859985>

The Ojuelegba Crossroads: A Play / Abideen Abolaji Ojomu

Lagos: Flag Publications, 2022
xii, 116p.
9789785920574
\$ 35.00 / PB
178gm.

The Ojuelegba Crossroads is an iconic work of art. It is a product of a twenty-three years long research project into various social concerns like race, justice, poverty, despair, hopelessness, homelessness and the opportunities to improve these social concerns. It is a theatrical tool for exploring deep into the self in relation to socio-political manifestations. The work is themed around a famous crossroad in Lagos, Nigeria and it extends itself to the diversity of people across cultures and races. It is an exploration of man's idiosyncrasies beyond the veneer of politeness, etiquettes, religion and morality, to that place of flaws, contradictions, doubts and regrets. To that place of greatness. It has been described by critics and pundits as a great work of art that will endure far into the future due to its historical, social and development relevance. The Ojuelegba Crossroads is in the top three of NLNG Prize For Literature.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859986>

De Cracked Love: Don't Harm Love, Cos Love is Harmless / Isabella Amaka Juliet Chibunma
Nigeria: Isabella's Production Nig. Ltd., 2020
112p.
9789785747263
\$ 25.00 / PB
130gm.

Once upon a time, there was a certain lady named Tacha. She was loveable and generous but most people took advantage of her good heart and generosity. The maltreatment she suffered damaged something special within her. Do you think she will smile again? Read and find out.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859987>

The Female's Duty: Learning Roles and Duties for a Sustainable Future / Ireymika Oladele-Ojo
Ibadan: Purplebloom Publishers, 2023
68p.
9789786004723
\$ 10.00 / PB
80gm.

The Female's Duty is a gripping drama that explores family relationships. Mr and Mrs Emma expect their daughter, Rose, to be responsible and independent. However, Rose seems to be struggling with her new responsibilities, causing tension in the family. With her father's constant disappointment and her mother's high expectations, Rose struggles to balance her schoolwork, chores, and family duties. When a friend's daughter comes to stay, Rose's world is turned upside down as she faces new challenges and responsibilities. Will Rose be able to prove her worth and become the responsible young woman her parents want her to be? This slice-of-life story looks at the everyday life of a newly married couple. The story touches on themes of family, friendship, and the challenges of modern-day life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859988>

A Matter of identity: A Stage Metaphor / Toni Duruaku
Owerri, Ajoku State: Colon Concepts Ltd., 2009
viii, 80p.
9783482998
\$ 10.00 / PB

68gm.

Umukwenu clan has been forbidden from holding her annual festival by the very "forces" that made the festival mandatory. The ban occasions a visit to the 'other world' where those gone by confront emissaries of the land with the severe failures of the clan ... failures which would make them a "non-race" unless they make amends now...

Conceived as a journey into mythical time and space, A Matter of Identity is a play that should provoke thought on "who we are" and how to retain that which makes any people unique... different.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859989>

The Spellbinder: A Play / Bode Sowande
Ibadan: Crafted and Bound Wordworks, 2021
xvi, 132p.
9789785654127
\$ 15.00 / PB
128gm.

THE SPELLBINDER tells the stories of three billionaires.

One billionaire plays the field with ladies, only to get betrayed in his own bedroom. The second billionaire suffers from guilt and a closet addiction which eventually hammers him severely. The third billionaire is averse to being the father-in-law to the son of a mentally-challenged woman.

Amongst the common humanity of these characters, there are painful conflicts between Eros, Filia and Agape, while open, subtle and grave challenges of mental health prevail in this latest play by Bode Sowande.

In the end, we have a cheering discovery of a true identity. And a thirty-year-long celibacy may come to an end!

This play was premiered in 2019 as the Convocation Drama of Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859990>

Dear Mother / Nora Sanya
Nigeria: Nora Sanya Teens, 2023
x, 144p.
9789785934021
Loving Daddy Series No. 1
\$ 20.00 / PB
196gm.

12-year-old Dayo is faced with the challenges of growing up in the suburban town of Monatan in the ancient city of Ibadan, and he has to navigate through the world of friends, school and the intricacies of a young adolescent boy.

He has come from a difficult childhood, but nothing much prepares him for the world of uncertainty that life events suddenly hurl him into.

Experience his joys, pains, adventures and griefs in the Loving Daddy series.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859991>

Broken: The Story of Hanatu Zakayi / Lola Odeyale Ayo-Fashida
Ibadan: Purplebloom Publishers, 2023
viii, 40p.
9789786004716
\$ 10.00 / PB

60gm.

Hanatu's life has always been full of challenges and she has equally been up to them! But just when she thinks her troubles would be over and she can sit back to enjoy her hard work at building a better life, the greatest of all challenges seems to be waiting to shatter her into a million pieces.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859992>

Performing Arts

National Theatre Monograph Series No. 2, 2022 / Prof Sunday Enessi Ododo
Nigeria: National Theatre, Nigeria, 2022

x, 134p.

Includes Index

ISSN: 0280-5413; 9770028054132

\$ 30.00 / PB

228gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859993>

Politics/International Relations

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished: The Contentious Search for Peace in the Niger Delta / Jide Ajide,
John Ashima & Oluwole Agunbiade

Lagos: Jijowo Publishers, 2022

xxiv, 320p.

Includes Index

9789787920305

\$ 120.00 / PB

516gm.

'No Good Deed' details the historical deterioration of relations among the stakeholders, right from the inception of oil prospecting in Nigeria at the beginning of the 20th Century till date (2022). To unravel the complexity, depth and spectrum of grievances and misgivings among the stakeholders, the authors held face-to-face interviews with over 30 key stakeholders, extensively reviewed secondary sources of data (published academic works, newspapers and news magazines, government and interest groups reports) on the Niger Delta imbroglios and, finally, drew on their participant-observer experiences spanning 36 years.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859994>

Power, Development and Institutions in Africa / (Ed) Siphamandla Zondi & Serges Djoyou Kanmga
Ibadan: Pan-African University Press, 2019

viii, 412p.

Includes Index

9781943533398

\$ 50.00 / PB

692gm.

Good governance, development and democracy are needed to improve the human conditions in Africa. All three must encapsulate the running of post-colonial states, bringing along the people, promoting participation, justice, and human rights. The African renaissance will not happen unless governance, development and democracy come together as one for the sake of progress of Africa. This book argues that governance, development

and democracy must be about fundamentally transforming the African polity, its economy, its social conditions, and its relations with former colonial powers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859995>

Party Politics and the Elusive Search for Elite Consensus in Nigeria: The Buhari Years (2015-2019),
Volume One / Jide Oluwajuyitan

Nigeria: Sibon Books Limited, 2020

iv, 236p.

9789785858440

\$ 30.00 / PB

290gm.

The 1960 independence constitution of Nigeria was a compromise achieved with the British generous use of stick and carrot strategy between the country's three dominant ethnic groups who could not agree on a common vision of Nigeria. With its collapse within three years of independence, hence, the rivalry between two of the three dominant groups brought in the military with its own vision of a better society. That military misadventure only succeeded in destroying the country's economic foundation and its political socialization process. Then came the Fourth Republic in 1999. For sixteen years, all efforts by the political elite to return to abandoned 'Nigeria's path to freedom' failed. The emergence of General Buhari in 2015, with a pan-Nigerian mandate achieved on account of his promise to restructure Nigeria, brought a renewed hope to disillusioned Nigerians. Four years into his administration, his promise of a new dawn founded on fairness, equity and justice, has come under serious scrutiny. This collection of essays examines some of the factors why Buhari missed the opportunity to fulfil an historic role.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859996>

European Trade, Imperialism and Under Development in Northern Nigeria, 19th and 20th Centuries
/ Ahmed Modibbo Mohammed

Arewa House Studies Series

Zaria, Kaduna State: Ahmadu Bello University Press Limited, 2016

xvi, 258p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789785414912

\$ 40.00 / PB

340gm.

This book is primarily concerned with an analysis of the historical background of the forces leading to the underdevelopment of Northern Nigeria in the period from the second half of the nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century, through the activities of British conglomerates: the Royal Niger Company and United African Company. Doing so, provides a basis for understanding the development of African's dependent political economy. Though the study does not cover the whole country, nevertheless, the part which it covers constitutes about two-thirds of the total land area and over half of the country's population at the time of flag independence in 1960. In this book we argue that the intrusion, invasion and subordination of the region's economy by European trading companies destroyed the once self-sufficient and integrated industrial raw material and Agricultural sectors of the economy. The region thus became a mere supplier of basic industrial raw materials to British Industries, and a buyer of their manufactured goods. In the process, its productive classes largely peasants and pockets of metal workers, were impoverished and virtually reduced to penury. The aristocracy lost its sovereignty to the agents interests, and thereby became subordinated to the agents of those companies which in turn, used them in the super-exploitation of the region's resources. The book demonstrates that by the mid-twentieth century, a classical colonial system was effectively established in the region, thereby making the rest of the period that of an intensification of exploitation of both human and material resources.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=566337>

Nigeria and Democratic Governance: The Seats, the Battles and the Prospects : Reflection on Selected Case Studies of Intriguing Battles for Electoral Seats and Political Power in Nigerian Democratic Experience (1999-2019) / Adesina Adetola (Foreword) Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu
Ibadan: International Publishers Limited, 2022

xvi, 648p.

Includes Index

9789785398496; 9789789850372

\$ 70.00 / PB

908gm.

Since Nigeria's independence in 1960, the military had intermittently meddled in Nigeria's political governance. Public discontent with military rule reached its acme in 1999. Attempts to return Nigeria to sustainable democracy ran into the brick wall of military intervention, disruption and insincerity. However, after about sixteen years in power, the military eventually handed over the reins of power to a civilian government on May 29, 1999; signalling the beginning of the nation's Fourth Republic. In this vein, May 29, 2019, marked exactly 20 years since Nigeria, as a nation, returned to democratic rule.

The last military regime, headed by General Abdusalami Abubakar was relatively fruitful; it has so far produced over 20 years of uninterrupted democratic governance with the country witnessing six succeeding civilian governments, elected in nationwide general elections. This had been with the consequent change of power from one civilian administration to another, and more remarkably, from a ruling party to an opposition party in 2015. This is unprecedented.

Meanwhile, military rule and civilian government are two different ballgames. In most cases, succession in military rule is through bloodshed, violence, forceful takeover; and enmeshed in abysmal controversy. The incumbent government is often overthrown through brutal coup d'état. Thus, military rule is notorious for its violent and aggressive nature. On the other hand, civilian rule is designed, all things being equal, for stable and regulated tenure as well as peaceful transition from one administration to another.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859997>

The Comparative Method and Civil-Military Relations / J. 'Bayo Adekanye

Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, 2022

xviii, 518p.

Includes Index

9789785927955

\$ 100.00 / HB

964gm.

Comprising critical writings in civil-military relations theory and research, much of which has actually previously appeared elsewhere, this book of essays integrates the ideas and insights drawn from political science, particularly its sub-fields of comparative politics, theory and methodology both normative and empirical, with those from the combined disciplines of philosophy of science, logic, history, sociology, and development studies, bringing out the relevance of these ideas and insights for understanding and analysing the issues central to the place and role of military in the society. The issues addressed are based within the comparative politics sub-disciplinary specialization of civil-military relations. The data used for illustrations in the comparative work are drawn mostly from the experience of post-independence Africa in general and Nigeria in particular.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859998>

The Public Accountability Public Budgeting: A Blueprint on Good Governance in Nigeria / Emeka Ejikonye

Nigeria: Dragnet Concepts, 2023
xviii, 86p.
9789787973325
\$ 25.00 / PB
150gm.

It is a roadmap for guiding elected officials on how to lay the foundation of good governance and nurture the public service delivery effort to improve the quality of livelihood of a citizenry. As a result, the Government will be properly positioned to do a first-class job of public service delivery to place the polity on the right path for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.

Particularly, Chapter Seven ("Implementation of the Budgeting Reform") reveals how elected officials will hit the ground running right from the day of their inauguration into Governance to start eradicating the mass poverty that is ravaging the citizenry. To this extent, this book will serve as a veritable guide/source of reference for, particularly, elected officials in Nigeria and, indeed, African and other developing countries, and the general public, in these all-important areas of government budgetary practice and good governance.

Already, the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), the think-tank of the Nigerian federal legislature (National Assembly), and the Lagos Business School have endorsed the book as a reference document.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859999>

Philosophy

The Philosophy of Nimi Wariboko : Social Ethics, Economy and Religion / (Ed) Toyin Falola
Durham, NC, USA: Carolina Academic Press, LLC, 2021
xx, 436p.
Includes Index
9781531010249
African World Series
\$ 60.00 / PB
942gm.

This book is about the extraordinary ideas of Nimi Wariboko, a philosopher of global stature, focusing on the interrelated issues of religious thought, human values, and the economy. Wariboko's scholarship has undoubtedly led to a deeper understanding of contemporary experiences of the spiritual, economic, and political worlds, showing not only what philosophies can do, but also how those ideas apply to everyday situations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860000>

Waiting for Tomorrow: Reflections on My Country Nigeria / Sylvester Asoya
Nigeria: Sylvester Asoya (Self-Published), 2022
318p.
Includes Index
9789785945393
\$ 35.00 / PB
424gm.

Waiting for tomorrow is a fascinating narrative of what Nigeria has become – a system in constant flux, on the wrong note – with a warning to do the needful to avert an implosion. Aside raising the alarm on the uncertain trend of events, the book provides perspectives on the way out. Rarely does one come across a writer with courage and candour to the point of challenging the status quo.

The author locates the problems of Nigeria on leadership failure. He argues forcefully that Nigeria currently exists at the pleasure of a covetous political elite, hence government's performance and results have remained abysmally poor, over the years. He blames lack of vision for this apparent failure.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860001>

Psychology

Amukoko: The Tobacconist / 'Dele Delani
Mowe, Ogun State: Dele-Ade Constant Ventures, 2019
vi, 92p.
9789789731701
\$ 18.00 / PB
124gm.

I embarked on the research of this book to assist smokers to stop smoking, discourage would-be smokers especially students and to support the campaign of the Federal Ministry of Health against smoking.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860002>

Sociology

Public Health in Africa: Sustainability Paradigm / Chimezie Anyakora & Ofure Odibeli
Lagos: Pan-Atlantic University Press, 2023
xiv, 246p.
Includes Index
9789785991000
\$ 50.00 / HB
592gm.

Public Health in Africa: Sustainability Paradigm is a ground-breaking book that tackles the social, economic, and political aspects that influence African public health outcomes. It provides unique insights into the complicated nature of public health across the continent through fascinating case studies and real-world examples. This book is a required reading for policymakers, public health practitioners, and everyone concerned in building African health systems that are sustainable.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860003>

Home and Belonging: Collected Life Stories of Foreign Women Married to Nigerian Men / (Eds)
Kanchana Ugbabe & Joanne Umolu
Jos, Plateau State: Tharros Books, 2022
xii, 168p.
9798218085025
\$ 40.00 / PB
284gm.

Home and Belonging brings together life stories of foreign Niger wives who since the 1960s and 70s have made Nigeria their home. They come from various countries around the world, start a new life, raise families, pursue careers while connecting with culture and community. Though home as they knew it in the past may be far away, ultimately their sense of belonging (as their stories evidence) is with their husbands and the cultures they represent, Written from 16

individual perspectives as insiders and outsiders, these are women's stories set in post-independence Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860004>

Social Policy and Transformation in Africa: A Festschrift for Professor Omotade Akin Aina / (Eds) Samuel Ojo Oloruntoba, Funmi Bammeke & Oluwadare Durowade

Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2023

446p.

Includes Index

9789786019413

\$ 60.00 / PB

600gm.

This Festschrift examines social policies and transformation in Africa within the context of the previous works done by Professor Omotade Akin Aina whose scholarly and policy engagements have straddled these various sectors. His contributions cover knowledge production in the academia, institutional strengthening, and philanthropy.

The footprints of Akin Aina in the field can be seen in the various theoretical and policy interventions he has made over a career that has lasted almost four decades. With an intellectual tradition that is rooted in Africa centred epistemology, his works have contributed to the knowledge of understanding alternative perspectives to social policy.

Contributors to this volume adopt different disciplinary perspectives to interpret the key concepts in this Festschrift. While the perspectives are different, the contributors underscored the importance of social policy as well as the role of the state, and philanthropic organisations in Africa.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860005>

Before Immigrating to Britain – 100 Golden Facts: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly / Dr. Solomon Ojehonmon & Esther Ohiomame

Nigeria: Sevo Publishing, 2023

64p.

9789787950609

\$ 15.00/ PB

96gm.

Nigerians are rushing en masse to different parts of the world to escape the nastiest and most devastating economic, political and security situations Nigeria has ever been through, many unprepared and uninformed about their destinations. This book is not intended to encourage or discourage anyone but to inform potential immigrants of the possible shocks they may encounter in a foreign country and how to overcome some of them wherever possible, as to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860006>
