

## Recent Books from the Gambia – Jan 2023

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### Biography/Memoirs

Life in Gambia : The Smiling Coast of Africa / Makonnen Sankofa  
London, UK: Independent Publishing Network, 2021  
156p.  
9781800493216  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
196gm.

Gambia is one of the most popular destinations to travel to in Africa. Its hot weather, beautiful beaches, rich culture, and friendly citizens make it the ideal holiday location for many people. There is also a growing influx of people of African heritage born in the diaspora, who have either relocated permanently to Gambia or they have plans to move there in the future.

Author Makonnen Sankofa has been to Gambia 3 times. In 2019, he spent 6 months living in Gambia. In this book, Makonnen gives insight into his experiences of Gambia. Makonnen's journey is from the perspective of a person who has African-Caribbean heritage that was born in the diaspora. During Makonnen's time in Gambia, he connected with his African roots and explored opportunities available in Gambia.

Highlights of Makonnen's experience included learning about Gambian culture, spending time with the locals, visiting the villages, going to a wedding, teaching in schools, filming and editing videos for Blaxit YouTube channel, and meeting the movers and shakers of Gambia!

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### History

Delayed Democracy : How Press Freedom Collapsed in the Gambia : A Proposition for Research in The Gambian Journalism History, 1965-2013 / Alagi Yorro Jallow  
Bloomington, IN, USA: Author House™ LLC, 2013  
xxii, 230p.  
9781491806623

\$ 60.00 / PB  
396gm.

The media plays a crucial role in shaping a healthy and vibrant democracy. It is the backbone of any functioning democracy. This book evaluates the role of the news media in The Gambia, in a variety of contexts and the major constraints and challenges which prevent journalism from fulfilling these ideal roles, and the most effective policy interventions available to strengthen the contribution of the news media to both democratic governance and human development. Specifically, it investigates the relationship between the Gambian Press and the military and quasi-military regimes in The Gambia, in the context of press freedom. This book examines in great detail decrees and laws enacted by the AFPRC-APRC regimes which restricted press freedom during the period of military rule in The Gambia and also in the post-coup era. Furthermore, it identifies and analyses the institutional, legal and non-legal measures and mechanisms utilized by the AFPRC-APRC regimes in controlling the Gambian press from 1994 to date. This work also examines both "direct" and "indirect" forms of manipulation the Jammeh regime used-forms that have ranged from selective assassination, extra-constitutional decrees, and promulgation of retroactive laws, to bribery, compulsion to self-censorship, and the offer (and acceptance) of lucrative press relations jobs in the government. This work attempts to address this question: how far can autocracies strengthen popular support by silencing dissent and manipulating the news? The many ways that autocracies seek to control the media are documented. How far has the Gambian leader, with the restrictive media environment in the country, succeeded in manipulating public opinion and strengthening his support at home?

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## Linguistics

Mandinka, Pulaar and Wollof : Proverbs / Writers' Assoc. of The Gambia  
Second Edition

Gambia: Writers Association of The Gambia, 2021

76p.

English, Mandingo, Pular (Fula) and Wollof Languages

9789983941265

\$ 35.00 / PB

102gm.

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## Literature

From Failure to Success : A Dogged Determination / Saajo Saabali  
Kanifing: Fulladu Publishers, 2020

192p.  
9789983940114  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
238gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=841369>

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The Saloum Saloum / Muhammed Drammeh  
Gambia: Muhammed Drammeh (Self-Published), 2021  
112p.  
9789989941098  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
140gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=841370>

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Simbong : “The Donkey Too is a Living Being” / Abaa Faal  
Gambia: Abaa Faal (Self-Published)  
44p.  
9789983940909  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
66gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=841371>

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Ousman and Rohey (English) = Usmaan ak Roxxi (Wollof) : A Gambia Love  
Story Inspired By William Shakespear’s Romeo and Juliet / Janet Badjan-  
Young  
Gambia: Janet Badjan-Young (Self-Published), 2021  
72p.  
English & Wollof Languages  
9789983941180  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
164gm.

Ousman and Rohey/Usmaan ak Roxxi is a Gambian love story interwoven with tribalism  
and the persistence of human rights violations. The final scene is one of hope that we can  
lives as one united family in the Gambia.

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The Gambia Our Homeland : The National Anthem / Paul T. Mendy  
Gambia: Paul T Mendy (Self-Published) 2022  
52p.  
9789983941517  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
68gm.

The 44-page book gives an in-depth meaning to The Gambia National Anthem for the better  
understanding of the general public.

It's divided into 19 chapters which among are For the Gambia Our Homeland, We Strive and Work and Pray, Freedom and Peace Each Day, Let Justice Guide Our Action, Brief History and it also contains vocabulary section.

The author, in the book, carefully interpreted the national anthem word to word, line by line with well analysis for every citizen and non-citizen that has the opportunity to read the book to understand the real meaning of the national anthem, while the 'content of the book resonates with the tremendous efforts made by, by not only the government but also international institutions for people to invest, cultivate and nurture peaceful coexistence and national cohesion in a bid to make sustainable development a national reality.'

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