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### **Anthropology**

Esu, Elegbara : Chance, Uncertainty in Yoruba Mythology / Ayodele Ogundipe  
(Intro) Jacob Olupona  
Illorin, Kwara State, Nigeria: Kwara State University Press, 2012  
xxiii, 260p. ; 229x152mm.  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789789275908  
\$ 32.00 / PB  
436gm.

This original work is a two-volume study of Èṣù Èlégbára, a Yoruba deity. Volume one consisted of six chapters, three appendices, and a bibliography. The texts of praise poems (*oriki*), songs, and narratives selected from research in the field comprise volume two.

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### **Communication/Journalism**

Audacious Journalism : The Art, Style and Depth / Anietie Usen  
Lagos: Parresia Publishers Ltd (Origami), 2018  
xvi, 708p.  
Includes Index  
9789785587425  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
966gm.

Audacious Journalism is a compendium of articles written by Anietie Usen, one of Nigeria's most decorated journalists, in the course of a distinguish career as a journalist. This book proves to be as much a tool for budding journalist as it is book of chronicles that stretches far into the past even as it takes bold strides into the present.

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Development Communication : An Introductory Discourse /  
Ifeanyi J. Ojobar

Enugu: John Jacob's Classic Publishers Ltd., 2017  
xi, 260p.

Includes Index

9780501002

\$ 25.00 / PB

410gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416298>

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## **Education**

The Challenges of Youth Transformation and the Imperatives  
of Education / Tunji Alaopa

Ibadan: Ibadan School of Government and Public Policy  
(ISGPP), 2018

16p.

Includes Bibliography

\$ 5.00/ PB

36gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416299>

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Further Thoughts on Language, Education and the Curriculum  
Nexus for Sustainable Development in Nigeria : A Festschrift in  
Honour of Professor Clement Olusegun Olaniran Kolawole /  
(Ed) Fakeye, D.O. (et al.)

Ibadan: Constellation Books, 2017

xxii, 514p. ; 22cm.

9789789618743

1. Education – Nigeria.
2. Language and education – Nigeria.
3. Kolawole, Clement. Language, education and the curriculum nexus.

\$ 50.00 / PB

650gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416300>

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## History

Mohammed Chris Alli's The Federal Republic of Nigerian Army : Symposium on Sage Philosophy / (Ed) Maduabuchi Dukor

Lagos, Nigeria: Malthouse Press Limited, 2018

256p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

9789785579826

\$ 32.00 / PB

400gm.

Mohammed Chris Alli is a retired Nigerian Army Major General who served as Chief of Army Staff from 1993 to 1994 under General Sanni Abacha's regime and was military governor of Plateau State Nigeria from August 1985 to 1986 during the military regime of General Ibrahim Babangida. Many years later, he was appointed interim administrator of the state during a 2004 crisis in the state following ethno-religious killings in Shendam, Yelwa Local Government. In this anthology, organized as a symposium on Mohammed Christopher Alli's work, he is identified as one of those critical and rational thinkers, philosophers, albeit, a General in the Nigerian Army, whose work finds a befitting logical space in the contemporary African philosophical tapestry. The book also captures the elements of military misrule in Nigeria and its undue influence on the body polity; it is a critical survey of past military misadventures, and a satire against false federalism, it is a firm warning against future corruption and impunity in the military.

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The Forest Dames : An Account of the Nigeria-Biafra War (1967-1970) / AdaOkere Agbasimalo (Endorsed) Dr. Tim Menakaya (OFR)

Lagos: Origami Books (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2014

304p.

9789789382941

1. Women – Crimes against – Nigeria – Fiction.
2. Nigeria – History – Civil War, 1967-1970 – Fiction.
3. Civil War (Nigeria : 1967-1970)
4. Women – Crimes against.

\$ 50.00 / PB

406gm.

"The Forest Dames is a pulsating story about the devastating effects of war, in which AdaOkere Agbasimalo dwells on the sordid consequences of civil war on humanity and the tortuous effort to achieve normalcy. It features Deze, a young girl with a keen mind, who lived with her parents in a typical African setting and felt the pain of war. As an adulthood, the memories remain intact, haunting her."

The Forest Dames is a creative non-fiction about mothers and daughters during the Biafran war. The central force of the narrative is the suffering of women and children, and the desire of the characters to uphold their dignity as women. Girls were routinely captured to become bad mates for soldiers. A group of women, including the narrator's mother, decided to guard against this. This book is a nonjudgmental and balanced story which the narrator's alter ego now tells in flashback

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## **Law**

Human Rights Law and Practice in Nigeria, 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Edition, Vol. 1 / Osita Nnamani Ogbu

Enugu: Snaap Press Ltd., 2013

2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Edition

xlviii, 576p.

9789789102471

1. Civil rights -- Nigeria.

\$ 65.00 / PB

750gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=222751>

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Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention ETC) Act, 2015  
Nigeria: National Assembly, Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2015  
vii, 70p.  
\$ 10.00 / PB  
98gm  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416302>

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### **Linguistics**

Meaning in Discourse : An Introduction to Discourse Analysis /  
Romanus Aboh & Happiness Uduk  
Ibadan: Krafts Books Limited, 2017  
xx, 184p.  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789789184217  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
270gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416303>

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### **Literature**

Gender Complementarity in African Literature / Itang Ede  
Egbung  
Calabar: University of Calabar Printing Press, 2018  
ix, 161p.  
Includes Index  
9789789660551  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
192gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416304>

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Tribe and Prejudice / Sam Omatseye  
Lagos: Parresia Publishers Ltd (Origami Books), 2017  
72p.  
9789785529418  
\$ 12.00 / PB  
110gm.

“Sam Omatseye’s *Tribe and Prejudice* is passionate, honest, descriptive, lyrical and reflective. The arguments here are empowered with measured rhetorical flourishes. We are aroused to rage, shame and pity as the poet confronts us with stupidities, madness and calamities. We are aroused to joy as he celebrates with us moments of glory and triumph. We are roused to value tenderness, and to love even in our castles of miseries. we are admonished to consider constantly the futility of life. The port reaffirms his faith in the in the goodness that will make humankind endure. Omatseye shows in this collection that evil is not really an abstraction– it leaves in people. Yet we are reminded, that a nation which normalizes evil can never make any progress.”

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In Memoriam of a Modest Shame : Book of Poems / Nnaemeka Oruh  
Ibadan: Baron’s Café (Fairchild Media), 2018  
ix, 88p.  
9789589593286  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
120gm.

The collection is also about reflecting on personal existential struggles that are shaping discourse amongst millennials. *In Memoriam of a Modest Shame* questions long-established belief-systems, applies logic to mystery and presents arguments that verge beyond the rhetorical for the reader and thinker.

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Animist Chants and Memorials: Poems / Harry Garuba  
Kraftgriots Series (Poetry)  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2017  
84p.  
9789789184286  
\$ 10.00 / PB  
126gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416307>

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The Questioner : New Poems / Tanure Ojaide  
Kraftgriots Series (Poetry)  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2018  
232p.  
9789789185092  
\$ 24.00 / PB  
320gm.

In this new outing, The Questioner ..., the poet-laureate, Tanure Ojaide, takes African poetry to a new realm in terms of thematic engagement, structure, deployment of stylistic devices and techniques.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416308>

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The Communique: A Long Poem / Femi Adedina  
Kraftgriots Series (Poetry)  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2017  
84p.  
9789789184668  
\$ 10.00 / PB  
122gm  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416309>

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If We are Willing, The Earth Will Listen : Poetry / Ofuma Agali  
Lagos: Beacon Books Limited, 2017  
108p.  
9789789590257  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
164gm.

A book of poetry by Ofuma Agali  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416310>

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Thorny Path: Drama / Julie Okoh  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2018  
124p.  
9789789184903  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
174gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416311>

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The Rally : Drama / Akanji Nasiru  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2018  
92p.  
9789789184910  
\$ 18.00 / PB  
130gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416312>

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When Women Go Naked : Drama / Nwagbo Pat Obi  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2018  
112p.  
9789789184972  
\$ 18.00 / PB  
158gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416313>

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The Joy of Professor Abednego Jnr. : Drama / Jerry Alagbaoso  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2018  
84p.  
9789789184828  
\$ 10.00 / PB  
122gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416314>

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Restless : The Story of A Survivor / Ayokunle Dominic Awoleye  
Lagos: Naira Books & Press, 2018

264p.

978148261907

\$ 30.00 / PB

348gm.

Restless is a gripping story about a young girl, Debbie, whose world crumbles as her family is plunged too early into the white hot fire of loss, suffering and persecution. She struggles to rise above the tide of suffering that threatens to drown them all, determined to escape the clutches of poverty and become a woman of substance.

Ayokunle's novel is a page turner, each chapter a gritty account full of suspense, with amazing twists and turns as the reader delves into the life of a fractured family, and the bravery of the young woman who tries to be the glue that can hold them together again.

Will she beat the odds or be sucked down into a whirlpool of danger and defeat?

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Your Church My Shrine : Fiction / Law Ikay Ezeh

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2017

428p.

9789789183821

1. Nigerian fiction (English)

\$ 35.00 / PB

578gm.

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Mama's Tales of Love : Short Stories / Femi Adedina  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2018  
104p.  
9789789184736  
\$ 10.00/ PB  
150gm.

There is no argument strong enough to debar love. Love is blind. And love happens. In this collection of short stories are tales from different continents and inspired by many mothers. Mama's Tales of Love exposes the many shades and shapes of love, its unpredictability, and the fleeting nature of life. Sometimes, love is a faith-force that moves mountains; but many times, too, as some of these stories show, fate conspires to mock faith.

The stories here are written in simple language, but they are beautiful and full of wisdom, emotion and suspense. They make for pleasurable reading.

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A Sackful of Wishes / Azizah Idris M.  
Lagos: Parresia Publishers Ltd. (Origami Books), 2018  
208p.  
9789785587418  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
302gm.

Hadiza Musa, 25-years old, has been through hell. As a bubbly, fun loving teenager, she marries the impulsive Abdurrazaq Zanna, known as AR, and for eight years suffers, starvation, rape and mental abuse from an increasingly obsessive husband. The death of her beloved father, followed by the death of her young son from neglect, brings matters to a head. Hadiza determines for a divorce just as AR insists they are meant for each other forever. A battle for survival ensues in which scars come to light and allies come from unexpected places: the prize is a chance at a new life for Hadiza Musa. A Sackful of Wishes is the first book in The Hadiza Trilogy.

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Across the Gulf / Dul Johnson  
Benue State: Sevshage (Vershage Enterprises), 2017  
240p.  
9789785379952  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
314gm.

On the eve of their wedding, Ofala has to say goodbye to Ifunanya to join the Biafran side at the war front. Later, while running from the aerial bombardment that ushers the war into their town, Ifunanya is injured and rescued by Captain Janbut Rinbut, a medical officer with the Federal Troops who looks like her fiancée, Ofala...

Across the Gulf is a tale of loyalty, resilience, nationhood, love and tradition bridging two generations and an entire nation that will leave readers amazed and engrossed.

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Highway to Nowhere : Fiction / Femi Adedina  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2018  
328p.  
9789789184798  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
430gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416320>

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Where The Rain Started Beating Us : Fiction / Ugochukwu Agballah  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (Kraftgriots), 2018  
364p.  
9789789184200  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
470gm.

Where the rain started beating us is a fictional story of events that took place during the pre-colonial and colonial period in Igboland. The book took the writer 26 yrs of research because he had to verify most of the cultures, traditions and practices that are now extinct. The book focuses on the issues of slavery, colonialism and the clash of warrant chieftaincy and the indigenous republican setting in Igboland. The writer employs historical narration as his style of writing. The book is very appealing and in a class of its own.

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Mission to Alfador : A Novel / George Nnamani

Enugu: DeRafelo Ltd, 2016

iv, 336p.

9783780115

\$ 20.00 / PB

286gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416322>

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Broken Rings : A Novel / George Nnamani

Second Edition

Enugu: DeRafelo Ltd., 2014

160p.

9783780190

\$ 18.00 / PB

146gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416323>

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Budding Lily / Atinuke Adepaju

Lagos: Boox & Bransador Limited, 2018

202p.

9789789621607

\$ 18.00 / PB

174gm.

What do you do when the love of your life becomes the thorn of your life?

Lillian Badmus cannot print out the reason why he beats her.

Richard Badmus cannot say in particular what her offence is.

He loves her, wants to keep her happy, yet the creak of pain is never far from the house. She loves him, but the pain has become unbearable. Will she stay? Will he change?

Budding Lily narrates the story of a young couple in the heart of Lagos faced with the problem of childlessness and domestic violence in a society that lays emphasis on fertility. In a powerful and enthralling debut, Atinuke Adepaju narrates the story of the modern African woman and her patience, resistance and fight against an abnormal norm. She tells the story of love, pain, hope and change in a country that is on the verge of change.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416324>

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Tears of a Fall Guy / George Nnamani  
Enugu: Snaap Press Ltd., 2018  
iv, 320p.  
9789789105267  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
240gm.

Tears of a Fall Guy is a heartrending classic – a mesh of intrigue and emotion sustained in the glue of cutting edge suspense. The imaginative force unleashed is sublime and the literary skill deployed in its management just as uncanny. It is Hon. Justice George Chibueze Nnamani at his creative, deceptive, critical and corrective best.

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Leah : ... a story of acceptance / Uche Odedo  
Abuja: LightInk House Publications, 2018  
xii, 116p.  
9789789573080  
\$ 20.00/ PB  
92gm.

“...Bear him sons, and he will grow to love you.” Father placed a quick kiss on her forehead and left the tent. And just like that, her world was about to change. She would be married!

Tonight!

Leah has spent her spinster years overshadowed by the striking beauty of her younger sister and yearning for the day that would mark her own acceptance. But when her moment comes, she is caught in a lifelong trap that only deepens her longing for affection. Would her father’s suggestion suffice, or would a true-love experience be her only way out?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416326>

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George's Pieces of Me / Tomi Adesina  
Lagos: Woworx Limited, 2017  
112p.  
9789789601400  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
150gm.

George's Pieces Of Me is a collection of poems and short stories exploring the complexities of human existence, an unending search for homes in people and journey towards redemption.

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Irawo : An Anthology of Poems / (Eds) Nwachukwu Egbunike & Emmanuel Nwobi  
Ibadan: Feathers & Ink (for Irawo University Centre), 2017  
xviii, 70p.  
9789785362466  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
240gm.

Irawo is a collection of 50 poems from 35 poets. The poems span themes like unity, love, etc. The poems in this anthology were selected by Tade Ipeadela, Mark Nwagwu and Kola Tubosun.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416328>

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### **Performing Arts**

Theatre and Media in the Third Millennium / (Eds) Edde Iji, Liwhu Betiang & Esekong H. Andrew-Essien  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2017  
xxxviii, 450p.  
Includes Index  
9789789184378  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
834gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416329>

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Theatre, Economic Recession and Survival Strategies / Chris Nwamuo

Calabar: Optimist Press Nigeria Company, 2017

24p.

9782503886

A SONTA 2017 Conference Lead Paper

\$ 5.00 / PB

44gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416330>

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Ogun's Errant Warrior : Celebrating Biodun Jeyifo at 70 / (Ed)

Femi Osofisan & Wumi Raji

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2018

xlviii, 300p.

Includes Index

9789789185085

\$ 30.00 / PB

470gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416331>

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## **Politics**

Developing Effective Legislature : The Country Specific Approach to Assessing  
Legislative Power / Gabriel O. Arishe

Paclerd Legislative Studies Series

Benin, Nigeria: Paclerd Press Limited, 2017

xviii, 534p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index ; Selected Bibliography

9789789543199

\$ 50.00 / PB

832gm.

The legislature has faced more challenges on its role and relevance in the constitutional era; the question to ask is how these challenges could elude the accusing fingers of critical scholarship. Developing Effective Legislature is a critical engagement on government as a study with a particular focus on the legislative arm.

This book is an intellectual interrogation on the primacy of an often denigrated institution, and how to make it relevant and significant in political systems which lack power equilibrium among the three arms of government. This book adds to legal and political discourse on the need to strengthen the legislature and goes further to argue that the institution can be made effective through conscious efforts. It also critically analyzes legislative politics in Nigeria from where its case study is drawn just as it digs into the history of democracy and legislative development in the country. The uniqueness of this book is that it combines legislation, the Nigerian constitution, political system, politics and government in subjecting the role and functions of the legislature to a painstaking examination. It also evaluates legislative power through a novel model of analysis which contrasts the institution from the other branches of government.

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Arrows of Gods? Essays on the Leadership Question in Chinua  
Achebe's Arrow of God : A Publication of the Association of  
Nigerian Authors to mark Chinua Achebe's Arrow of Gods at 50  
/ (Eds) Joseph A. Ushie & Denja Abdullah  
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2017  
xxvi, 254p.

Includes Index

9789789184590

1. Achebe, Chinua. Arrow of God.
2. Achebe, Chinua--Criticism and interpretation.
3. Leadership in literature.
4. Igbo (African people)--Fiction.
5. Nigerian fiction (English)

\$ 30.00 / PB

370gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416332>

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The Nigerian General Elections of 2015 / (Eds) John A. A.

Ayoade, Adeoye A. Akinsanya & Olatunde JB Ojo

Ibadan: John Arches (Publishers) Ltd., 2017

xvi, 296p.

Includes Index

9789785527407

\$ 30.00 / PB

398gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416333>

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Anti-Corruption Studies II – Corruption : Prevention and  
Control / (Ed) Dr. Uti O. Egbai

Calabar: Radiant Venture Nig. Ltd., 2016

x, 250p.

9780515887

\$ 20.00 / PB

312gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416334>

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