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Biography/Memoirs

Riding the Storms with god in My Sails : The Autobiography of Admiral
Alison Madueke / Alison A. Madueke
Nigeria: Eminent Biographies, 2019
x, 514p.
Includes Index
9789789761593
\$ 50.00/ PB
950gm.

It is an epic story of the travails and triumphs of a two-time Military
Governor, a Naval Chief, and a Member of General Abacha's
Provisional Ruling Council (PRC). It is a record of unblemished service
of a patriot that served with fearlessness and integrity. Although it is a
written account of his own life, the book is invaluable historical
documents and succinct annals of the Nigerian military-political
interplay over three dex

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743276>

How I Became a Senator in 30 Days / Senator Sadiq Suleiman Umar
Nigeria: Senator Sadiq Suleiman Umar, 2020
214p.
Includes Index
9789789819843
\$ 30.00 / PB
328gm.

How Nigerian Senator, Sadiq Suleiman Umar, became a senator in 30
days in 2019.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743277>

Farida Waziri : One Step Ahead : Life as a Spy, Detective and Anti-Graft Czar / Farida Mzamber Waziri

New Jersey, USA: Webcza Inc. Publishing Company, 2019

xiv, 226p.

9781733306409

\$ 30.00 / HB

542gm.

According to the author, “through this book, I am rendering my account by presenting my mosaic experience – as Special Branch operative, as pioneer head of the Special Fraud Unit (SFU), as a detective at CID, as commissioner of police, as former chair of EFCC, as wife of Nigeria’s ambassador to Turkey, and as a lawyer that sat through one of the stormy moments of this country and witnessed first-hand behind-the-scene happenings that form part of Nigeria’s development history.”

She said, “myths and mythologies about Nigeria’s endemic corruption are due to the chameleonic forms of the scourge. I had the privilege to dissect the problem from the vantage position of being at the helm of SFU and EFCC and I have simplified the anatomy of fraud and public office corruption in Nigeria.

“The trove of facts in the book belongs to the public. I have simply held them in trust for so long. I have no right to covet them. And having held them for so long, I have decided it is time to declassify them by putting them into a book form. This is the main motivation for the memoir.”

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743278>

Dr. M.I. Okpara : A Biography / Chris Offodile

Enugu: Fourth Dimension Publishing Co. Ltd., 1980

x, 126p.

9781560991

\$ 20.00/ PB

176gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743279>

Education

Access, Quality and Relevance in Nigerian Education : A Festschrift for Prof. Duro Ajeyalemi, Registrar and Chief Exexecutive, JUPEB / (Ed) Prof. Y M O Ivowi & Prof. A O Ogunleye

Lagos: Foremost Educational Services Limited, 2018

xix, 609p. ; illustrations ; 22cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references.

9789789648993

\$ 70.00/ PB

768gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743280>

Economics

Project Nigeria : Building the Country of Our Dreams / Kunle Oshobi (Foreword) Donald Duke

Lagos: Benco Color Media Limited, 2020

320p.

9789789828470

\$ 30.00 / PB

378gm.

Nigeria being the biggest Black Owned Economy and also the country with highest number of black people in the world occupies a unique position in the emancipation of the black race. Thus the success of Nigeria can be deemed as the success of the black race. My recently released book "Project Nigeria: Building the country of our dreams" is an Economic road map to transform Nigeria into one of the biggest economies in the world within ten years and set the pace for an African Renaissance as the policies proposed in it can be replicated in all Black Owned Economies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743281>

History

A Survey of the Igbo Nation / (Ed) G.E.K. Ofomata

Onitsha: Africana First Publishers Limited, 2002

xxiv, 704p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographic Supplement

9781752939

\$ 90.00/ PB

1050gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743282>

Naija Marxisms : The Revolutionary Thought in Nigeria / Adam Mayer
Benin City: Beulahland Publications, 2020

xii, 244p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9780745336572

\$ 40.00 / PB

276gm.

Since the 1940s, Marxist thought has blossomed in Nigeria. The history of 'Naija Marxism' is also that of the country's labour movement, its feminist movement, its social thought and political economy. It has been the mainstay of party politics in the case of illegal Marxist party formations and legal anti-feudalist forces and in the NGO sector. Long gone are the days when Marxism meant imported pamphlets and a disconnected ideology. Drawn from years of research in Nigeria and elsewhere, Naija Marxisms breaks new ground in tracing the historical trajectories that leftist movements underwent since the 1940s, whilst arguing that Marxism is alive and well in Nigeria. The book brings together Nigeria's pre-eminent radical thinkers, from Usman Tar and Edwin Madunagu, who are currently espousing a Marxian political economy and providing a class-based approach in the country's mainstream media channels, to the international reach of key Nigerian Marxists, such as Mokuwugo Okoye, Ikenna Nzimiro and Eskor Toyo.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743283>

Ropes of Sand : Studies in Igbo History and Culture / Adiele Afigbo

Ibadan: University Press Limited, 1981

xii, 388p.

Includes Bibliographical references

9781545178

1. Igbo (African people) – History.
2. Igbo (African people) – Social life and customs.

\$ 40.00 / PB

434gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743284>

The Lost History of Yoruba, Edo, Delta, Bayelsa, Rivers, Igbo, Onitsha, Isele Uku, Igala, Anioma, Ogbahu / Akunne Okechukwu Amuta
Nigeria: CADUS Arts & Prints, 2019

vii, 285p.

9789789135786

\$ 35.00 / PB

342gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743285>

National Human Rights Commission – The NHRC Newspaper
Compendium, Volume 1, Dec 2013 – December 2015 :

Abuja: Nation Human Rights Commission, 2015

1v.

\$ 40.00 / PB

484gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743286>

Literature

Heal the Hood / Adaeze Nkechi Nwosu

Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishing Ltd.), 2020

464p.

9789789785728

\$ 35.00 / PB

594gm.

Hatima Parker is an African-American teenage girl living on the mean streets of South Central Los Angeles. Life in the hood is always tough but life produces more obstacles when an African-American man named Rodney King is beaten by the LAPD and an African-American teenage girl named Latasha Harlins is murdered by a Korean woman. Hatima has dreams of becoming a Marine and an Africanist and her goals cause her to question the world she lives in. She's not sure if she wants to pursue a career with the US Armed Forces as that could easily lead to a career in law enforcement. She also finds herself connecting the teachings of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, the Black Panthers, Marcus Garvey, Frederick Douglass, Nelson Mandela, and other black leaders to the incidents of racism she witnesses in her world in order to see if their many ways to change the status quo were effective and still are. Hatima also starts a relationship with a Korean teenage boy named Joshua Yang. But since racial tensions are high between African-Americans and Korean-Americans, there are many

people against the biracial couple being together. Hatima learns the world is far from perfect and throughout 1991 and 1992 she learns how to take a stand against a world that often chooses hatred over love.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743287>

Memory of Stone : The Past Has A Voice / Chio Zoe

Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishing Ltd.), 2020

378p.

9789789793617

\$ 35.00 / PB

466gm.

Finally thriving as a criminal in an infamous rundown city nicknamed The Bottoms, 18-year-old Nyx is forced to leave to rescue her only friend. When she is imprisoned for her damning discoveries she must do everything to regain her freedom, even if that means losing everything she's ever known.

Loran's Blade is a mask-wearing commander and a living legend at only eighteen. Coerced into a life at court, he finds that not everything is as simple as death on a battle field, especially when he discovers secrets hidden down dark corridors in court. When the attention of the king lands him on a dishonorable mission, he must decide where his loyalties lie.

When their paths cross, they must discover why they are drawn to each other, or remain enemies.

In a world of magic and buried secrets, there is a thin line between normality and danger.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743288>

Rage of the Sea Lion / Osita Obi

Ibadan: Winepress Publishing (Noirledge Limited), 2020

168p.

9798615326042

\$ 25.00 / PB

242gm.

Akum is a young man well-groomed in the art of surviving precariously. His will to tackle every odd pitted against him is manifested very early in life when he assumes the role of the breadwinner of his family just after his father's death. To survive in Marine Lane, a marginalised part of town, he needs more than wit and his mother's religion and that

includes success by hook or by crook. A chance meeting with the notorious Akwuba while in detention is all he needed to catapult his career into limelight.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743289>

House of Ezyron / Princess Izuagba
Lagos: Omode Meta (Parresia Publishing Ltd.), 2019
184p.
9789785486070
\$ 30.00 / PB
248gm.

Being different? Annabelle is used to that. Being a sudden hero? Not so much. When thirteen-year-old, Annabelle Nguma, discovers that her life, her family and the world is at the brink of destruction due to the uprising of a chaotic deity, she must decide whether to accept her new identity or give in to her greatest nightmare.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743290>

Vaults of Secrets / Olukorede S. Yishau
Lagos: Regium (Parresia Publishing Ltd.), 2020
136p.
9789789793587
\$ 30.00 / PB
198gm.

Yishau picks a story idea and weaves smaller stories into it that make you almost forget the initial peg, but it works superbly because what unfolds shows just how much a single idea can flow into multiple fascinating pieces. This is arguably art at its best...this work is not easy to put down and clearly shows that the author is a writer who has come to stay.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743291>

Something Deep / Laylah Ali Othnan
Garki, Abuja: Kurdan Publishing House Limited, 2017
262p.
9789789626601
\$ 35.00 / PB
348gm.

Six-year-old Amina lived in Sokoto with her family. The only thing she worried about was going to school and finding new ways to be mischievous. For her age, she was in a perfect world, until their gateman, Micheal began summoning her to his room and private corners. Something Deep chronicles Amina's account of her molestation and the hell that broke loose in her mind after that, causing her world to spiral. It is a thrilling tale of loss, pain, fear, forgiveness, and hope.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743292>

Guilty : A Novel / Joan Thatiah

Lagos: Quramo Publishing (QBooks), 2020

236p.

9789789816941

\$ 40.00 / PB

312gm.

Raised in a small village in Eastern Kenya, Judith is determined to escape her tumultuous childhood. At 29, the firstborn daughter of a retired cotton refinery worker in Mbeere joins the ranks of the Nairobi City office executives and imagines she has succeeded in her mission. When she returns to the village for her mother's funeral and meets a mysterious stranger, she is completely taken by him. But Jeffari is a man on a mission. She is his mark, too trying to smash the glass ceiling to notice him leading her to the core of East Africa's largest terrorism network.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743293>

Ogadinma / Ukamaka Olisakwe

Lagos: Masobe, 2020

268p.

9789785764567

\$ 35.00 / PB

294gm.

Ukamaka Olisakwe's heart-wrenching novel tells the story of the naïve and trusting Ogadinma as she battles against Nigeria's deeply-ingrained patriarchal systems in the 1980s, a time of coups, food shortages and religious extremism.

After a rape and unwanted pregnancy leave her exiled from her family in Kano, thwarting her plans to go to university, she is sent to her aunt's in Lagos and pressured into a marriage with an older man.

As their whirlwind romance descends into abuse and indignity, Ogadinma is forced to channel all of her independence and resourcefulness into finding her voice and strength in the face of abuse and cultural expectations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743294>

Aviara : Who Well Remember You / Othuke Ominiabohs

Lagos: Masobe, 2020

x, 324p.

9789785728163

\$ 35.00 / PB

278gm.

When twenty-five-year-old Anthony Mukoro returns from the city, to his hometown Aviara, it is with news that shatters the hopes of his retired parents – he is dying. This startling revelation sends his family into a frantic search for answers. But the answers they seek will come at a cost.

To save his life, he must confront forgotten memories from a traumatic experience in his past and a darkness that swells and grows unnoticed within the town. Unknown to Anthony, this begins a journey that will lead him into a dark world of murder and a town's history steep in blood and shadows.

Aviara explores the complex balance between science and spirituality, fate and ancestry, within the labyrinth of one man's unravelling reality.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743295>

Not Born To Love : Return of the Godly Stranger : A Novel / Chris Ekpekurede

Nigeria: Strategic Book Publishing, 2020

338p.

9781952269226

\$ 35.00 / PB

384gm.

Two stunning lookalikes create a stir when they accidentally meet again at the matriculation ceremony of their sons at Mount Zion University in Abuja. As soon as they see each other, they recall they met eleven years earlier under equally strange circumstances. One promptly goes for the left ear of the other to confirm the presence of an unmistakable scar, a birthmark deliberately left there by the midwife who delivered them in order to distinguish one twin from the

other. They introduce themselves and render their separate accounts of the events that first brought them together. Curious admirers ask, "Are you twins?" But they can't answer because they don't know! All they can do is stare at each other incredulously each time someone asks the question. They wonder who they are and why their paths keep crossing. Unknown to them, they were not born to live, but God was in the mix. *Not Born to Live* is:... a stirring story of prostitution and foster-parenting.... a strong advocacy for child rights. "The beauty of the book is in the steps taken by the lookalikes to discover their identities, and the discovery, coupled with the circumstances that surround their birth, will no doubt justify the suspense the reader experiences." – Professor Oyeniyi Okunoye, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743296>

Godly Stranger : A Novel / Chris Ekpekurede
USA: Strategic Book Publishing, 2020
298p.
9781952269219
\$ 30.00 / PB
338gm.

When Henry loses his lucrative job at Global Haulage Company, it sets in motion a series of catastrophic events around a failed transportation business and a false prophet that breaks his home. The events spiral dangerously around two stunning and inexplicable lookalikes and their common lover, and lead to another broken home and a crazy quest for sex that claims the life of their lover. Helen, Henry's wife and one of the lookalikes, must walk back to her marriage. Can she go the distance even with the help of the *Godly Stranger*? Down-to-earth and wise-cracking, *Godly Stranger* x-rays the vulnerability of employees who get caught in corporate reorganisations, and who fail to plan against sudden career upheavals. It provides serious lessons in poor retirement planning and entrepreneurial ventures that are rashly thought out. The novel also indicts a society taken hostage by a plethora of false prophets and pastors, who feed on the gullibility of hapless citizens. *Godly Stranger* offers one consolation: despite the harsh realities of life on the planet, there is solace to be found in the secret hands of God at work in the lives of those who sincerely trust Him. The story does not only elicit the reader's sympathy for Helen and Henry as they take the bitter pills of life, it gives hope to all who face hard times. A civil engineer with

several Fellowships, Chris is a public speaker and publisher of six non-fictional books. Godly Stranger is his first foray into fictional writing.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743297>

Ete : A Collection of Poems / Ogwa J. Aduloju
Lagos: Lotus Marvel Integrated Services, 2020
19p.

Includes CD Digital Audio

9789789795543

\$ 35.00 / HB

272gm.

Ete is an emotive collection of poems that takes the reader on a journey through some memorable childhood recollections and a few everyday observations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743298>

First Fruits : 'A Poetry Collection' / Asadu Ibobo

Lagos: Harmony Publishing, 2020

96p.

9789785812640

\$ 25.00 / PB

134gm.

Asadu Ibobo is an Igbo woman from Odekpe town. She is an avid reader and a passionate learner, a creative.

First Fruits is her first published poetry collection amongst many others to come.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743299>

Africa's Vision : A Second Anthology / Oseloka H. Obaze

Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishing Ltd.), 2020

xiv, 126p.

9789789813117

\$ 30.00 / PB

194gm.

In Africa's Vision- A Second Anthology, Obaze, who deems himself an accidental poet, takes the reader on a journey of eclectic poems, which in the author's own words are 'a convenient special-purpose mechanism for the capturing and demythologization of events and people.' Like most poets, Obaze plays on time and space and even

abstracts, as if painting far-flung scenes and scenarios on a subliminal, yet illuminating canvas. Accordingly, his poems unmask in very uncanny ways, humanity, complete with observed foibles. As he underlines, “these poems and odes on human foibles, nature, rebirth, and society, are analogous to doodling done over time. In that context, the canvas is rich and the paintings rendered in very vivid colours are exquisitely captivating. Africa’s Vision - A Second Anthology, Obaze’s second anthology after Regarscent Past –A Collection of Poems (2015), adds vim to the emerging African voices that resort to poetry to render history and capture events, both sublime and the ridiculous. As the richness of Africa’s oral history and folktales, including moonlight tales, wane, poetry such as this finds both space and salutary coveted niche in Africa’s literary world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743300>

Every Woman Is A Poem / Kayodew Afolabi
Ibadan: Eleventh House Publishing Limited, 2020
46p.
9789789799749
\$ 15.00 / HB
116gm.

Every Woman is a Poem by Kayode Afolabi is a collection of poems in which women, love, nature and poetry mingle in curious and intriguing ways. Kayode Afolabi articulates affection with trembling of a swain, the confidence of a poet, and the fascination of an incurable optimist. Readers will find original poetry with a beating heart.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743301>

Politics

Dejavu Nigeria : A Collection of Some Newspaper Commentaries /
Obo Effanga
Minna, Niger State: AMAB Books & Publishing, 2019
x, 328p.
9789789548491
\$ 35.00 / PB
490gm.

It’s a collection of some old newspaper essays by the author. It’s history captured in a literary and journalistic format with an eye on social justice and human rights. Deja Vu Nigeria is today, as it

happened yesterday. The themes include politics, governance, law, development, human rights, society and culture.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743302>

These Times : Selected Writing and Speeches of Nasir El-Rufai,
Volume 2 : Inside / Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai

Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd., 2020

xiv, 306p.

9789785661385

\$ 55.00 / PB

482gm.

This collection of writings and speeches seeks to promote public discourse on the key public policy issues Nigeria confronts. Volume 1 covers the view from the outside, his newspaper columns as a private citizen analysing the policy choices made by leaders in addressing the challenges of governance. Volume 2 shows the thoughts of an insider, reflected in the speeches he has delivered as Governor of Kaduna State, taking responsibility for many of the issues on which he had previously commented on how others handled them.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743303>

Why Biafra Refuses to Die! : A Piece on the Most Populous Black
Nation and Her Political Experiences / James Bank

Lagos: Life Spring Publishing House, 2020

136p.

9789789825301

\$ 35.00 / PB

242gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743304>

The University-Media Complex : A Nigeria's Foremost Amusement
Chain / Jimanze Ego- Alowes

Lagos: The Stone Press, 2018

296p.

9789676866

\$ 35.00 / PB

360gm.

How do nations achieve political stability and economic growth? In a remarkable philosophical blueprint, Jimanze Ego-Alowes maps the way forward with insight and freshness.

Never again will the stability of nations be discussed without reference to some of the ideas introduced in the seminal work What astonishes is the depth and spread of unexpected originality that dot this work. Not to read this book is to great injustice to oneself.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743305>

The Civil Service in Nigeria : Evolution and Challenges / Eburn O.

Omoyele

Lagos: Eburn O. Omoyele, 2019

xiv, 258p.

Includes Index

9789789695478

\$ 35.00 / PB

306gm.

The book traces the origin of Nigeria Civil Service to the colonization by the British in the nineteenth century of the three territories which together later became known as Nigeria. It discloses that the main purpose of establishing the Service was to assist the colonisers in the maintenance of law and order in the areas being colonised. It deals with the gradual integration of the three services from 1898 until they emerged as one service in 1914.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743306>

Prince of Benicrosia : The Making of New African Nation / Salvation

Ngazodo Philip

Nigeria: PurpleBloom Publishers, 2020

202p.

9789785725308

\$ 35.00 / PB

346gm.

Growing up I saw first hand the oppressive and exploitative character of the fulani-controlled Nigerian state. This further confirmed to me that something fundamental has been wrong with the British conscripted Nigerian state of irreconcilable forces. A creation primarily to service mainly British and Fulani interests rather than those of the indigenous nationalities. Prince of Benicrosia: The Making of a New African Nation, therefore is not just an ordinary literary adventure. The book is rather a

spiritual and sociopolitical manifesto. A piece of art that seeks to describe the past, explain the present and forecast the great future that awaits the citizenry of Benicrosia. The book is for every Nigerian, African, international community, elites, humanity, the universal church of God, and so on. A material that cuts across age, gender, ethnicity, faith, and political lineage. It is a trumpet to awaken the present generation of Nigerians for a strategic civil duty to rescue the fatherland. The work is a clarion call not to allow the labours of our founding fathers to be in vain. A Blueprint for the establishment of Benicrosia the new homeland for all the oppressed and exploited indigenous nationalities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743307>

Waning Strength of Government : Essays on Nigeria's Governance / Oseloka H. Obaze

Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishing Ltd.) 2020

xxviii, 256p.

9789789813124

\$ 40.00 / PB

362gm.

In Waning Strength of Government, Obaze draws on twenty-three of his various speeches, policy briefs, lectures and op-eds, to render exploratory essays that dissect some common patterns and trajectories that point anathetically to factors and conducts, which ought to constitute the strength of government, but don't. In so doing, he unmaskes the prevailing weaknesses and waning strength of government - the attendant consequences, and their prevalence and implications for Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743308>

Rethinking Security Initiatives in Nigeria / Babafemi A. Badejo

Lagos: Yintab Compound, 2020

xix, 65p.

Includes Index

9789789799909

\$ 20.00 / PB

122gm.

The book reflects a deep and abiding commitment to effecting change in the heightened spate of insecurity in Nigeria and the launching of a complementary security outfit called "Operation Amotekun" as a

measure to mitigating insecurity in the Southwestern geopolitical zone of Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743309>
