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Art

Beyond Aesthetics : Use, Abuse, and Dissonance in African Art Traditions
/ Wole Soyinka
Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2020
xxviii, 204p.
Includes Index
9789785732504
\$ 40.00 / PB
432gm.

The playwright, poet, essayist, novelist, and Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka is also a longtime art collector. This book of essays offers a glimpse into the motivations of the collector, as well as a highly personal look at the politics of aesthetics and collecting. Detailing moments of first encounter with objects that drew him in and continue to affect him, Soyinka describes a world of mortals, muses, and deities that imbue the artworks with history and meaning. *Beyond Aesthetics* is a passionate discussion of the role of identity, tradition, and originality in making, collecting, and exhibiting African art today. Soyinka considers objects that have stirred controversy, and he decries dogmatic efforts—whether colonial or religious—to suppress Africa’s artistic traditions. By turns poetic, provocative, and humorous, Soyinka affirms the power of collecting to reclaim tradition. He urges African artists, filmmakers, collectors, and curators to engage with their aesthetic and cultural histories.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745024>

Biography/Memoirs

Inspire Me 2 : Images of Nigerian Working Women / WimBiz

Lagos: WimBiz, 2018

200p.

9789789640424

\$ 150.00 / HB

1660gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745025>

Biographies and Strategic Leadership of Selected Commanders in
Military Operations : Lt Gen Tukur Yusuf Buratai and Six Others in
Perspective / Benedict U. Achodo

Abuja: Abeysteph Globalink Lt, 2020

xxiv, 409p.

Includes Bibliography

9789789769803

\$ 75.00/ PB

1310gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745026>

The Dream : Pursuing The Black Renaissance Through The Murky Waters
of Nigerian Politics : Memoirs / Femi Okurounmu

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2019

xxxii, 672p.

Includes Index

9789785602210

\$ 90.00 / PB

1010gm.

The book's subtitle, "Pursuing The Renaissance Through The Murky Waters of Nigerian Politics", foregrounds its structural and thematic import as that which is a mix of the national and the personal.

The Foreword was written by an expert in Yoruba history and politics, Professor Stephen Adebajji Akintoye, while the author's Prologue hints that his book is a fine mix of the personal history of a Nigerian and that of his country's politics.

The story of the author's roots and birth, first of all, highlights the simple, medical explanation for hitherto ravaging, mystical infant mortality. He was the fourth, yet the oldest surviving child of his father.

It also highlights his humble beginning as the son of a roadside watch repairer. The author's educational journey through primary schools in Abeokuta, to Government College Ibadan, and later to Harvard and MIT

in the USA, are comprehensively captured in the first three chapters of the book.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745027>

For Women and The Nation : Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti Of Nigeria /

Cheryl Johnson-Odim & Nina Emma Mba

Chicago, USA: University of Illinois Press, 1997

xviii, 200p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9780252066139

1. Ransome-Kuti Funmilayo, 1900-1978.
2. Ransome-Kuti, Israel Oludotun 1891- 1955.
3. Women political activists – Nigeria – Biography.
4. Political activists – Nigeria – Biography.

\$ 25.00 / PB

342gm.

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti was a Nigerian activist who fought for suffrage and equal rights for her countrywomen long before the second wave of the women's movement in the United States. Her involvement in international women's organizations led her to travel the world in the period following World War II. She championed the causes of the poor and downtrodden of both sexes as she joined the anticolonial movement struggling for Nigeria's independence.

For Women and the Nation is the story of this courageous woman. One of a handful of full-length biographies of African women, let alone of African women activists, it will be welcomed by students of women's studies, African history, and biography, as well as by those interested in exploring the historical background of Nigeria.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745028>

BIAFRA : The Horrors of War : The Story of A Child Soldier / Okey

Anueyiagu

Georgia, USA: Brown Brommel Publishers 2020

277p.

9780983738428

\$ 40.00 / PB

610gm.

"Biafra: The Horrors of War, The story of a Child Soldier" by Okey Anueyiagu, takes you inside one of the world's almost forgotten wars with devastatingly sordid and haunting imagery. The author conjures a frightening reality that very few people, especially children have ever

encountered. With candid details, the author describes in a uniquely dramatic and movie-like style, the perilous mental and physical struggles that he and his people suffered. In his grappling with the pains and horrors of war, he exposes the transformative powers of perseverance, showing how Biafrans turned their pains and sufferings into strengths in endurance. The author, Dr. Okey, using this war, brings to the fore, the fact that despite the odds against the Biafrans; the hunger, the death, and that despite the silence of the world in the perpetration of the holocaust, the pogrom and the genocide, the people of Biafra survived by forging an unbelievable bond that allowed them to overcome the horrific conditions of the war. This book is a compelling classic. A perfectly recalled bitter and wicked account of a people's journey through darkness and a country gone berserk.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745029>

Amazing Grace : The Autobiography of Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala / Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala

Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2020

xviii, 530p.

Includes Index

9789785781656

\$ 90.00 / PB

860gm.

This autobiography gives a honest, unashamed glimpse into his family life; the man who runs his family with patience and Yoruban sagacity, the husband who carries his wives along and who is clearly still vulnerable where they are concerned, the lover who cheekily declares that he has never offended any woman, and the father who loves his children so much it would seem he is overcompensating for having missed the love and presence of a father.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745030>

Morning By Morning : The Autobiography Ayo Banjo / Ayo Banjo

Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd., 2019

xx, 248p.

Includes Index

9789785598667

\$ 55.00 / PB

502gm.

Ladipo Ayodeji Banjo, CON (Born 2 May 1934) is a Nigerian Emeritus professor of English language, educational administrator, former vice

chancellor of the University of Ibadan, Nigeria as well as former pro-chancellor of Ajayi Crowther University. This autobiography, *Morning by Morning*, takes on a cultural significance beyond its account of the author's life and times. It is representative of the autobiography as a key document of modern Nigeria's literary culture. The Nigerian autobiography is authorized by the educated middle class in the sense that its author, its subject and its readers belong to the same educated middle class. That class was the modernizing agent that shaped the emergent literary culture of Nigeria and became an organ of national development. So, the autobiographer's personal account of his life and times is valuable material for the professional historian.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745031>

Muhammadu Buhari : The Black Pharaoh / Adebayo Adeolu

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2018

xii, 228p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789789185955

\$ 35.00 / PB

342gm.

The book is a biography of the life of Muhammadu Buhari and how history has placed him in the leadership seat of Nigeria twice, amidst the complexity of this nation and its various conflicts and upheavals. It explores how these issues should be solved with good leadership and management of the resources available, which should be a blessing to the nation and not a curse.

This extraordinary story of Buhari's journey captures the causes of conflicts within Nigeria, how they developed and why it is crucial to the country's future that it unites as a single nation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745032>

Fela and Me / Sandra Izsadore & Segun Oyekunle

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2019

xiv, 298p.

Includes Index

9789789185580

\$ 39.50 / PB

470gm.

FELA AND ME by Sandra Izsadore with Segun Oyekunle is an autobiographical book by Sandra Izsadore, the African-American woman

who is popularly known the world over as the lady who gave the world the Fela Anikulapo-Kuti that the world has come to know.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745033>

My Life Like a Rainbow : Reflection and Life Lessons at Sixty / Florence Ajimobi

Nigeria: Florence Ajimobi, 2019

xvi, 134p.

9789789749027

\$ 25.00 / PB

208gm.

Her Excellency, Dr. (Mrs.) Florence Ajimobi takes us through the different walks of her life in this book.

A perfect example of the Proverbs 31 woman, she shows us her transition from a pampered child to an undergraduate, a working class woman, then a wife, mother, business woman, the diamond crown of a Senator and Governor, and a grand-mother.

Her life story teaches how godliness, charity, humility, hard-work, determination, patience and a never-ending quest for knowledge are core essentials for soaring higher than an eagle.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745034>

The Girl Who Said 'I Can' / Eunice Atuejide

Nigeria: Eunice Atuejide, 2019

xii, 260p.

9781794476943

\$ 20.00 / PB

278gm.

This is the autobiography of Eunice Atuejide, the 2019 Presidential Flagbearer of the National Interest Party (NIP), a technology driven political party founded and predominantly run by young Nigerians under the age of 40. Eunice is the founder and National Chairman of NIP and currently, the youngest woman, ever, to run for Presidency in Nigeria. She is extremely popular for her non-acceptance of the feminist tag.

Eunice claims with much emphasis that she is not a feminist! The Girl Who Said 'I Can!' is the story of her life from childhood to the 2019 Nigerian presidential elections which she was one of only six women to take part. The book tells of her early days in the slums of Iwaya, her tumultuous relationships, her sojourn through Europe and America and the journey to Nigerian politics. The book captures her life in very simple and relatable highly descriptive stories. It is a must read for Africans in

the diaspora and young women, particularly of African descent. Women who have risen from grass to grace will also find Eunice's story compelling. The same applies to those wishing to find their footing in business, politics, career, education and life generally. Eunice Atuejide's story is a very inspiring one. It is highly recommended to everyone looking for a soul lift.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745035>

Oju Pon Koko Ma Foo : Itan Igbe Aye Omo-Oba Adeleke Oduola / Aderemi Oduola

Ibadan: Impeccable Publishing Nigeria Limited, 2020
xviii, 230p.

In Yoruba

9789785334098

\$ 45.00 / HB

450gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745036>

Business/Management

Building A Culture of Ethics : A Practical Guide for Leaders in the African Public, Private and Non-Profit Sectors / Leap Africa

Lagos: Leap Africa, 2009

140p.

9789780889500

\$ 40.00 / PB

552gm.

“Building a Culture of Ethics” captures the essential elements of ethical leadership. The success of entrepreneurs and their business hinge on ethical choices. With this book, LEAP Africa provides business leaders with a user’s guide – a toolkit for ethical conduct and a sound compass for navigating the business environment in these complex times. Building an organisation on the foundation of trust and ethical practices is a requirement for long term survival. If that foundation is not carefully managed, organizations can easily get off track and suffer the consequences. This book uses the latest research and established best practices to show management how to develop and then maintain an ethical corporate culture. It is a practical guide to understand the essence of ethical leadership.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745037>

Education

Public Examining in Nigeria : A Dynamic Leadership / (Ed) A. O. U. Onuka
Nigeria: Dale-Delu Foundation, 2020

xiii, 262p.

9789785503371

\$ 70.00/ PB

1090gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745038>

History

Yewaland : Productive People. Colourful Culture / Hakeem Adenekan
Lagos: Evagin Konsepts Limited, 2016

1v.

9789789112890

\$ 180.00 / HB

1260gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745039>

Jogging in the Jungle : The Newswatch Story / (Ed) Ray Ekpu

Lagos

Lagos: Newswatch Books Limited, 2010

viii, 408p.

Includes Index

9782704245

\$ 35.00/ PB

440gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745040>

Formation : The Making of Nigeria From Jihad to Amalgamation / Fola
Fagbule & Feyi Fawehinmi (Ed) Bibi Bakare-Yusuf

Abuja: Cassava Republic Press, 2021

x, 358p.

Includes Index

9781913175092

\$ 39.95 / HB

716gm.

A myth-busting history book that challenges the orthodox understanding of Nigeria's past as merely a product of colonial interference, and in the process paints a vastly different picture of the birth of Nigeria as a nation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745041>

Law

Employees Compensation Under Nigerian Labour Law / Offornze D. Amucheazi
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2019
xxii, 158p.
9789789186051
\$ 50.00/ PB
320gm.

Employees Compensation under Nigerian Labour Law undertakes a critical review of the Employees Compensation Act 2010 and highlights the basic administrative framework for compensation of injured employees in Nigeria. The book appraises the effectiveness of the mechanisms established under the Act towards ensuring adequate welfare of injured employees and the compliance of the Act with ILO standards. It also focuses on the employment injuries compensation scheme established under the Employees Compensation Act 2010 and examines the scheme within the context of its objective, workforce covered, financing, compensable injuries and compensation, and administration of the Act; and the extent to which the scheme is in tandem with international labour standards.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745042>

Linguistics

Phonetics, Phonology and Sociolinguistics in the Nigerian Context : A Festschrift for Adenike Akinjobi / (Ed) Rotimi Oladipupo, Julianah Akindele & Ayo Osisanwo
Ibadan: Stirling-Horden Publishers Ltd, 2020
xx, 412p.
Includes Index
9789780328061
\$ 80.00/ PB
740gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745043>

African Languages in Time and Space : A Festschrift in Honour of Professor Akinbiyi Akinlabi / (Ed) Eno-Abasi Urua (et al.)
Ibadan: Zenith BookHouse Ltd, 2020
xii, 432p.

9789789809714

\$ 80.00 / PB

762gm.

African Languages in Time and Space: A Festschrift in Honour of Professor Akinbiyi Akinlabi will serve as an important book of readings to those interested in understanding African languages and for the study of African languages.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745044>

Language and the Moral Imperative in George Ehusani's Writings / Taiwo Abioye

Second Edition

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2019

120p.

Includes Index

9789789185825

\$ 30.00 / PB

162gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745045>

Literature

The Soyinka Impulse : Essays on Wole Soyinka / (Ed) Duro Oni & Bisi Adigun

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2019

xxii, 278p.

Includes Index

9789785602296

\$ 50.00 / PB

466gm.

Literary duelist and inimitable dramatist, Soyinka, bursts into the historical scenes of Africa, taking on issues and societal flaws that most writers simply leave out. His unconditioned reflex, gut reactions and flashes of inspiration, through shotgun sketches of his eloquent and sharp pen, come from his impulse and are examples of the Soyinka Impulse.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745046>

Approaches to Nigerian Literature : Selected Essays / Ernest N.

Emenyonu

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2020

xii, 176p.

Includes Index

9789789186259

\$ 35.00/ PB

250gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745047>

The African Experience in Literature and Ideology : Cultural Encounters
with Francis Abiola Irele / (Eds) Femi Abodunrin & Ahmed Yerima
Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2020

xviii, 210p.

Includes Index

9789789185962

\$ 40.00/ PB

302gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745048>

Driving in Lagos / Esther Moyin Adegunle

Lagos: Esther Moyin Adegunle, 2020

24p.

9789789814305

\$ 14.90 / PB

64gm.

(Do you enjoy driving in Lagos, Nigeria? For me, I don't!) Driving in Lagos tells 11 of my best stories on Lagos roads. The book tells of the mental and physical energy required to drive in Lagos, Nigeria. Above all, the book tells of the life lessons I learnt from driving in Lagos. I am happy to share with you and I hope it reminds you of the greater purpose of life. Thank you for reading.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745049>

Wole Soyinka : A Quest for Renewal / Mary T. David

Ibadan: Spectrum Books Limited, 2019

xvi, 276p.

Includes Index

9989729265628

\$ 40.00 / PB

360gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745050>

Chronicles of the Happiest People on Earth : A Novel / Wole Soyinka
Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2020

xii, 516p. ; 15.5x23.5cm.

9789785795714

\$ 120.00 / HB

1010gm.

The novel tells the story of a pact and an alliance formed between four friends, to make an impactful change in their nation. Now in the late stages of adulthood, against an evolving political landscape and a change of government, they drift apart, reunite, navigate complex familial relationships, and increasingly gain recognition in their professions — all the while, their paths interweave with those of prominent religious, community and government leaders, and the tide begins to turn against them, with dire consequences.

It is a dramatic and engaging read, laced with humour and extraordinary characters. The read also provides a realistic perspective on the state of affairs in Nigeria, with a depth of commentary. In Soyinka's expert hands, the apparently disparate strands are woven together with a master story-teller's aplomb. *CHRONICLES OF THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH*, is a great and unputdownable read from start to finish.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745051>

The Horse in the Storm : A Love Story / Modupe Adeyemo

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2020

156p.

9789789186129

\$ 25.00 / PB

210gm.

Over the town of Iru, stormclouds are gathering. A catastrophic tempest on its way, which the oracle says can only be averted by the union of the chiefs daughter and an "appeaser". Against this backdrop, emerges the story of three women: Adetutu, who flees an arranged marriage with the chief, Ewade, Adekunle's embittered and domineering mother, Ademi, the chiefs daughter and emotionally vulnerable divorcee. Will the power of love prove stronger than the love of power in time to avert the looming disaster? Who is the mysterious man at the heart of the Oracle's vision?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745052>

When a Father Bleeds / Chioma Ebele Mbanisi

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2020

288p.

9789789186181

\$ 25.00 / PB
374gm.

A young man and a woman must face the odds in Okeobodo, a town where the female child is considered less valuable than a she-goat, where the fear of the stream goddess is the beginning of wisdom.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745053>

Daybreak : An Anthology of New Nigerian Short Fiction / (Eds) Ezechi Onyerionwu & Darlington Chibueze Anuonye

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2019

140p.

9789789186075

\$ 20.00 / PB

190gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745054>

Ruth Halimah / Oladisun Delano

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2020

336p.

9789789186242

\$ 30.00 / PB

428gm.

What happens when two elementary school pupils fall in love? What happens when they are torn apart by vicissitudes of life? Is there such a thing as preordained love? Ruth Halima is a story of love, a love that endures times, a love that survives contrary tides, a love that demonstrates faith and a love that unites faiths. It is also a story of innocence and experience of heartbreaks and healing, of family and forgiveness. The author holds nothing back in this free-loving prose that aptly captures the beauty and timelessness of love. Oladisun Delano is a longstanding legal practitioner in Nigeria with a Master's degree in Law from the University of London (The London School of Economics and Political Science). Ruth Halima is his first novel.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745055>

Where the Lotus Grows : A Novel / Oyinkansola A. Ogunyinka (Ed) Femi Akinwande

Lagos: The Grace Ola, 2019

viii, 288p.

9789789736171

\$ 25.00 / PB

406gm.

Where the Lotus Grows is a story of what comes next when life deals unexpected blows. What more can precipitate a rude awakening than to lose the valuable elements of life and yet be forced to live through it, as in the cases of Taiwo and Karen in the novel? What more can make life take on a whole new meaning than to experience what can be likened to a nightmare, yet there is no waking up from it, because it is reality? The novel depicts how we tend to self-destruct when we pass through moments of pain and we push people away instead of drawing strength from fellowship with loved ones.

The novel is also a story of the search for meaning, when suddenly one of the protagonists, Karen, discovered that the life she had always valued and revered was actually not what she thought it was. The realization sent her on an adventure that would bring her in contact with another destiny that was in a search of his own. While one would have expected the collusion to be the resolution of the search by the characters, it only opened up another dimension of intrigue in the story.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745056>

The Rope Around Your Waist / Fellie Oka Moh

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2020

172p.

9789789186204

\$ 25.00/ PB

230gm.

In this interesting novel, the author, Felie Oka Moh, interrogates the dynamics of challenging relationships, betrayal, forgiveness and healing.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745057>

Nine Hours Till Five / Margaret Adetimehin

Nigeria: Margaret Adetimehin, 2019

298p.

9789789727452

\$ 35.00 / PB

390gm.

Have a vision, set SMART goals, write them down, pursue them tenaciously, and your dreams will come true. What can possibly happen otherwise? After a painful exit from the northwest of Nigeria, Oluwafunmilayo Zimuzochukwu Onalaja arrives in Lagos to pick up the pieces so she can return to the northwest where she believes the success

of her business lies. Then life happens in quick succession. Funmi isn't prepared for the impact that her decisions will have on her hustle or the troubles she manages to attract, but she won't give up easily either. There is only so much that everyone can take before they get broken, but really, what is Funmi's limit?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745058>

The Call / Chinedum Akiti-Diego

Ibadan: Baron's Café, 2020

136p.

9789789593262

\$ 15.00 / PB

160gm.

An American-Aireginian family returns to their African homeland with dreams of changing it, and making it a first world nation, but as events unravel, they join the bandwagon of sleaze and nonchallance. It will take the family's travails to return them to purpose. Kwesi's family faxes the wrath of old allies as they go against the grain.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745059>

Yar'fari / A'aisha Abdulkareem

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2020

144p.

9789789186174

\$ 15.00 / PB

196gm.

Yar'fari is a novel by A'aisha Abdulkareem. It tells the story of a Northern Nigerian girl, Teni whose dreams of an education and career life are met with hostility from her grandparents and society at large. They want her to get married, be submissive and carry out only domestic functions. But Teni is defiant and endures everything life throws her way. It is a story of the girl child, of Northern Nigeria, of the less-spoken throes of marriage, of determination.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745060>

Politicrisis / Funmilayo Braithwaite

Nigeria: Questgate Concept Publications Limited, 2018

iv, 108p.

9789789550647

\$ 30.00 / PB

154gm.

POLITICRISIS tells the enthralling story of Nkechi Eke as she struggles to stay afloat, the political regime. Her integrity, her marriage, her political career and a secret from her past fight for supremacy in her very troubled world. Nkechi is determined to win this battle. Will she be triumphant or will she drown in her overwhelming circumstances?
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745061>

Nairobi Noir / (Ed) Peter Kinani
Abuja: Cassava Republic Press, 2020
258p.
9781913175009
\$ 24.00 / PB
308gm.

Nairobi Noir brings together some of Kenya's most exciting and acclaimed writers, in this celebration of noir writing, played out on the streets of Nairobi.

"Although the range of issues explored in Nairobi Noir is as diverse as its contributors, it all gestures toward a common theme. In this concrete jungle, the hunters and herders live on. As do the hunted..." - Peter Kimani, introduction

Featuring brand new stories from Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, Stanley Gazemba, Ngumi Kibera, Peter Kimani, Winfred Kiunga, Kinyanjui Kombani, Caroline Mose, Kevin Mwachiro, Wanjikũ wa Ngũgĩ, Faith Oneya, Makena Onjerika, Troy Onyango, J.E. Sibi-Okumu, and Rasna Warah.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745062>

The Bead Collector / Sefi Atta
Lagos: AAA Press, 2019
368p.
9789789153626
\$ 30.00 / PB
384gm.

Lagos, January 1976, six years after the Nigerian Civil War. A new military regime has been in power for six months, but rumours are spreading that a counter-coup is imminent. At an art exhibition in the affluent Ikoyi neighbourhood, Remi Lawal, a Nigerian woman who runs her own greeting-card shop, meets Frances Cooke, who introduces herself as an American art dealer, in Nigeria to buy rare beads. They become friends and over the next few weeks confide in each other about their aspirations, loyalties, marriage, motherhood – and Nigeria itself, as

hospitable Remi welcomes the enigmatic Frances into her world. Remi's husband, Tunde, naturally suspects Frances – like any American in Lagos – of gathering intelligence for the CIA, yet she is unconvinced. Cynical about the country's unending instability, and alienated by the shallowness of the city's elite, she willingly shares her views with Frances. But the February 13 assassination of General Muhammed prompts Remi to reconsider one particular conversation with her new acquaintance in a different light. Her discouragement overcome by a reawakened sense of patriotism, she begins to doubt that the bead collector is who she claims to be. With her signature subtlety and wit, Sefi Atta examines a brief but profound friendship, and one Nigerian mother's yearning – amid legacies of conflict and uncertainty – to help build her country from home.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745063>

Wings of the Night Sky / Jessica Tagbajumi

Lagos: Kawe Books, 2019

iii, 201p.

9789789743926

\$ 20.00 / PB

240gm.

Wings of the Night Sky is an adventure fantasy story. When Omiete answers the call that takes her on a journey to the magical kingdom of Aondo, she is faced with a new reality and purpose – to rescue the Guardian of the Keepers who protect the Kingdom in the sky and ultimately defeat the evil Dadan and his horde of shetani who constantly threaten to plunge it and the real world into darkness. Omiete is faced with mind chilling vampire creatures, cunning spiders, and soul-sucking mbala. As she unites with the keepers and her animal guide, she learns she must master her guide and defeat the darkness. Most of all, she must tackle self-doubt and crippling fear. Omiete finds friendship and innocent love in chaos. Wings of the Night Sky is an imaginative piece for young adults and teenagers who in one way, are faced with life's adventure – telling them there is a will in their fear.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745064>

Land of Tales : Poems / Barth Akpah

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2020

100p.

9789789185535

\$ 10.00 / PB

146gm.

"In Land of Tales, Barth Akpah announces his arrival through years of immersion and emergence from the circling pond of poetry; here is a new voice, passionate emissary of the fluent word, fixed upon the anthems of his land's narrative of malaise, of hypocrisy and strife, of dreams, of nightmares and, in spite of the diversity of conflicts and want, here also is a voice filled with other lovely expectations and anticipation..." -- Remi Raji

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