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Biography/Memoirs

Ebisuote : The Story of Professor Emeritus Ebiegberi Joe Alagoa and the Honourable Dame Mercy Gboribusuote Alagoa nee Nyananyo / Ebiegberi Joe Alagoa
Port Harcourt: Onyoma Research Publications, 2020
56p. ; 234x156mm. ; Colour Photographs
9789788195818
\$ 35.00 / PB
246gm.

Ebisuote is not a professional work of historiography, a work of scientific research and objectivity. It is a personal account of a joint life experience, emotional, coming from the heart. This brief story of Nigerian Historian Ebiegberi Joe Alagoa and his grandmother Gboribusuote is, therefore, simply a memorial to a shared life, in Nigeria's Niger Delta region.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783337>

Of This Our Country : Acclaimed Nigerian Writers on the Home, Identity and Culture They Know / Nel Abbey (et al.)
Lagos: HarperCollins Publishers Ltd (for Ouida Books), 2021
x, 278p.
9780008499297
\$ 50.00 / PB
346gm.

To define Nigeria is to tell a half-truth. Many have tried, but most have concluded that it is impossible to capture the true scope and significance of Africa's most populous nation through words or images.

And yet here, through personal essays from 24 of its writers, a more accurate picture comes into view: one that details the realities and contradictions of patriotism, examines the role of class and privilege in Nigerian society, juxtaposes inherited tradition with the diasporic experience and explores the power of storytelling and its intrinsic link to Nigeria's history.

Within these pages, acclaimed and award-winning writers share memories and experiences of Nigeria that can be found nowhere else, bringing to the fore a country whose influence can be found everywhere.

Powerful, lyrical and entirely unforgettable, *OF THIS OUR COUNTRY* weaves together a living portrait of Nigeria, one that is as beautiful as it is complex.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783338>

The Writer in the Mirror : Conversations with Akachi Adimora-Ezeigbo (Ed) Evelyn N. Urama

Ibadan: Univesity Press PLC & Purple Shelves Limited, 2021
xxxiv, 490p.

Includes Index

9789789408498

\$ 60.00 / PB

700gm.

The number of interviews in this collection is a record of the various times that readers have taken a break from observing themselves and the societies that Akachi Adimora-Ezeigbo has portrayed. The interviewers are courageous in reversing the mirror and trusting it towards the writer to see herself clearly. In her responses to the various questions put to her, we can say that she self-represents in a way that makes a formal autobiography relatively unnecessary.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783339>

The Grip of Grace : The IDY Enang Story / Idorenyen Enang
(Foreword) Dr Tunde Bakare

Lagos: Heritek Support Services Ltd., 2021

xvi, 168p.

9789785743456

\$ 40.00 / HB

410gm.

A revealing story of a young man who navigates through life with a burning desire to make the best of the resources within his reach.

In the grip of grace is a compelling read that chronicles the beauty of living the 'village' life, experiencing the unmistakable hand of the divine and the unusual transformation that comes with a fine blend of personal choices, commitment to excellence and nurtured relationships with the twists and turns of life's unpredictable course.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783340>

The Icing On My Cake : Memoirs of Mopelola, The
Teacher/Couinsellor @ 70 / Prof. (Mrs.) Olugbemisola
Mopelola Omoegun

Lagos: Univesity of Lagos Press and Bookshop Ltd
(Unilagpress), 2021

xvi, 252p.

Includes Index

9789785844016

\$ 40.00 / PB

340gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783341>

Extracts From A Technocrat's Diary / Joan Olatoyosi Ayo

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2021

xii, 176p.

9789789186846

\$ 35.00 / PB

255gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783342>

Gamaliel Onosode : Classicus, an Honourable Life / Femi

Osofisan & Olakunbi Olasope

Ibadan: Mosuro Publishers, 2020

xviii, 290p.

Includes Index

9789785702720

\$ 55.00 / PB

480gm.

The name Gamaliel Onosode, in his lifetime of service to the nation, evoked rectitude: integrity, diligence, humility and creativity. He was a legend of his time and he carried this image with sartorial elegance and simplicity. He was at ease being cosmopolitan, yet also local, deeply committed to the traditions of his native Urhobo land. And not to be forgotten, was his very sweet and engaging smile, in an extraordinary busy life, which all the boardroom politics and all the university intrigues could not efface from his countenance. In his private life, he was distinguished for his religion and commitment to his family. This book, with an illuminating and absorbing narrative, has shed a new light on him in a manner that only a master craftsman, like Femi Osofisan, can. It bares it all in an unusual style, showing who he was as an extraordinary banker, a businessman and a university administrator. There are lessons to be learnt from all that made and strengthened his backbone. To the end, he kept that handsome and charming demeanour. He distinguished himself simply as Mr Onosode.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783343>

Economics

Covid-19 Pandemic and the Nigerian Economy : Mitigation Measures and Pathways to Growth / John O. Adeoti & Folarin Gbadebo-Smith

NISER Monograph No. 1, 2020

Ibadan: Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER), 2020

xxii, 82p.

9789781814785

\$ 35.00/ PB

196gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783344>

Tourism and Cultural Economics for Sustainable Economic Recovery in Nigeria / Prof. S. J. Timothy Asobele

Lagos: Latderaj Printing, 2021

v, 131p.

9789789960408

\$ 35.00/ PB

174gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783345>

Issues and Trends in Political Economy and Development / Idowu Samuel Sunday Ph.D

Oke-Aro, Ogun State: Dedomap Venture, 2021

xvi, 192p.

Includes Bibliography

9789789911479

\$ 35.00 / PB

240gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783346>

Nigeria Attaining Trillion-Dollar Status : Latent Engines of Growth in the Nigerian Economy / Olugbenga Jaiyesimi
Nigeria: Olugbenga Jaiyesimi, 2021

iv, 64p.

9789789843091

\$ 25.00 / PB

98gm.

Before the onset of the self government and independence of the 1950s and 60s, the ruling colonial masters did not have to canvas for votes and make campaign promises. Indeed they expended low budgets on the welfare of Nigerian Peoples. Therefore progressive Nigerian communities through self-help efforts built up their social infrastructures like schools and inter-city roads. This spirit of communities implementing self-help projects spread across the country. At the same time Nigeria-owned businesses were growing alongside foreign companies. We had the Sir Ojukwus, the Odutolas, the Ajanakus, the Dantatas, and the Rabijs. A strong laissez faire and “can-do” spirit was growing in the populace before self-government and Independence.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783347>

History

Sociology of Kabba Kingdom / Prof. Samuel Jide Timothy-Asobe

Nigeria: Prof. Samuel Jide Timothy-Asobe, 2021

xxiv, 372p.

9789789915804

\$ 70.00 / PB

888gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783348>

The Existential Questions : The Uncomfortable Facts
Confronting Nigeria After a 60-Year Journey / Oluseun

Onigbinde

Lagos: A'Lime Media Limited, 2021

xvii, 270p.

Includes Index

9789789848577

\$ 40.00/ PB

338gm.

On October 1, 2020, Nigeria celebrated sixty years as an independent nation. This book reviews the country's evolution since independence. As a well-traveled Nigerian, I have always wondered why a nation so blessed with human and natural resources has failed to reach its enviable height. Over the years, I have seen how gross mismanagement, short-termism, lack of national values, and polarising elements such as tribalism and nepotism have severely held back the country. In this book, I attempt a dissection of the issues.

I started with an inquiry on the state of Nigeria and why the country has failed to rise to its potential. I questioned the poor state of Nigeria's socio-economic status and also its current leaders' lack of ideas. My questions also revolved around the country's low level of revenues, high level of poverty, current addiction to revenues, weak legal and judicial systems. These guided me to an interrogation of the nation's current human development situation through its weak health and education systems.

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Lapairama : The Anatomy of Lapai : Envisionning Lapai in the
Next 100 Years / S. J. Timothy-Asobele

Nigeria: Promocomms Ltd., 2021

xviii, 246p.

9789789964567

\$ 35.00 / PB

268gm.

Law

Dialectics of Rights : Nigeria's Engagement with the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council / (Eds) Uchenna Emelonye & Anthony O. Ojukwu

Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd, 2021

9789785860436

xxx, 310p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

9789785860436

\$ 45.00 / PB

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a first of its kind innovation adopted in 2006 by the Human Rights Council (HRC) to complement the works of treaty bodies. Established through the UN General Assembly Resolution 60/251, the UPR involves the review on a periodic basis, of the human rights performances of all Member States of the United Nations on the ground of equal propensity of all States to commit human rights violations. a comprehensive and a deep intellectual exposition of Nigeria's engagement with the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism.

This book presents an objective but descriptive narrative of the three UPR process, including claims of progress in the promotion and protection of human rights made by the Government of Nigeria and counter claims of human rights gaps by United Nations entities and other civil society stakeholders. Data and facts presented in this book were drawn exclusively from national reports, UN reports and reports submitted to the HRC according to United Nations General Assembly Resolution 60/251.

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Literature

Language, Literature and African World View / S. J. Timothy

Asobele

Lagos: PFL Publications, 2021

v, 283p.

Includes Bibliography

9789789915286

\$ 35.00 / PB

296gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783352>

Literature Review : A Compendium of African Literature in

Nigeria With Baudelaire Poem Les Fleurs Du Mal / S. J.

Timothy Asobele

Lagos: Latderaj Printing, 2021

xxii, 249p.

9789789916689

\$ 35.00/ PB

330gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783353>

Matilda / Grace Nzerue

Abuja: Rue-synergy Limited, 2019

iv, 546p.

9789789738489

\$ 35.00 / PB

904gm.

Matilda is a novel about Love, infidelity and broken trust.

Matilda, a beautiful and naïve young girl, accidentally meets and eventually marries a young, vibrant and wealthy Abuja big boy.

In the beginning it appeared as though her life wishes had been granted, until events started to unfold and she turned from a happy trophy wife to a sad and nagging mother of two children

and just when her broken heart seemed to be on the mend, there were suspicions that his mistress had HIV, this puts their love and marriage under the toughest strain possible. Will they come out of it unscarred? Only time will tell.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783354>

Delusions of the Patriots : Fiction / Obianuju V. Chukwuorji
Kraftgriotics Series

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2019

340p.

9789789185504

\$ 35.00 / PB

450gm.

Hope is simultaneously shattered and kept alive, identities are (trans)formed, and patriotism is (re)defined when the lives of three individuals collide: Okwuchukwu, founder of The Patriots, a syndicate operating outside the law to bring about its own brand of justice to a corrupt nation; Nwakaku, an only child of an impoverished widow who is forced to flee his village to live with an eccentric uncle in the city when The patriots came calling; and Ogbonnaya, a brilliant detective with the Department of State Services, whose mission it is to unmask the individuals behind The Patriots. Can integrity be sustained despite the volatile and nerve-racking situation of the nation? What is one to do when an ideology meant to heal, morphs into a phenomenon that could bring the nation to the brink of anarchy?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783355>

The Exorcist's Wife : The Blood-Oath Saga / Solomon
Ojehonmon

Nigeria: SEVO Publishing, 2020

272p.

9789789848409

\$ 35.00 / PB

300gm.

A relatively normal delivery suddenly unleashed a chain of cataclysmic events after the newborn was discovered to have a strange birthmark and his mother went into a coma. Determined to unravel the mysteries behind the birthmark and coma, the young father, a burgeoning pastor, embarked on a perilous journey to one of Africa's most violent areas in peacetimes where he uncovered a trail of fetish practices and diabolical pacts involving his wife. Events took a sinister turn when his inquiry developed into a murder investigation. Meanwhile, a psychopathic killer was hot on his tail, intent on preventing a deadly secret from being unearthed. But the pastor soon realized that, to prevent his immediate family from being destroyed by forces beyond his control, he must solve a seven-year-old crime, ferret out a secret grave and bring the killers to justice. His ultimate challenge however was to wrestle his wife's soul from the devil, a task he knew could easily consume him and those he cherished.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783356>

Inanna : Every Woman Has Her Story... / Debby Osa

Nigeria: Elandi Creative House, 2020

342p.

\$ 35.00 / PB

416gm.

Inanna is an intensely gripping and deeply emotional story of pain and secrets that keeps you captivated - and hurriedly turning its suspense-filled pages till the very end.

When her widowed father told lonely, eight year-old Barbara she was going to have a step-family, she was excited to have a full home again - unaware that it was the beginning of a journey filled with grief, betrayal and secrets...

...a journey that would transform a wide-eyed, naive child into the beautiful and ultimate femme-fatale, Inanna Philips.

Now, years later, Inanna has it all:

The perfect business - a Fortune 500 company

The perfect man - the dashing and wealthy Olabode Adekoya
And the perfect house - a gorgeous, sprawling mansion that's
the envy of the neighbourhood.

Then, one day, she meets Joshua - and arrives home to find her
beautiful mansion transformed into a damp, smelling forest
infested with rotten trees and roaming wild animals...

...and her perfect world unravels...

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783357>

Woman Like The Sea / Chii Collins

Nigeria: TU Publishing & Consulting, 2021

128p.

9781999372620

\$ 40.00 / PB

212gm.

Woman like the sea is a collection of praise for the woman. It is
happy, whimsical and soft. Poems about love, sensuality,
women empowerment, femininity, pain, sexuality and growth.
Simple words that softly call to you, urging you to bare yourself
and truly feel.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783358>

Dreams and Assorted Nightmares / Abubakar Adam Ibrahim

Lagos: Masobe, 2020

260p.

9789789796526

\$ 35.00 / PB

254gm.

Zango is a surreal town where men, some with erect manhoods,
die when leaves fall from a life tree.

Zango is both setting and spectre for '*Dreams and Assorted
Nightmares*', a collection of interconnecting short stories which
explore the spaces between life and death and beyond.

There's a poignant story of a special needs boy with prescience;
another about the family of a philandering artist trying to pick

up the pieces after his violent death; one of a teen forced to make a heart-breaking choice after her mother disappears; and another about a woman who reveals a terrible secret to her childhood friend who is in a coma. The characters come richly-layered and memorable — like Naznine who had but slowly lost the most perfect smile in the world; new bride, Nana Aisha, left alone to face armed marauders who invade her home; and brigands, Audu Kore and Maimuna Dajjaj, who share a pure and precious love.

The stories mostly feel mystical and dark, but the palpable compassion with which they are written give them warmth and light. Like rivulets, the stories easily flow into each other, aided by Ibrahim’s signature hypnotic writing and majestic prose. This is a collection to savour especially for its many enigmas — the silent poetry and tragedies of everyday life, the darkness and tenderness of the human mind, and the crossroads between dreams and the supernatural.

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The Curse of Happiness / Edify Yakusak
Nigeria: Kurdan Publishing House Limite, 2019
176p.
9789785627985
\$ 20.00 / PB
214gm.

The Curse of Happiness is a collection of short stories that finds ordinary people struggling and sometimes failing in extraordinary circumstances. From a woman faced with a long awaited but ultimately underwhelming miracle in “Baby Blue Joy” to a man who finds himself face to face with humanity’s most terrifying manifestation, an enraged mob, in “What is mine is Yours”. Yakusak stretches the limits of the normal human perception of the decisions people take in situations beyond their control. It’s an in-depth examination into the human psyche that is both intriguing and disturbing on a level that interacts with the inner reaches of our subconscious. The

Curse of Happiness weaves exciting stories of how normalcy is a luxury in reality; one we often take for granted.

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Performing Arts

Nigerian Dances and Theatre : National Theatre II / Prof. S. J.

Timothy Asobele

Lagos: Latderaj Printing, 2021

xii, 236p.

Includes Bibliography

9789789960392

\$ 35.00/ PB

300gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783360>

Politics

Nation Building in Africa : Issues, Challenges and Emerging Trends / (Ed) Obi Iwuagwu

Lagos: University of Lagos Press and Bookshop Ltd, 2021

xvi, 420p.

Includes Index

9789785844009

\$ 60.00/ PB

700gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783361>

Politics That Works : What Schools and Seminars Won't Teach You About Winning Elections / Alex Adekunle James & Sen.

Babafemi Ojudu

Nigeria: Author's Bridge NG, 2021

282p.

9789789959716

\$ 50.00 / PB

494gm.

A huge chunk of young and middle-aged elites in Nigeria say, “Politics is a dirty game” and, for that reason, have distanced themselves from it. While a significant number of this group of enlightened youths just want to focus on their profession and make a success of their personal lives; some others are passionate about fixing Nigeria but are going about it the wrong way– they have blatantly refused to be partisan, soothing themselves by attempting to transform/influence the system from outside. This book starts out with the concept that transforming Africa, with Nigeria as the focus, starts with young creative, dynamic and upright elites flooding the political space, taking over the structured parties and then dominating the seats of government. But, with the cabal holding tightly to power, how exactly do young elites take over? How would the broke and tactless youth get in the political ring with old, experienced and powerful politicians and win? With a step-by-step guide, the authors present the answers to these questions. In this pleasantly-written manual, you’ll uncover deep and practical political tactics that have been tested and proven by political giants. It is sure to help you gain influence and power within the political space, without having to play dirty.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783362>

The Riddle of the Oil Thief / HRM King Bubaraye Dakolo
Lagos:Purple Shelves Publishers, 2021

530p.

9789789889907

\$ 65.00 / PB

680gm.

It is the untold story of several decades of oil and gas exploitation in the Niger Delta of Nigeria. It x-rays the root causes of insecurity in Nigeria and presents the recipe for the restoration of peace in Nigeria and the entire West African Sub-region.

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Anatomy of Corruption in Emerging Democracies : From
Technical Fixes to Political Economy Analysis of a Wicked
Policy Problem : With Special Reference to sub Saharan Africa
and Cases from Middle East and North Africa, Americas,
Europe, Asia and the Pacific / Prof. Johnson A. Egonmwan
Benin City: Resyin Publications, 2020

400p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789789828609

\$ 45.00 / PB

440gm

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783364>

Sociology/Culture Studies

Cultural Quiz for Niger State Pupils and Students (An
Encyclopeadia of Nigeria's Cultural Diversity for Peace and
Unity) / Prof. S. J. Timothy Asobele

Nigeria: Promocomms Ltd., 2021

xii, 412p.

9789789964574

\$ 30.00 / PB

422gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783365>
