

## Recent Books from Nigeria – June 2022

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### **Biography/Memoirs**

RMD : Portrait of a Warri Boy / Richard Mofe-Damijo  
Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2021  
214p.  
9789785856583  
\$ 150.00 / HB  
1244gm.

Features over a hundred stunning images celebrating the career of a Nollywood icon.  
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Nigeria's First Women : 61 Game-Changing Female Pioneers Who Contributed to  
Positive Social Change / Kehinde Oniru  
Atlanta, GA, USA: KO Women Leadership Academy, 2021  
xv, 70p.  
Includes Index  
9780578908014  
\$ 30.00/ PB  
264gm.

In the following pages, you will meet sixty-one inspirational women who are champions for change. These women are change makers who come up with fresh solutions to big problems. These women prevailed regardless of their circumstances or challenges. In a time like this, we are determined more than ever to serve others that are in desperate need! My goal and wildest dream for this book is to educate and present stories about important women and events that shaped Nigeria's history. I have noticed that there is a significant void in the African history market. This book is an opportunity to fill that void.

GOD BLESS NIGERIAN WOMEN, AFRICAN WOMEN, AND CHANGE MAKERS!  
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An Admiral's Compass : Reflections on Leadership, Military Strategy and Maritime Security / Rear Admiral Francis Dan Akpan

Lagos: A'Lime Media Limited, 2021

326p.

Includes Index

9789789848584

\$ 150.00 / HB

576gm.

An Admiral's Compass is a reflection of works based on the experience of a naval aviator, a seaman, war veteran, military diplomat and two-star Admiral that is intended to share knowledge across the spectrum of personnel in the military in particular and those that are responsible for the management of the defence establishment. It is also intended to enlighten the larger members of security institutions and communities with information on leadership, military/naval strategy and maritime security as concepts.

It will inspire the understanding of their various functions without the attendant clash of interest between maritime military institutions. It avoids the duplication of national assets in the pursuit of various mandates. Albeit, as a collective, under a central national coordinated effort, the aspirations for a better-secured nation will be achieved. An Admiral's Compass is not only a storehouse of knowledge, but it is also easy to read, ensuring that the concepts/definitions are recent and relevant for long term purposes. While more emphasis was made on the maritime domain, it however ensures that it is adaptable for other military and services personnel in this era of Nigeria's Joint/Combined Defence Doctrine.

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I Am Because We Are : The Story of Dora Akunyili / Chidiogo Akunyili-Parr

Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd, 2022

xvi, 392p.

9789785860498

\$ 40.00 / PB

538gm.

In this innovative and intimate memoir, a daughter tells the story of her mother, Dora Akunyili, a pan-African hero who faced down misogyny and battled corruption in Nigeria. Inspired by the African philosophy of Ubuntu - the importance of

community over the individual - and outraged by injustice, Dora Akunyili took on fraudulent drug manufacturers whose products killed millions, including her sister. A woman in a man's world, she was elected and became a cabinet minister, but she had to deal with political manoeuvrings, death threats, and an assassination attempt for defending the voiceless. She suffered for it, as did her marriage and six children. *I Am Because We Are* illuminates the role of kinship, family, and the individual's place in society, while revealing a life of courage, how community shaped it, and the web of humanity that binds us.

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Clement Nyong Isong : A Life of Integrity, Discipline and Public Service / Prof. Olutayo C. Adesina (Foreword) Gen. Dr. Yakubu Gowon  
Uyo, Akwa Ibom State: The Clement Isong Foundation (TCIF), 2018  
xv, 350p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789789691661

\$ 60.00 / PB

466gm.

This monumental biographical work has captured so well the life, work, and success of Chief (Dr.) Clement Nyong Isong (CFR) husband, father, grandfather, mentor, banker, community leader, and statesman. It is a book that will bring front to centre, the strength of character and discipline of a humble man who persevered against all odds, and stuck to his beliefs and values, leaving behind a legacy of integrity and dignity in public service in Nigeria, and his portrait on the Nigerian currency. — The book is portrayal of a truly iconic personality, whose life intersected with that of his country in very significant ways, including the introduction of the Nigerian Naira in 1973. Isong has left behind a legacy that historians, policy makers, bankers and every stakeholder in the Nigeria experiences should continue to value for years to come.

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In The Cause Of Service : Memoir Of Gabriel Tamunobiebere George Toby / G.T.G. Toby

Ibadan: University Press PLC, 2019

xiv, 478p.

Includes Index

9789789405923

\$ 60.00 / PB

670gm.

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The Genius Orator : The Authorised Biography of Yusuf Maitama Sule / Chike F. Okolocha

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited, 2021

xxx, 530p.

Includes Index

9789789184927

\$ 60.00 / PB

742gm.

This book is the story of an exceptional patriot and humble politician, selfless nationalist, poet, orator, diplomat and optimist who looked forward to a bright future for a united and prosperous Nigeria.

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Muhammad Buhari : The Challenges of Leadership in Nigeria / John N. Paden

Zaria: Huda Huda Publishing Company, 2016

xxxvi, 284p.

Includes Index

9789514239 ; 9789789514236

\$ 65.00 / HB

448gm.

This authorized biography of the current president of Nigeria provides an up-close look at the life of a major ally of the West in the fight against terrorism, poverty, and corruption. The book covers Buhari's early life and education, his military career, and his brief stint as military of state before he was deposed in a coup. A beacon for democracy in Africa, Buhari is the only Nigerian opposition candidate to be elected to the presidency. The book examines the first year of his presidency, looking at the immense security, economic, and political challenges he faces and the bold moves he is making to tackle them with support at home and abroad.

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Destiny Beckons : This Memoir Chronicles Defining Moments That Led To Destiny's Call / Oluwabusola Oni

Ibadan: Purplebloom Publishers, 2021

xii, 196p.

Includes Index

9789785893816  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
300gm.

In a bid to find fulfilment in her career, the nudge and restlessness to make a difference see an intelligent but shy young lady switch career paths from a lucrative accounting/tax consultant to the uncharted world of innovative education. She eventually finds out that when we let go of fear and heed the call of destiny, pleasant surprises and growth awaits us on the other side.

From orphan-hood to emerging as the best student in WAEC in West Africa, Destiny Beckons is an inspiring and true-life story that will encourage its readers to push past challenges and overcome obstacles.

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A Memoir of My Early Years / Augustine Babatunde Elemide  
Ibadan: Impeccable Publishing Nigeria Ltd, 2021  
x, 104p.

Includes Index  
9789789966196  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
154gm.

The late Chief Augustine Babatunde Elemide was Emeritus Chief Judge of Oyo State, Nigeria. The book which is divided in Three (3) Parts shows the early life of Chief Elemide, his pranks and exploits which many of us can identify with.

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I Am a Nigerian in Music / Foluke Oyeleye (Illustrators) Oluwadamilola Olaleye & Alabi Mayowa

Nigeria: Tani-Series Limited, 2021  
80p.  
9789785879506  
\$ 60.00 / HB  
396gm.

From folk songs to global music, Nigeria has a rich repertoire of music and musical talents. This book shares the stories of 15 Nigerian musicians who have contributed to the rhythm of the world. It's more than the melody. Their lives are as rich and creative as the music they made. Some faced tough odds in the early days of their careers while others found ready audiences even as teenagers.

Read about the paths they walked in finding music, building careers, and creating sounds that are loved across the world.

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I Am a Nigerian in Literary Arts / Foluke Oyeleye (Illustrator) Chidinma Yemisi Mordi

Nigeria: Tani-Series Limited, 2021

86p.

9789785879520

\$ 60.00 / HB

414gm.

Nigerian writers have earned national and global accolades, including producing Africa's first Nobel Laureate in Literature. This book shines the spotlight on 15 avid storytellers whose poems, plays, and prose have enriched the world. These featured wordsmiths include Nana Asma'u, Chinua Achebe, Zulu Sofola, Chimamanda Adichie, and Mamman Vatsa.

Some of them began writing while young, some after working in other careers as adults. Their origin stories, styles, and genres may vary, but they all have an amazing way with words.

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Unapologetically ... A Tale of Two Fathers and a Found Child / Abi Sotuminu

Lagos : Quramo Publishing, (QLife), 2021

xx, 168p.

9789789944521

\$ 30.00 / PB

244gm.

Unapologetically is an honest look into the journey of a woman who overcame a dilemma concerning her identity to finally find and accept herself.

In easy-to-read prose, the author finds the courage to get some answers and become her own person, not letting the past or other people's opinions define her.

Unapologetically explores themes of forgiveness and faith.

The book is written in the author's personable voice, showcasing her straightforward, gentle but determined personality. From recounting her childhood, adult life, and meaningful career, to the establishment of a support group for people struggling with the same issues, this book is a refreshing and impassioned account of a defining life experience. It is a story of triumph, of how seemingly insurmountable obstacles were overcome.

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Psst ... Just Saying : Musings of an Exasperated Woman / Obafunke  
Lagos: Narrative Landscape Press (Prima Imprint), 2020  
xx, 228p.  
9789785746358  
\$ 32.00 / PB  
328gm.

In Psst... Just Saying, Obafunke draws readers out of their comfort zone into her orbit without apologising for her viewpoint. Her central argument is that cultural norms evolve and exist for reasons that ensure their survival in the Zeitgeist. These deeply personal and emotional poignant essays present the writer's concerns about modernism, culture, respect and life. They make for a read that is in turns deadly serious, outrageously funny and profoundly honest.

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### **Economics/Development Studies**

Metallic and Industrial Minerals of Nigeria / J.A. Adekoya, FAS  
Ibadan: Professor John Adeyinka Adekoya, 2021  
xvi, 428p.  
Includes Index  
9789789874323  
\$ 60.00 / PB  
890gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813285>

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Issues of the Nigerian Forestry : Some Basic Concepts of Forest Economics and Policy / Dr. Olusola Famuyide  
Ibadan: International Publishers Limited, 2019  
xiv, 266p.  
9789785398465  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
394gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813286>

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Financial Intermediation : Operations and Practice / Seye Adetunmbi  
Lagos: Adetunmbi House, 2020  
320p.

Includes Index  
9789789682874  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
464gm.

This book is an insightful compendium on the financial market operations and practice with a special focus on the capital market in Nigeria. The textbook delved into the background history of financial intermediation and contains a detailed review of the Nigerian financial market, post-independence in 1960 till 2020. It also serves as a practical guidebook for intending operators, practitioners and other participants in the market. The 20-chapter book has useful integrated applied information for financial engineers, regulators, formal sector players, proprietors, entrepreneurs, investors and company executives on the opportunities that abound for them in the financial.

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Public Sector Accounting and Administrative Practices in Nigeria, Vol. 1 / G.I. Daniel  
Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd, 2019

xxx, 786p.

Includes Index

Volume One

9789785926972

\$ 95.00 / PB

1176gm.

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Public Sector Accounting and Administrative Practices in Nigeria Vol.2. / G.I. Daniel  
Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd, 2019

1v.

9789785926989

\$ 95.00 / PB

1110gm.

Public Sector Accounting and Administrative Practices in Nigeria is a series (Volumes 1 and 2) written to fill the observed inadequate up-to-date textbooks on Public Sector Accounting and to enrich the literature on public sector accounting and administrative procedures in Nigeria.

The book encapsulates the purpose, operational procedures, financial regulation regulations and administrative polices, ethical and best practices for Nigeria's Public Service. It provides historical information into the establishment, growth and development of the Public Service over the years. It also gives insight into current practices as well as proffered for enhancing its value proposition to the nation and its people.

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## **History**

A Fatherless People : The Secret Story of how the Nigerians Missed the road to the Promised Land / Deleogun

London, UK: Lawless Publications Limited, 2017

328p.

Includes Index

9780956768230

\$ 75.00/ HB

940gm.

Nigeria is a country of which much is heard and about little is understood. The product of an ambitious amalgamation, in 1914, of three hundred & seventy one ethnic groups in the area of River Niger, with as many languages to form the most populous state in British-Africa (estimated at 170 million people).

The book seeks to make sense of the events in this country of many paradoxes: a land of extreme poverty alongside stupendous wealth; a country where, in the North, Islamists proclaim Western Education to be sin even while elsewhere in the country, the return of and agitation for Biafra secession by a new generation of Igbos in the south east.

A Fatherless People: The Secret Story of How the Nigerians missed the road to the promised land tells the story of Nigeria from its early conceptualization by British colonialists in the aftermath of the abolition of the slave trade, up to the present day.

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The Other Side of Biafra / Tony Amadi

Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd, 2022

xxiv, 178p.

Includes Index

9789785860481

\$ 40.00 / PB

318gm.

In *The Other Side of Biafra* journalist Tony Amadi recounts his experiences with the social and cultural life which thrived in the Biafran state while it was in existence, particularly the live music and radio scenes, which were forced to constantly adapt to changes on the ground due to the war. The book follows the careers of the characters and musical acts which made up the scene throughout the fighting and where they have ended up today. An interview with General Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu which was originally published in 1977 is also featured.  
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*Iragbiji – A Haven : A Handbook on Iragbiji, Osun State, Nigeria / Oba Abdul Rasheed Ayotunde Olabomi*

Ibadan: Impeccable Publishing Nigeria, 2021

xviii, 162p.

Includes Index

9789789868568

\$ 35.00 / PB

230gm.

Iragbiji is the headquarters of Boripe Local Government Area (one of the 774 Local Government Areas in Nigeria) of Osun State, Nigeria. This book is designed as a "one-stop shop" for people all over the world to know and appreciate Iragbiji even when such person(s) may have not visited. Included is a History of the town's Origin, its name, and a report of Inquiries into the Aragbiji of Iragbiji (1957-2020).

Attention is given to Iragbiji's urban planning: Family Compounds; Institution and Infrastructural Layout; and the Boripe Local Government Area. Also covered in the cultural and political realm are discussions on the efforts and role of traditional rulers, important traditional festivals in Iragbiji and the political structure of Iragbiji.

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*Apostrophes to Friendship, Socialism and Democracy / Biodun Jeyifo*

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2021

xxii, 378p.

Includes Index

9789785732559

\$ 60.00 / PB

620gm.

Bookcraft author, Biodun Jeyifo, views this collection as his 'apostrophes' but his audience should see it as his testimony, his paean to those who have shaped his journey.

It is quite simply, living, breathing History.

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## **Law**

L.F.N. Acts and S.I. 2021, Vol. 1 to Vol. 3 (3V) with Index [Nigeria]

Lagos: The Federal Government Printer, 2021

1v.

\$ 750.00 / HB

3980gm.

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## **Literature**

Arrows of Rain : A Novel / Okey Ndibe

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2021

xviii, 234p.

9789785795790

\$ 35.00 / PB

402gm.

In the fictional story of Madia, a prostitute runs into the sea and drowns. The last man who spoke to her, the 'madman' Bukuru, is arrested and charged with murder. In court, Bukuru, representing himself, counters the charges with bombshell allegations. He speaks of government complicity in a series of atrocities, accusing the Madian ruler of rape and murder. His startling

Testimony is hushed up and Bukuru is sent back to prison, where his fate is grim.

When a young journalist wangles a visit to his cell, they journey through turbulent decades of history that illuminate Bukuru's life and the nation's.

Brave and powerful, Arrows of Rain brilliantly dramatizes complex factors behind the near collapse of a nation. It is the lyrical resonant and propulsive first novel by one of the most exciting contemporary novelists.

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The Strangers of Braamfontein : A Novel / Onyeka Nwelue

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2021  
240p.  
9789785856576  
\$ 32.00 / PB  
382gm.

Have you ever wondered about Nigeria's youth who flock to South Africa in search of fortune only to be ambushed by torment, even sudden violent death? In this quirky, agile novel, Onyeka Nwelue offers readers a front seat as he dissects the desperation that propels his memorable casts into a maelstrom of drugs, sex, and violence. This is an enchanting anthem to dreams won or surrendered on the streets.  
–Okey Ndibe, author of *Foreign Gods, Inc.*

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Funny, lively and compelling characters, Onyeka Nwelue's *The Strangers of Braamfontein* is a memorable read. –Jumoke Verissimo, author of *A Small Silence*  
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*Believers and Hustlers : A Novel / Sylvia Nze Ifedigbo*  
Lagos: Regium (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2020  
380p.  
9798754822627  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
586gm.

Pastor Nicholas Adejuwon and his beautiful wife Nkechi run Rivers of Joy Church, the rave of the Lagos megachurch. When Nkechi decides to investigate her husband's indiscretion, it was merely to satisfy her curiosity. What she unravels is a web of bruising secrets that run deeper than she could never have imagined,  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=threatening> her reality as she knew it.  
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*Tent 59 / Ifeanyi Ajaegbo*  
Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2021  
304p.  
9789785856569  
\$ 38.00 / PB  
476gm.

Zino and Mado are long-time friends embarking on the most daring and unforgettable journey of their lives – to seek out greener pastures across the Sahara and the Mediterranean. Right from the start, it is a journey rife with the most insurmountable of challenges, which often end in the demise or destruction of one of their many fellow travellers – yet, they keep going. Tent 59 captures and beautifully articulates the desperation, that is the migrant journey through the eyes of one man, from Port Harcourt to Lampedusa, and beyond.

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In Every Mirror She's Black : A Novel / Lola Akinmade Akerstrom

Lagos: Regium (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2021

400p.

9789789954025

\$ 28.00 / PB

480gm.

*An arresting debut for anyone looking for insight into what it means to be a Black woman in the world.*

Three Black women are linked in unexpected ways to the same influential white man in Stockholm as they build their new lives in the most open society run by the most private people.

Successful marketing executive Kemi Adeyemi is lured from the U.S. to Sweden by Jonny von Lundin, CEO of the nation's largest marketing firm, to help fix a PR fiasco involving a racially tone-deaf campaign. A killer at work but a failure in love, Kemi's move is a last-ditch effort to reclaim her social life.

A chance meeting with Jonny in business class en route to the U.S. propels former model-turned-flight-attendant Brittany-Rae Johnson into a life of wealth, luxury, and privilege—a life she's not sure she wants—as the object of his unhealthy obsession. And refugee Muna Saheed, who lost her entire family, finds a job cleaning the toilets at Jonny's office as she works to establish her residency in Sweden and, more importantly, seeks connection and a place she can call home.

Told through the perspectives of each of the three women, *In Every Mirror She's Black* is a fast-paced, richly nuanced yet accessible contemporary novel that touches on important social issues of racism, classism, fetishization, and tokenism, and what it means to be a Black woman navigating a white-dominated society.

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Finding Home / Mobola Rahman (Eds) Chiamaka Onu-Okpara, Cordelia Onu & Kofo Adebisi

Nigeria: Mobola Rahman, 2021

440p.  
9781777055707  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
532gm.

FINDING HOME is the coming-of-age story of a 13-year old Calabar girl who must fight an oppressive tradition, patriarch and even her 'saviors' to get the education of her dreams.

Edidiong (Eddy) Ikong's story begins the day her father, an unconventional man adamant on giving his only daughter an education despite tradition, dies.

Following his death, Eddy and her mother must now live under the household of Bassey – her father's abusive and ambitious brother who now owns everything and has no patience or regard for Eddy's dreams.

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In the Name of Our Father : A Novel / Olukorede S. Yishau

Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2018

256p.

9781724961631

\$ 38.00 / PB

372gm.

Two men.

One dictator.

A country in turmoil.

Into this mix is thrown a new novel that threatens to expose the rotten underbelly of "a man of God" who has not only bewitched his flock but has sunk its fangs into the head of state.

In his debut novel, In The Name of Our Father, award winning journalist Olukorede Yishau weaves a mesmerising tale of duty, ambition, greed and hunger for power. It is the story of two men intent on preserving their lives but it is on a larger scale the story of a country fighting to throw off the shackles of a power mad dictator. - **Toni Kan**, poet and novelist.

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New York My Village : A Novel / Uwem Akpan

Lagos: Regium (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2022

492p.

9789785921311

\$ 28.00 / PB  
608gm.

From a suspiciously cheap Hell's Kitchen walk-up, Nigerian editor and winner of a Toni Morrison Publishing Fellowship Ekong Udousoro is about to begin the opportunity of a lifetime: to learn the ins and outs of the publishing industry from its incandescent epicenter. While his sophisticated colleagues meet him with kindness and hospitality, he is soon exposed to a colder, ruthlessly commercial underbelly-- callous agents, greedy landlords, boorish and hostile neighbors, and, beneath a superficial cosmopolitanism, a bedrock of white cultural superiority and racist assumptions about Africa, its peoples, and worst of all, its food. Reckoning, at the same time, with the recent history of the devastating and brutal Biafran War, in which Ekong's people were a minority of a minority caught up in the mutual slaughter of majority tribes, Ekong's life in New York becomes a saga of unanticipated strife. The great apartment deal wrangled by his editor turns out to be an illegal sublet crawling with bedbugs. The lights of Times Square slide off the hardened veneer of New Yorkers plowing past the tourists. A collective antagonism toward the "other" consumes Ekong's daily life. Yet in overcoming misunderstandings with his neighbors, Chinese and Latino and African American, and in bonding with his true allies at work and advocating for healing back home, Ekong proves that there is still hope in sharing our stories.

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A Matter of Identity : A Novel / Ben Igwe  
Lagos : African Heritage Press, 2022  
342p.  
9781940729213  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
350gm.

Jamike Nnorom, an only male child of his family, was educated in the United States of America. He returned to his village in Africa on what he hoped would be a brief visit to see his widowed mother after years of absence, with the hope of coming back to America. Under circumstances he least expected, he could not return, but instead started a family. A male child with an unusual body mark is born to the couple and the oracle offered divination on behalf of the offspring. *A Matter of Identity* is a sequel to Ben Igwe's Award winning debut novel, *Against the Odds*. With interest in human and national relationships, cultural growth, and assimilation, he adroitly weaves history and cultural ethos, particularly the

philosophical tenets of reincarnation in Igbo traditional society, into this novel. The author's synergistic plot arrangement, and the capsular density of its thematic construct, with myriad settings strewn together by their subject affinity, and rendered with spellbound imagery and folksy narrative, compel the reader to unconsciously surrender to an enchanting rhythmic prose.

*A Matter of Identity* is anthropological in scope and reach; foreshadowing with nostalgic relish, yet projecting a new horizon of mutual reintegration symbolized in *Ahamefule* to underscore and affirm the inextricable nexus in the afro-diasporic continuum.

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Sopona / Fadahunsi Fajuyitan

Nigeria: TEBEBA Global Publishing Ltd., 2021

vii, 318p.

9789785911855

\$ 50.00 / PB

686gm.

Once upon a time, long before widespread vaccine use and anti-vaxxers, having smallpox was a death sentence and *Sòpòná*, in Yoruba mythology, was the only hope. The agonies of existence when faced with certain death and a tiny glimpse of salvation at the tender mercies of a fickle diety.

A debut novel *Sòpòná* is a historical fiction that explores the dynamics of smallpox control in 19th century Lagos, at the start of colonialism, through the efforts of real, actual, historical MD, Dr. Sapara Williams.

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The Virgin Widow : Fiction / Adiri Obaigbo

Lagos: Oreime.com, 2022

288p.

9789789985395

\$ 45.00 / PB

346gm.

Adiri Obaigbo's *The Virgin Widow* boldly synthesizes the realist, the magical, the spiritual and the historical through the story of a man who chases an attractive woman only to find himself lured into a mystery which has been gathering momentum for centuries.

The beauty of family life is subtly interwoven with the corrosive and ultimately fatal effects of human evil, even as this evil is demonstrated as arising from aborted love reverberating across the centuries.

The core of this novel is the story of Aziza, a mythic personality whom Obaigbo has transformed into a credible character, further transposing this mythic character made flesh in terms of a contemporary personality, his descendant of centuries, experiencing the repercussions of his ancestor's life.

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Dividends of Greed / Olabode Lucas

Ibadan: Kraftgriots (Kraft Books Limited), 2021

200p.

9789789186938

\$ 25.00 / PB

260gm.

The book focuses on Aremu Olotu, who, though comes from an humble background, finally succumbs to the negative influence of his wife, Joyce, which then ruins their lives.

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Ejiro / Israel Ojie Joe

Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2021

172p.

9789785342574

\$ 35.00 / PB

240gm.

Tragedy seems to always follow Richard Chukwu around. From losing both his parents, to getting robbed at the airport and losing an important contact that would have probably changed his story. He has this nagging feeling that he may never find happiness.

After roaming the streets for months looking for a job despite his First-Class certificate, everything in his life spirals downward still. Then he meets two old friends – one, his girlfriend from high school, and the other, his friend from the university and the son of the President of Sierra Leone.

Richard finds love, a best friend, and a good-paying job. He has paid the price and, finally, he can settle down to enjoy a good life. Or maybe not?

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Gasp / Theresa Ebi Tobuyei  
Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2021  
278p.  
9789789831081  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
360gm.

A trio of teenage girls, Imabong Nyang, Tonye Femeiya and Ivie Udi, are casualties of the Warri Crisis of 1997.

All three were close friends and classmates who lived in the same neighbourhood at Lower Erejuwa in Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State.

Calamity struck when the crisis heightened in 1997, which took a toll on their families, with each of them losing a blood relative in the most disheartening way.

They reconnect twenty-two years later, in the most awkward circumstances, each nursing the scar from the wounds the crisis inflicted on them.

The story begins with the scene of Femeiya 's butcher in the presence of his only child; Tonye Femeiya at the school of the trio where he went to rescue them, the subsequent separation that occurred as a result of the killings of members of each of their families and then cascades down to Imabong Nyang, now 37, who woke up to a nightmare that recaptured her past during the crisis. The same day she reconnects with Tonye Femeiya at the hospital where she works as a neurosurgeon, and days latter, she reconnects with Ivie Udi in another situation.

The writing captures the trio's life journey from their teenage days to their present day. It shows their love lives, career and family life, detailing how each casualty was able to navigate the difficult hurdles of life while nursing the wound they each sustained from the 1997 crisis.

The story tends to portray the damages occasioned by war/violence impacts negatively on its victims and decades after its end, these victims still battle with the demons the war gifted to them.

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The Son of the House / Cheluchi Onyemelukwe-Onuobia

Lagos: Regium (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2019

284p.

9789785587494

\$ 30.00 / PB

364gm.

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A Daunting Odyssey / Chinwe Okoli  
Ibadan: Kraftgriots (Kraft Books Limited), 2017  
188p.  
9789789184507  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
250gm.

This is the classic African girl child ordeal; a riveting story which keeps you turning the pages, exposing you to the society's crude and ugly attitudes; especially the mishandling of some of the critical issues which confront a typically impoverished family, and how that impoverishment impacts on a girl child that is caught up in that messy cesspool. It is a story about the struggle of an African girl who had to battle issues beyond her age- very early marriage, questions about her identity, abuse, harassment, maltreatment, starvation, poverty of the worst kind, helplessness among others. It is a classical story about the challenges that faced a young African girl, Ijem. Ijem's story will keep you flipping the pages till the end. Discover the intrigues, its quite a daunting odyssey!

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Twisted Love / Adetanwa Ibironke Odebiyi  
Nigeria: ABBI Books, 2021  
216p.  
9789785660951  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
254gm.

In a world where the sad news of sibling-rivalry-induced vices such as killing, injuring, or kidnapping is prevalent, Adetanwa Odebiyi's seven-chapter *Twisted Love* explores these salient questions in a way that exposes the grave dangers of open bias for a child over others. True to the maxim that literature is the mirror of society, *Twisted Love* is a social commentary wrapped in the skin of fiction, and its comments touch primarily on the overreaching and dangerous effects of singling out a child as the continual recipient of biased familial love. In 208 pages, Adetanwa Odebiyi explores how sibling rivalry, if left unattended to, can degenerate into a lifelong hatred among siblings and go as far as murder. She does not waste time on unnecessary themes; the subject matter is clearly treated from the outset, and her level of expertise in seeing that such a subject matter is sustained to the end, without losing readers' interest in the book, is worthy of accolades.

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Driftwood : A Tale of Leftovers / Ayotunde Mamudu

Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2021

108p.

9789789926657

\$ 25.00 / PB

168gm.

In a classic coming-of-age tradition, driftwood: a tale of leftovers carefully unwraps intricate layers of love, abuse, hurt and loss from the eyes of a misunderstood teenager.

Nanret who is abandoned at birth is plunged into unknown waters after her foster mother is attacked by marauding bandits. She is now twice denied of a mother's love and finds herself drifting; tossed and roughed by currents of details she finds in her mother's diaries.

She begins a search for answers to questions burning her heart which lead her to a remand-home where she uncovers strange and horrific tales untold.

Driftwood tells the story of hope and gives voice to many without a voice as Nanret liberates children from a bully and exposes a paedophile.

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The Spirit of Danfo / Ugoji Egbujo

Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2022

370p.

9789785921335

\$ 30.00 / PB

470gm.

THE SPIRIT OF DANFO, a story of class, power, the legacy of civil war, and maverick gods in Nigeria.

In DANFO, Ebulu, a brilliant student, longs to restore his mother, Nkoli, ostracised by the village at his father's death. Ebulu makes a tragic mistake and tempts fate by switching majors from medicine to philosophy. The choice is the first mistake in a chain that imperils his family and his promising career. The gods are saboteurs.

Ebulu will learn hard lessons on the streets of Lagos, where the pace is set by the city's pushy, death-defying, and improvisational danfo drivers.

DANFO is an intimate portrait of Nigerian city life, illustrating the resilient kindness and humanity of everyday people like Binta striving to capture the voice of Lagos-

most dialogue is in local patios, including Yoruba and Igbo-while aiming a critique at the city's notorious patronage and corruption.

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Tri-Party : A Novel / Kikelomo Kuponiyi  
Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishers Ltd.), 2022  
viii, 346p.  
9789789954056  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
444gm.

For many years Samuel had been eating his cake and having it. secretly indulging in multiple affairs without his wife, Tolani's knowledge. Along comes young and delectable Cynthia, and things start falling apart. His marital life becomes an uneasy tri-party, which leaves each of the parties angry, heartbroken and dissatisfied. Tolani is devastated when her wonderful marriage unravels at the seams, with no warning and little explanation. Cynthia struggles to hold on to a forbidden love with an uncertain future. While trying to fit the broken pieces together, Samuel is suddenly confronted with other factors that threaten his job and his very existence. Abduction, separation, and birth prove that it is not over until it is over. Sometimes you can get in trouble without committing any crime. Where does God come in? Journey with the trio to discover if love can beat the odds in this thrilling adventure of life.

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Warri Nor Dey Carry Last : A Novel / Idede Oseyande  
Nigeria: Idede Oseyande, 2019 (Reprint 2021)  
vi, 226p.  
9789785745801  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
222gm.

Warri Nor Dey Carry Last is a compilation of the chronicles of Okiemute in Lagos, southwestern Nigeria. It is a rich and finely-textured fictional work which reveals the moral decadence in our society. It is a story of latent ethnic bias, love, and our penchant for cutting corners under the guise of being smart.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813461>

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Akachukwu, Trilogy I : Head Start on Voyage of No Return... / Chux Onyenyeeonwu

Ibadan: Accessible Publishers Limited, 2022

228p.

9789788553250

\$ 25.00 / PB

234gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813462>

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Akachukwu, Trilogy II : Endless Battles In Chains... / Chux Onyenyeonwu

Ibadan: Accessible Publishers Limited, 2022

264p.

9789788553267

\$ 25.00 / PB

276gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813463>

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Akachukwu, Trilogy III : Finally, Freedom At Last! / Chux Onyenyeonwu

Ibadan: Accessible Publishers Limited, 2022

242p.

9789788553274

\$ 25.00 / PB

252gm.

AkaChukwu takes you on a trip through the bowels of 19th century Ibo land, West Africa, during the dying days of the transatlantic slave trade. Two friends are deceitfully sold to North American slave traders, via a secret channel of a notorious Oracle. Author masterfully captures rustic scenes, using unusual metaphor and colorful imagery with hints of humor only unique to Chux Onyenyeonwu.

AkaChukwu is a historical fiction that seamlessly weaves oral tradition, historical facts and timelines within complex plots in West Africa, North America and Britain. As various plots unfold, a recurring theme of inexplicable Divine guidance and interventions translate to the book title, AkaChukwu; the Hand of God

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### **Where is God, when bad things happen?**

Two young lovers threw caution to the wind, as they twist age-long tradition in their favor. They elope, before the resultant scandal burst out in the open. They finally find solace in the war-faring, and head-hunting Ohafia. It was not until another fifteen rains, for Akachukwu to be born, with grim reminders to his parents, that they can run; but cannot outrun the finger of God. It was obvious that Akachukwu was from God. Not until that broad daylight accident... and two of Akachukwu's

three sons, consequently disappeared in a whiff of smoke at the abode of Africa's most dreaded oracle. A shocking *verdict of guilty* is signed, sealed, delivered. Ohafia activates mourning mode; oblivious that the two brothers were already packaged as human cargo on a *passage of no-return*. As they begin a most harrowing journey through the hinterlands, and across the vast Atlantic; they resolve to return to expose the well-kept secrets of the sham of an *oracle* that was the biggest ruse for the slave trade. From Africa to Cuba, and from the Americas to Europe; both the living and the presumed dead of the Akachukwu clan, find themselves in various theaters of war, ready to decimate them. It is survival of the fittest, as they resort to native intelligence of clinical precisions garnered from the homeland to survive. Over two hundred and fifty years later, when the slave routes were overgrown and erased by the grasses and cobwebs of modernity, the survivors converge in London under the most bizarre sequence of events, that seemed unconnected. Age-long friends and foes alike come with daggers drawn to destroy or be destroyed in a battle of wits, as the world watched and waited with bated breath. All these years, a physical feature that was a common denominator remained invincible and indelible in them. A recurring decimal across board, became the burden of proof of their identity: *Akachukwu*. The chickens have come home to roost.

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Ash Saturday : Early Morning Eruptions, Permanent Disruption, What Are Her Options : A Novel / Kenny Wale-Adeduro  
Nigeria: Kenny Wale-Adeduro, 2021  
vi, 146p.  
9789789984961  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
182gm.

Saturday April 17, 2010 was Ash Saturday. Every flight back to Lagos, Nigeria was cancelled. Moments earlier, she had received a call that her husband of five years and eleven months had just made her a widow. He had died in the morning hours of Saturday in Nigeria. She was left to mourn with her daughter who received the news of her father's demise on her fifth birthday. Although she had looked forward to celebrating her birthday inside the plane en route to Nigeria with her father once they arrived Nigeria, Funke received a heart-wrenching news that she would never hug her father again.

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Prisoner of Fate / Akin Akingbogun  
Ibadan: Winepress Publishing (Noirledge Limited), 2021

140p.  
9789785874648  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
158gm.

Former investigative journalist, an aspiring author, and bored blogger, Benjamin awakes one afternoon to a mystery that destabilizes him. His life takes a dramatic twist from then on as he struggles to find answers to unlock the mystery that has turned him into a prisoner of his mind. Until he uncovers it, he is bound to this newfound fate imposed on him.

Will Benjamin succeed in his desperation to discover the missing puzzle and find the closure he so desires.

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Proverbs 31 Woman on the Streets of Lagos / Ifeoluwa Oyatokum  
Ibadan: Winepress Publishing (Noirledge Limited), 2021

x, 214p.  
9789785874662  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
238gm.

Something snapped in Adejare, and it isn't her bra strap. It is her long-practiced silence.

After 28 years of practicing to be the perfect Christian woman her mum had trained her to be, an almost all-blows hot afternoon with an Agbero in a Danfo, shakes down the persona she had carefully crafted. Her faith is on the line, so is her marriage, her job and her sanity. One question; how will she navigate being the proclaimed virtuous woman amidst the insanities of the streets, of Lagos?

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A Good Name / Yejide Kilanko  
Lagos: Narrative Landscape Press, 2021

vi, 372p.  
9789785849233  
\$ 32.00 / PB  
320gm.

A Good Name is Eziafakaego and Zinachidi's immigrant story. The Nigerian couple living in Houston are experiencing a difficult marriage. The demure girl Eziafa went back home to marry has changed into a bold, educated woman. Unwilling to accept

his wife's growth, Eziafa is determined to clip her wings. Zina, who came to Texas as an eighteen-year-old with big dreams, is disillusioned with her life. Unfazed by family expectations and tradition, Zina is ready to start over with Raven, an ex-Mennonite farm boy, even if there is a huge price to pay.

The novel's "ripped from the headlines" slant fictionalizes the stories of female Nigerian nurses living in the United States who were murdered by their much older husbands.

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I Do Not Come to You by Chance / Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani

Lagos: Masobe, 2019

414p.

9789785728149

\$ 32.00 / PB

322gm.

As first son and graduate, Kingsley Ibe has a load of responsibilities resting on his skinny shoulders. But times are bad in Nigeria, and life is hard. Unable to find work, Kingsley cannot take on the duty of training his younger siblings, nor can he provide his parents with financial peace in their retirement. And then there is Ola his girlfriend, the sugar in Kingsley's tea. It does not seem to matter that he loves her deeply; he cannot afford her bride price.

But when Kingsley's father falls sick, he becomes desperate to live up to his responsibilities. So he travels to Aba, to his wealthy uncle, 'Cash Daddy'.

Under the avuncular wing of 'Cash Daddy', Kingsley is catapulted into the fast-money world of email scamming where he discovers a profitable talent for persuasive storytelling. But, as the stakes grow higher and Cash Daddy grows more ambitious, Kingsley begins to realise he is in way over his head and that, even in Nigeria, nothing comes for free . . .

I Do Not Come to You by Chance, a book which the author deems an idea that came before the novel, is one that through the Protagonist, Kingsley, attempts to explore the journey from good to bad and the blurred lines in between.

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The Law is an Ass : A Collection of Short Stories / Niran Adedokun

Lagos: Narrative Landscape Press (Prima), 2021

176p.

9789785849141

\$ 30.00 / PB

208gm.

They say fiction is an extension of the factual. Niran Adedokun's *The Law is an Ass*, features nine short stories that seem like fictional manifestations of the concerns in his second book, *The Danfo Driver in All of Us*. In this collection, Niran continues his jeremiad about Nigeria, with stories about sexual shenanigans (both real and imagined), corruption, poverty and deprivation as well as a heady cocktail of other problems that beset a third world country like Nigeria. These stories, told in simple but gripping prose, will hold you in thrall like the tale of the Ancient Mariner. – Toni Kan, author, *The Carnivorous City*

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These stories have tricky plots, appearing simple and linear in design with seductive and elegant prose. Line after line, paragraph after paragraph, we grow to love the protagonists. – Jahman Anikulapo, former Arts Editor and Editor of *The Guardian* on Sunday

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813470>

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Sorosoke : An #Endsars Anthology / (Eds) Jumoke Verissimo & James Yeku  
Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2022

112p.

9789785874693

\$ 20.00 / PB

156gm.

Sòròsóke: An #Endsars Anthology began as a digital archive of poetry on the EndSARS movement of 2020 on BrittlePaper, functioning as a real-time repository of poetic thoughts on the protests against police brutality that took place both online and in numerous Nigerian locations. This print edition of the anthology rearticulates a similar poetics of resistance, emphasizing the activist voice of a new generation of writers resisting the tyranny of silence and state violence.

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Wanderer Cantos : Poems / Remi Raji

Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2021

104p.

9789785874655

\$ 25.00 / PB

156gm.

“The poetic eloquence and social tenor, the intimate tone and tender rhythm make Wanderer Cantos a significant booster to a Rajian aesthetics long marked by heightened sensitivity to the contradictions of life. As in his earlier collections, Wanderer Cantos marries the public and the private in measured craft that renders poetry more human than we ever thought.” —Emman Egya Sule, author of *What the Sea Told Me*, 2009 winner of ANA/Gabriel Okara Prize.

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“A wag once wrote that “when you leave home, home leaves you”. Remi Raji debunks that because, like the tortoise and its shell, the farther our poet sojourns, the closer he is bound to the land of his birth. The poems in this collection are jeremiads for a benighted nation and incantations of hope for a new dawn. These are personal testaments garbed in the language of the griot and the poet's word-play is often devastating.” —Toni Kan, author of *Songs of Absence and Despair*, 2009; and *The Carnivorous City*, 2016.

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Honeyed Butterflies / Akanbi Taofeek

Nigeria: Akanbi Taofeek, 2022

168p.

9798413895979

\$ 30.00 / PB

202gm.

Who doesn't love the sweetness of honey who doesn't relish the delicate beauty of butterflies? In this book, Akanbi Taofeek takes us through a journey of butterfly. From its delicate beauty that bewitches the mind, to its symbolism of hope, rebirth, resurrection, transformation, change, hope, and life. From its transparent four wings and six harmonious legs, to its short life-span and fragility. *Honeyed Butterflies* is a journey of love, hope, death, life, racism and self-reflection. A visit to the past, present and a place beyond our time.

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A Word Merchant's Logbook : Poetry / Segun Akinlolu

Nigeria: EniObanke Music and Publishing (EniObanke Books), 2018

114p.

9780973427042

\$ 20.00 / PB

152gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813474>

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To Those Who Love Me : Poems / Tanure Ojaide

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2022

x, 190p.

9789785856538

\$ 30.00 / PB

220gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813475>

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The Morgue is Next Door : A Collection of Poems / Hope Eghagha

Ibadan: Mosuro Publishers, 2022

xii, 40p.

9789785912234

\$ 10.00 / PB

56gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813476>

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When The Sky Is Ready, The Stars Will Appear : A Novel / E.C. Osondu

Lagos: Ouida Books, 2021

160p.

9789789907007

\$ 25.00 / PB

198gm.

*The yearnings of a young and restless orphan are ignited when an enigmatic drifter named Bros returns to Gulu Station from Rome, laden with gifts and the allure of other places. The orphan longs for escape too, for life to have meaning and so the whole village can look up to him.*

When soldiers from the Seven Men Army descend on Gulu Station scouting for recruits, the young men of the village must face conscription or flee. Armed with little more than stories told to him by Bros, the narrator takes his first step towards realising his dreams. But how prepared is he for the perils of the desert and the sea that lie between him and Rome?

*When the Sky is Ready The Stars Will Appear* is a compelling tale of a young man's journey towards Rome in search of a better life.

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Vagabonds! : A Novel / Eloghosa Osunde

Lagos: Kachifo Limited (Farafina), 2022

408p.

9789785892765  
\$ 32.00 / PB  
438gm.

*Lagos is a city for all . . . you share this place with flesh and not-flesh, and it's just as much their city as it is yours.*

Èkó, the spirit of Lagos, and his loyal minion Tatafo weave trouble through the streets of Lagos and through the lives of the 'vagabonds' powering modern Nigeria: the queer, the displaced and the footloose.

With Tatafo as our guide we meet these people in the shadows. Among them are a driver for a debauched politician; a lesbian couple whose tender relationship sheds unexpected light on their experience with underground sex work; a mother who attends a secret spiritual gathering that shifts her reality. As their lives begin to intertwine—in markets and underground clubs, in churches and hotel rooms—the vagabonds are seized and challenged by the spirits who command the city. A force is drawing them all together, but for what purpose?

In her debut novel VAGABONDS! Eloghosa Osunde tackles the insidious nature of Nigerian capitalism, corruption and oppression, and offers a defiant, joyous and inventive tribute to all those for whom life itself is a form of resistance.

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Bridges Are For Burning : Three Women. Three Secrets. Three Lies : A Novel / Bina Idonije

Lagos: Masobe, 2022

316p.

9789789907229

\$ 32.00 / PB

236gm.

On the eve of Valentine's Day, Oghogho 'Gigi' Dempster wore her heart on her sleeve. At almost thirty-one, she was single and ready to mingle after nearly two years of relegating her love-life to the curb in favour of growing her fledgling social media company. Her beautiful best friend Alana was newly pregnant for the love of her life, Benjamin Halal, and her sister Efemena 'Fifi' was married to wealthy aristocrat, Lotanna Dike. But on that February 13th night, Gigi wasn't looking for what her best friend and sister had; not love or marriage, but a temporary connection and intimacy. How could she have known that that night would dramatically alter the course of her life?

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Friday With Leah / Sam Omatseye  
Ibadan: Mosuro Publishers, 2022  
viii, 122p.  
9789785912272  
\$ 12.00 / PB  
146gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813480>

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Augusta's Poodle / Ogaga Ifowodo  
Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2022  
xviii, 94p.  
9789785776379  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
130gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813481>

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Illorin Fa! : Adoration Poetry / Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah  
Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2022  
xii, 100p.  
9789785776362  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
130gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813482>

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Libations for Africa / Anote Ajeluorou  
Ibadan: Mosuro Publishers, 2022  
viii, 112p.  
9789785912265  
\$ 12.00 / PB  
108gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813483>

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Medaaye : An African Re-reading of Euripides' Medea / Femi Osofisan  
Ibadan: Mosuro Publishers, 2022  
116p.  
9789785753394  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
134gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813484>

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### **Politics/Current Affairs**

Being Buhari : Photographs of Bayo Amoboriowo / Bayo Amoboriowo (Eds)  
Adebola Rayo, Attah Esa & Seyi Akano  
Abuja: John Tripod Media Company Ltd, 2019  
330p.  
9789789729067  
\$ 300.00 / HB  
2742gm.

A 324-page glossy publication, this book captures the various activities and involvements that has characterized the life of the leader of Africa's most populous nation. From meetings with world leaders, visits to states and attending to various national issues, Bayo has brought the Presidency closer to our eyes. In documenting the first four years of President Muhammadu Buhari's administration, Bayo Omoboriowo brings every reader into a greater depth of detail of the President's activities, through photographs. A 324 page glossy publication, this book captures the various activities and involvements that has characterized the life of the leader of Africa's most populous nation. From meetings with world leaders, visits to states and attending to various national issues, Bayo has brought the Presidency closer to our eyes. As a second publication, this book takes its stand beside the first published 'Buhari: A New Beginning' serving as both a continuation and compliment, riding into the NextLevel agenda of the 2019 re-election drive.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813485>

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Buhari : A New Beginning / Bayo Omoboriowo (Foreword) Chief Emeka Anyaoku  
Abuja: John Tripod Media Company Ltd, 2016  
316p.  
9789789539499  
\$ 300.00 / HB  
2704gm.

This book is a 309-page photo compendium that chronicles the journey of Nigeria's President, Muhammadu Buhari like no one has ever done. It captures significant moments through his life, from childhood to his military career and the presidency, with historical pictures that drive home the message. As a photographer of repute, Omoboriowo's first book serves more than the purpose of using pictures to tell an inspiring story of leadership; it also brings us to the reality of the busy world of a leader, whose schedules teem with numerous activities

aimed at bettering the lives of the populace, who may be unaware of the sacrifices being made behind closed doors.

The emphasis of this book is Buhari's second coming as a president, but Omoboriowo offers the reader snippets of his past life as a military leader. The book also captures resonating images from the epoch-making campaign trail that resulted in the 2015 electoral victory of Muhammadu Buhari.

As described by reviewers, Omoboriowo's 'Buhari: A New Beginning' is history in colours.

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The Culture of Peace and National Security in Nigeria : Critical Perspective / (Eds)

Emeka Nwabueze & Barclays Ayakoroma

Ibadan: Kraft Books Limited (for National Institute for Cultural Orientation (NICO), 2019

xx, 188p.

Includes Index

9789789185672

\$ 35.00 / PB

280gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800880>

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The Centrist Manifesto / Uchenna Nwankwo

Lagos: CentristBook, 2022

x, 202p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789785915181

\$ 30.00 / PB

250gm.

This book is concerned with the socioeconomic and socio-political wellbeing of nations as well as the stability and security of the international community. Nigeria, from which we draw most of our examples in this work, or the Nigerian political party system, is grossly notorious for its lack of seriousness; for the subsisting inability or neglect of the parties to articulate any worthwhile and valid reasons, agenda or ideology for their emergence, operation and quest for power. At best they present or offer a comprehensive scatter of analysis and prescriptions that is merely meretricious and not efficacious to development. The Centrist Movement International (CMI) is determined to deviate completely from this norm and hereby articulate an agenda or ideology that informs its mission of rescuing Nigeria and indeed society at large from inept, irrelevant and futile strivings borne out of lack of

vision. As is often stated, “my people perish for lack of vision”. Accordingly, we present in this volume a concise and abridged vision or ideology whose application would, in our candid estimation, take the country, nay, the world at large to the path of sustainable development, growth, stability and greatness. As should be expected, the highpoints of this centrist intervention shall be pursued through the following routes or channels: (a) Socio-Economic Format; (b) Socio-Political Format; and (c) the standpoint of International Relations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=813487>

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Nigeria : An Uncomfortable Truth – The Re-Awakening of a Sleeping Giant /  
Mobolaji Akinwunmi

Lagos: Saviorite Ventures Limited, 2021

100p.

9789789888740

\$ 30.00 / PB

136gm.

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