

Recent Books from Nigeria – March 2022

Mary Martin Booksellers Pte Ltd
Blk 231, Bain Street
#03-05, Bras Basah Complex
Singapore 180231
Tel : +65-6883-2284/6883-2204
info@marymartin.com
www.marymartin.com

Art

Abiriba : A Photographic Narrative of a Rich Cultural Heritage / Philips Agwu Igiri
Akwari & Chinazo Egburonu Anya
Lagos: M-Visuals, 2020
384p.
\$ 250.00 / HB
2372gm.

A photographic narrative of a Rich cultural Heritage.
Chinazo Egburonu Anya and Philips Agwu Akwari have combined writing and
photography to produce a detailed 388-page book entitled Abiriba.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800006>

Festac '77 = Festival of Arts and Culture (2nd World Black and African)
Lagos: Africa Journal Limited,
152p.
\$ 200.00 / HB
722gm.

Souvenir Book of the Second World Black and African, Festivals of Arts and Culture,
Lagos, Nigeria, 15 January – 12 February 1977.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800007>

In Conversation With Demas Nwoko : Artist, Builder and Designer / (Ed) Oreoluwa
Gift Adebola
Lagos: Essential Media, Design Week
128p.
9789789769551
\$ 200.00 / HB

554gm.

This book was a conversation between @demasnwoko and @titiogufere. Demas Nwoko is Africa's pre-eminent "artist-architect" and occupies a unique position in African art, design and architecture. An artist, protean designer, architect and master builder, he was trained in Zaria and Paris, and has striven, in his practice, to incorporate modern techniques in architecture and stage design to highlight and propagate his traditional African ethos.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800008>

Abayomi : The Life And Sketches Of Abayomi Barber / Dozie Igweze

Nigeria: Hourglass Gallery, 2016

228p.

9780990725848

\$ 200.00 / HB

1088gm.

The book, Abayomi Barber explores the early life of the pioneer, surrealist painter and sculptor, Abayomi Barber from his early childhood in Ibadan and Ife to his early years in Lagos working a variety of jobs- thorn carver, graphic artist, secondary school teacher, illustrator, musician before moving to the UK in the sixties to work as a sculptor.

The book explores the evolution of the artist, his early inspiration, his contact with Obafemi Awolowo and his sculptural practice while living in London.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800009>

Business

Igba-Boi : Repositioning the Igbo Apprenticeship System / Ogechi Adeola & Valentine Chineto Izigbo

Lagos: Narrative Landscape Press (Prima Imprint), 2021

xxii, 206p.

9789785849240

\$ 40.00 / PB

258gm.

Igba-boi: Repositioning the Igbo Apprenticeship System highlight the entrepereneurial exploits of the Igbos of south-eastern Nigeria. Despite the globalisation-accentuated influence of western business culture, the Igbos have sustained their indigenous business system undergirded by an ingenious apprenticeship system, Igba-boi. This apprenticeship system has existed in the

Igbo land for decades as an important heritage, embedded in cultural norms and values passed down for generations. The authors argue that the unique framework and rules of operation of this viable socioeconomic empowerment model will, if well-positioned, make significant contributions to the advancement of the boi/Nwa-boi (apprentice), the Oga (Master), the community (Ndi-Igbo), and the achievement of the country's overall developmental goals.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800010>

History

Benin City : The Edo State Capital / Ekhaguosa Aisien

Benin City: Aisien Publishers, 2021

xiv, 168p.

9789785293562

\$ 50.00 / PB

318gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800011>

Roots : The Family Origins / Ekhaguosa Aisien

Benin City: Aisien Publishers, 2021

iv, 128p.

9789785293555

\$ 45.00 / PB

220gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800013>

How Nigeria Was Exploited By Britain (1700-1960) And The Nationalist Movement / Ohilebo Alexander Ojo

New & Revised Edition

Benin City: Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., 2020

xxvi, 170p.

9789788548188

\$ 40.00 / PB

280gm.

This book, How Nigeria was Exploited By Britain, narrates how the British colonial government exploited Nigeria during colonialism and the Nationalist struggle for self government. The book also narrates some major problems of Nigeria, ranging from political, religion, ethnicity etc. This book is recommended to students and patriotic lovers of Nigerian history.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800014>

The Archer and His Bow : Prince Okpame and the Birth of Ora-Ekpen : An Insight into the History of Edo State / Ohilebo Alexander Ojo

Benin City: Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., 2020

xx, 86p.

9789788548010

\$ 35.00 / PB

156gm.

An Insight into the History of Edo State. This book recommended to every true heart desirous of the knowledge of the history of Edo State.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800015>

Eguae Oba N' Edo : The Palace of the Oba of Benin / Osemwegie Ebohon

Benin City: Ebohon Centre Publications, 2019

Second and Revised Edition

xxvi, 200p.

9789789669851

\$ 50.00 / PB

320gm.

Eguae Oba N' Edo is a complete, extraordinary and most unusual dossier on the palace of the Oba of Benin which has been in existence for Centuries. It is a revision of the original literary work of High Priest Osemwegie Ebohon which was first published in 1979. It was compiled with much dedication and devotion to our motherland; it is a masterpiece that is indeed very close to the heart of the author because of how it displays and showcases the gracefulness of the god-king, Omo n' Oba n' Edo.

Eguae Oba N' Edo is the administrative and ceremonial seat of the Benin Kingdom, housing the oldest, most exalted, revered, venerable monarchy and inimitable god-king that never dies – God's own representative here on earth.

Eguae Oba N' Edo is a book that all book lovers must own in their library. It gives a clear direction to the Edo youth who have been bamboozled and brainwashed into discarding the beautiful history of their land.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800016>

Uzama and the Benin Monarchy / Sam O. U. Igbe

Benin City: Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., 2019

xvi, 234p.

Includes Index

9789788534808
\$ 65.00 / PB
444gm.

The Uzama do not make kings for Benin people. The kings are made by the Almighty God from the big home above. But they are crowned by the Uzama as they emerge with the authority of the Benin Law of primogeniture.

The Book is a narrative of the circumstances of the appearances of the monarchs of the kingdom of Benin through the Ogiso and the Oba dynasties, and the processes of their crowning.

The book is indeed a resource material for all lovers of history, particularly those interested in Benin history and culture, as they concern the monarchs and the Uzama.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800017>

Literature

Lagos to London : Two Paths. One Destination. Future Unknown / Lola Aworanti-Ekugo

Lagos: Origami (Parresia Publishers Ltd), 2021

254p.

9789789954032

\$ 35.00 / PB

276gm.

Remi Coker and Nnamdi Okonkwo leave the shores of Nigeria full of hope in search of greener pastures in London. Remi from the prestigious Coker family is expected to return home after her law degree to run the family law firm and Nnamdi, frustrated by the federal university strikes plans to escape Nigeria and never return. The story follows their individual journeys of newfound freedom, self-discovery, unexpected turns and the dilemma of whether to return home or stay in the United Kingdom.

Lagos to London is a heartfelt and masterful telling of the age-old trope of seeking greener pastures abroad with a significantly mesmerizing twist that speaks to a core of Nigerian youth and the issues they face while on the journey to forge their own path in the world.

Inspiring all to live your dream and make your mark, whatever your path may be.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800018>

Could This Be Me? / Ebere Cathy Njoku

Lagos: Brandsmiths, 2011
128p.
9789789162314
\$ 10.00 / PB
142gm.

Olanma is face to face with the dreaded oracle of Urode. She has been forced to swear before it that she had no hand in her husband, Tom's death. It didn't matter that while he lived, he constantly abused and cheated on her, it didn't matter that far from being the "born again" Christian he claimed, he was a voodoo practising fraudster! As Olanma stood there, the shocking events that led her to this point in her life are replayed in her mind and she resolves never to give in to their threats. She will stand firmly on her faith! A gripping, inspirational yet entertaining story. A novel that everyone can read and glorify God!

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800019>

The Living and The Dead / 'Sola Osofisan
Ibadan: Heinemann Educational Books (Nigeria) PLC, 1991
66p.
9781292415
\$ 10.00 / PB
60gm.

The Living and The Dead is a collection of five captivating stories. The stories are woven round the contemporary issues of our society, but they are narrated in a new approach which every audience will applaud as a departure from the past narrative systems. No wonder the collections won the ANA prize.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800020>

The Black Hermit : A Play / Ngugi Wa Thiong'o
African Writer Series
Ibadan: Heinemann Educational Books (Nigeria) PLC, 2002
92p.
043590051X
\$ 10.00 / PB
64gm.

The Black Hermit is the story of a young man, Remi, who is the first of his tribe to attend university. Amidst the backdrop of a politically torn country, Remi himself is torn between his sense of tribalism and nationalism. This struggle runs deep, as he

finds it at the heart of his afflictions between himself, his marriage and familial relations, and his greater sense of obligations to his people and the country. The overwhelming nature of these problems drives him into isolation as a black hermit.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800021>

I Will Marry When I Want / Ngugi Wa Thiong'o & Ngugi Was Mirii

African Writer Series

Ibadan: Heinemann Educational Books (Nigeria) PLC, 1982

124p.

0435902466 ; 9780435902469

\$ 10.00 / PB

76gm.

This is the renowned play which was developed with Kikuyu actors at the Kamiriithu Cultural Centre at Limuru. It proved so powerful, especially in its use of song, that it was banned and was probably one of the factors leading to Ngugi's detention without trial. The original Gikuyu edition went to three printings in the first three months of publication.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800022>

The Trial of Dedan Kimathi / Ngugiwa Thiong'o & Micere Githae Mugo

Ibadan: Heinemann Educational Books (Nigeria) PLC, 1998

94p.

0435901915

African Writer Series

\$ 10.00 / PB

56gm.

Ngugi and Micere Mugo have built a powerful and challenging play out of the circumstances surrounding the trial of one of the celebrated leaders of the Mau Mau revolution. They sing the praises of the deeds of this hero of the resistance who refused to surrender to British imperialism. The play had an outstanding success in Nairobi before being taken to FESTAC in Lagos as an official Kenyan entry.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800023>

Official Publications

Social Statistics in Nigeria 2020

Abuja: National Bureau of Statistics, 2020

1v.

\$ 110.00 / PB

1164gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799769>

Philosophy

African Philosophy and the Quest for Development in Africa / Ogbenika Ebalu
Gregory

Benin City: Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., 2020

xx, 134p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789788548324

\$ 45.00 / PB

220gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800024>

Politics/Current Affairs

Security and Intelligence Reviews : Journal of Contemporary Security and
Intelligence Studies, Vol. 4 No. 2, January 2021

Lagos: Institute of Security, Nigeria, 2020

viii, 252p.

ISSN: 2550-7826

\$ 60.00 / PB

592gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800025>

Nigerian Political Culture and Security Challenges / Clement Mosindi

Ibadan: The Blessing Publishers Limited, 2020

xiv, 262p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789785334098

\$ 65.00 / PB

426gm.

Nigerian Political culture and security challenges is a magnificent book based on characteristically intensive research. It presents an evaluation and analysis of the Myriad of Security Challenges that has plagued Nigeria as a nation since Independence.

It takes a critical and analytical look at the Defense and Security establishments, including the very peculiar but dynamic political culture and character of the Nigerian people. It lucidly delineates the innate characteristics of the Nigerian psyche and ardently reveals the factors that drive Nigerian exceptionalism and Rugged Individualism.

The book also diligently underscores the geopolitical significance of Nigeria as an atypical nation in the West African Sub-region, with an adept illustration of its uncompromising Afro-centric foreign policy. It is no doubt a devastating indictment of the insensitive political class, an exposition of the plight of ordinary Nigerians, and the ultimate tragedy of unfettered power.

Audaciously written like no other literature on Nigeria's political history, Mosindi's book is a classic devoid of political correctness and therefore a compelling read.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800026>

Endsars Protests : The Politics and Economic Implications / Ohilebo Alexander Ojo
Benin City: Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., 2021

xx, 68p.

Includes Bibliography

9789788548553

\$ 30.00 / PB

106gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800028>

Psychology

Insight : Nuggets of Excellence for Teenagers / Maryam Popoola
Lagos: RTC-Raintask Communications, 2016

100p.

9789789469

\$ 10.00 / PB

154gm.

Insight: Nuggets of Excellence For Teenagers by Maryam Popoola is indeed a 'motivational book.' Therefore, it belongs to a mode of writing that is becoming popular within the Nigerian book culture. What, however, stands Maryam Popoola's

contribution to the corpus of writings in this genre is the wide varieties of subjects she addressed. These subjects border on the spiritual and material wellbeing of all, regardless of age or social status. The merit, which these accord the author and the book, is increased as we become aware of the fact that the author is herself a teenager.

The book altogether comprises 12 nuggets, each with a rider stating the specific focus of the nugget being offered. This manner of arrangement of all-important and ever-relevant issues appeals to two interesting ways of reading the material: reading the material as an organic whole; and reading it in its independent bits. In other words, the trajectory of Popoola's thoughts runs as a continuous stream, which is remarkable for its 'golden' terminuses.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800029>

Religion-Christianity

Pentecostalism and the Gospel of the Belly in Nigeria / Yinka Olomajobi

Ibadan: John Archers (Publishers) Ltd, 2021

xiv, 294p.

Includes Index

9789785590810

\$ 55.00 / PB

498gm.

This book explores the question of whether or not Pentecostalism in Nigeria is all about business and the quest for wealth – is the church now a business enterprise or a charitable organization? Thus it is contended that religion is a decisive social construct variant in Nigeria. While concurring with the imperative that Pentecostalism occupies a central place in Christianity, there is a rising section of deviant elements in this sector, wherein the normative influence of Christianity has been deserted for an insatiable quest for riches. Thus, it is not surprising that a vast number of Pentecostal pastors are worshipped by their parishioners as they would God.

What could have led to this conversion from worshipping God Almighty to venerating mere mortals? The great absurdity of the Nigerian situation is that it is perhaps the most religious country globally, yet the most corrupt nation at the same time. Therefore, given the depth of her religiosity, it is not surprising that Pentecostalism is perhaps the fastest growing commercial industry in Nigeria. In other words, Nigeria's rate of church growth as 'business centres,' as it were, is

perhaps the fastest in the world. This conceivably has placed an indelible stain on Christianity, making it a source for concern in Nigeria. In spite of these consistent challenges, what is striking however, is that the growth of Pentecostalism has remained unhindered even when its adherents are aware that although Jesus fed the 5,000 hungry people (Matthew 14:13-21), today in some Pentecostal churches, 5,000 people or more are feeding the pastor. To understand the complexities of this discourse demands the consideration of perspectives of individuals, especially students and people at the grassroots. The book further sheds light on understanding how Pentecostalism connects with the Nigerian society, in explaining and evaluating the symbiotic relationship between Pentecostalism and its influence in Nigerian culture. While conceding that the Church is not the enemy of Nigeria, there are nonetheless charlatans in the Pentecostal church as there are in the other sectors of human endeavour. Therefore, if the Church and her Bridegroom who are victims of differing antagonisms all through the ages are yet to go extinct, then there must be such an intriguing substance that still enables the Church to command such unceasing deluge of attention.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=800030>
