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My Kondozi Story : The People's Hope Pilaged / Edwin Moyo
Edwin Moyo, Harare, Zimbabwe 2016

xviii, 174p.
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450 gm.

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In Pursuit of Freedom and Justice : A Memoir / Cephas G. Msipa
Weaver Press,Zimbabwe 2016

xiv, 186p.
9781779222824
\$ 45.00 / null
300 gm.

"As I look back, I am happy that I have lived for so long". It is a happiness shared by many: family members, friends and colleagues. Cephas Msipa's memoirs take us back to his birth in Zvishavane in 1931, and they reflect a life dedicated to the welfare of others and the development of his country. Following secondary education at Dadaya Mission, he worked as a teacher in Zvishavane and Kwekwe, where he was active in the Rhodesian African Teachers Association, before moving to Harare in 1958. It was a time of rising nationalism in the capital, and following the banning of the African National Congress and its successor, the National Democratic Party, Msipa was a founding member of ZAPU, the Zimbabwean African People's Union. Thus began an engagement with national politics that would last until he was in his late seventies, furthering his education as a political detainee and, after independence had been won, serving as a deputy minister, minister and provincial governor. The narrative of his life follows the arc of Zimbabwe's history, and embraces the people and events that have shaped it. Beyond that, it is the story of a gentle, humorous, committed man who enjoyed a long and loving marriage and continues to fill his retirement with philanthropy and wide-ranging friendships.

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Matthew. T. Mbu : Dignity in Service / M.T. Mbu
Safari Books Ltd, Nigeria 2018

xviii, 342p.
Includes Index
9789785544831
\$ 65.00 / null
584 gm.

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Muhammadu Dikko Yusufu (1931-2015) : Tributes To A Man of Many Worlds /
Ceddert & Aschr

Ceddert & Aschr, Zaria, Nigeria 2015

x, 150p.

9789789472680

\$ 30.00 / null

198 gm.

- Yusufu, Mohammed Dikko, 1931-2015
- Nigeria Police Force – Officials and employees – Biography.
- Civil service – Nigeria – Biography.
- Police – Nigeria – Biography.
- Presidential candidates – Nigeria – Biography.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=398692>

Garfield Todd : The End of the Liberal Dream in Rhodesia / Susan Woodhouse

Weaver Press,Zimbabwe 2018

xlii, 566p.

Includes Index ; Selected Bibliography

9781779223234

\$ 65.00 / null

1050 gm.

Prime minister Garfield Todd of Southern Rhodesia became known outside the country in January 1958 when his Cabinet rebelled and resigned. Within the country, the wonder was that he became Prime Minister in the first place. Todd personified the failed liberal dream in Africa after the Second World War when Britain was in the process of dismantling her empire and attempting to create a multi-cultural show-piece in Central Africa – the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland – which would form a British-influenced economic and political entity that effectively separated an encroaching Marxist-influenced black nationalism in the north from an equally militant form of white Afrikaner nationalism emanating from South Africa, particularly after the establishment of apartheid, the Nazi-inspired system of racial segregation, in 1948. The failure of Todd, and the European liberals who supported him, cleared the decks for what they most feared: a head-on racial collision that cost at least 35,000 lives during the war of liberation between the years 1972 and 1979.

This book traces the development, triumph and failure of the man who unexpectedly found himself at the centre of political life in Southern Rhodesia, during the explosive years of 1953 to 1958. Todd was born in New Zealand and sent to Southern Rhodesia in 1934 by the Churches of Christ to take over their small mission station near Shabani in Matabeleland. Having built this up into a thriving centre of a wide circle of churches and schools, Todd entered Parliament in 1946 in Sir Godfrey Huggins' United Party. Here he established a reputation as a sound, intelligent M.P. and a fine speaker.

Todd's missionary years formed the foundation of his premiership, the basis of his close relationship with blacks (including many who would become leaders of their people), and his understanding of their difficulties, frustrations and growing ambitions.

When Todd was ousted from the premiership he continued his increasingly desperate attempts to persuade the whites that their only hope for the future lay in co-operating with black nationalism. He was so vilified by them that he withdrew entirely from formal politics – but he still did what he could – writing, speaking, lobbying influential people in Britain and the USA – to avert the inevitable disaster. He was arrested three times (once on a capital charge); restricted to his ranch twice, for a total of five-and-a-half years; and imprisoned in solitary confinement for six weeks; but never charged or tried in a court of law. At Independence, he served as a Senator for five years.

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Man in the Middle : A Memoir / Father Fidelis Mukonori S.J.

The House of Books,Harare, Zimbabwe 2017

312p.

9780797479739

\$ 50.00 / null

450 gm.

Jesuit Father, Fidelis Mukonori, was a key player in Robert Mugabe's fall from power in Zimbabwe. Although he has his critics, he has played an important role in the politics of Zimbabwe for four decades. He was involved in the struggle for his country's freedom, convincing exiles like Mugabe that the only way to end the Rhodesian Bush War was through a negotiated settlement. After liberation he continued to work for justice and spent a lot of time trying to resolve the issue of land in Zimbabwe. His memoirs reveal a history that is largely unknown. Mukonori was part of and witnessed a number of very important moments in the country's history – Mugabe's fall being the latest. The Jesuit has witnessed and participated in the way Zimbabwe's story has unfolded in the last 40 years.

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The Rise and Fall of Chiadzwa : My Personal Experience / Lovemore Kurotwi
RAE Holdings, Harare, Zimbabwe 2016

144p.

9780797471085

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

1. Diamond mines and mining – Zimbabwe.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=411497>

Tongogara : In his Own Words / Josiah Magama Tongogara Legacy Foundation
Africa Publishing Group, Harare, Zimbabwe 2015

80p

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

1. Tongogara, Josiah Magama, 1938-1979.

2. Generals – Zimbabwe – Biography.

3. National liberation movements – Zimbabwe – Biography.

4. Political activists – Zimbabwe – Biography.

5. Zimbabwe – Biography.

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Edem Kodjo : Un homme, un destin ou le parcours politique d'un intellectuel
africain : Portrait / Venance Konan (Preface) d'Abdou Diouf

NEI-CEDA/Frat Mat/Presence Africain, Ivory Coast 2012

360p.

9782844874290

\$ 45.00 / null

450 gm.

Le parcours professionnel, politique et personnel de cet ancien Premier ministre togolais et secrétaire général de l'Organisation de l'unité africaine (OUA). Grand prix littéraire de l'Afrique Noire 2012.

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