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Biography/Memoirs

The Fourth John : Reign, Rejection and Rebound / Manasseh Azure Awuni (Ed) Ohui Agbenyega Allotey
Ghana: Manasseh Azure Awuni, 2019

396p.

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\$ 55.00 / HB

772gm.

An influential northern caucus is secretly meeting and grooming him to contest the man who will select him as a vice presidential candidate. A meeting between the first lady and the Brong-Ahafo caucus results in, perhaps, the fastest ministerial reshuffle in the history of the country. At 2a.m., before the breaking of a major scandal, there is a meeting between the president's friend and the investigative journalist about how to involve the main opposition leader, in the story to minimise its damage to the president in the upcoming election. The wife of the president reports the wife of the vice president to the vice president's mother. The night before a crucial election, the president and his main contender are locked up in a meeting with Ghana's most revered traditional ruler.

These and other revealing accounts on governance, policies and programmes of the fourth presidency of Ghana's Fourth

Republic are the intriguing contents of this book. Here, the journalist whose investigations are believed to have contributed to the downfall of the administration gets brutally intimate with the regime.

Rare interviews with key figures of the governing party and historical contexts to contemporary events provide readers and students of African politics the inside story of what is considered the model democracy on the continent. The fluidity of the writing style and humour make this book about politics and governance in Ghana's Fourth Republic both informative, educative and entertaining.

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Privileged Conversations : Adventures of An African Diplomat
/ Ambassador D.K. Osei

Ghana: Ambassador D.K. Osei, 2020

x, 178p.

Includes Index

9789988303129

\$ 65.00 / HB'

608gm.

Ambassador D.K. Osei is the inaugural President of the Council of Foreign Affairs – Ghana. Prior to that, he was Diplomat-in-Residence at the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD) of the University of Ghana. A Diplomat of over forty (40) years, he was also, between 2000 and 2008, Secretary to the President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency President John Agyekum Kufuor. In that capacity, he was a member of the Cabinet, the Economic Management Team and the Diplomatic Advisory Council.

Ambassador Osei has been involved in a number of conflict management crises in West Africa and the African Continent. He also worked and travelled with two other Ghanaian leaders around five continents on diplomatic engagements.

During his career, he served in Paris (1984-1988), Conakry (1992-1996), Kinshasa (1997-1998) and Copenhagen (1998-2001). Some of his experiences in conflict management in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo etc. are related in this book.

Working with the first generation of Ghanaian Foreign Service Officers from Kwame Nkrumah's time, he shares some of the privileged conversations from his career. He has received several awards including The Commander of the Order of Moyo by the Government of Togo, the Order of the Volta (Companion Division) by the Government of Ghana and the Order of Gravenhage by Her Royal Highness the Queen of Netherlands.

Ambassador Osei attended in his days the elite Achimota School in Accra and proceeded to the University of Ghana to study for a Bachelor's degree. He did his postgraduate courses in International Relations at the Institut International d'Administration Publique and also obtained the Diploma d'Etudes Superieures Specialisees from the Sarbonne, both in Paris.

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They Call Me Archie : Amazing Journey of Destiny / Dr. Rosina Acheampong (Ed) Prof. Akosua K. Darkwah (et al.)
Accra: DAKpabli & Associates, 2020

464p.

9789988890476

\$ 75.00 / PB

670gm.

There are some life stories you just cannot beat. Each time the names of such champions drop, one might as well perform a rite of acknowledgment...any. Their lives have graced hundreds of lives, and hundreds of lives continue to be redeemed through them. They have seen it all. Done it all. They love and they are loved. These individuals have given, and still

have more in store. According to the Canon of the Classics, these persons, even the gods envy.

Rosina Aboagye Acheampong is one such mortal. From the precocity of her childhood, her dance with life has been one amazing ball of faith ... and chance, nay, destiny. These captivating pages reel out the adventures of a pathfinder, a mould breaker and a pacesetter. Yes, her name might be synonymous with Wesley Girls, but be it at the national or community level, to list what she has achieved is to embark on the impossible.

Beautifully, however, Archie the Matriarch does not seem to see the power of her influence. She only wants to give thanks and praise.

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Working with Rawlings / Kwamena Ahwoi

Tema: Digibooks Ghana Ltd, 2020

xxviii, 292.

Includes Index

9789988892999

\$ 65.00 / PB

488gm.

Flight Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings burst on the Ghanaian political scene with a failed military mutiny on May 15th, 1979. On June 4th 1979, following a successful uprising staged by junior officers and other ranks of the Ghana Armed Forces, he emerged as the Chairman of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) which ruled Ghana for three months and handed over to a civilian constitutional government on 24th September 1979. On 31st December 1981, he overthrew the constitutional government and formed the Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC) as the Government of Ghana. He was elected a constitutional President in 1992 and assumed office as such on 7th January 1993. He served two

terms as President of the Republic of Ghana, finally leaving office on 6th January 2001.

Jerry John Rawlings is an enigma. It was a privilege working with him and being close to him. He and I went through many exciting experiences together. I have documented some of those experiences in this book. But there are many other experiences which I have not documented either because they belong to the realm of confidentiality or of privacy. What I have documented, however, is enough to give present and future leaders some ideas about governance at the highest levels; the dos and don'ts of governance; the skills required for governance and the importance of human relations as a leadership trait.

This is not a book about Jerry John Rawlings. It is not a book about Kwamena Ahwoi. It is not a book about the PNDC. It is not a book about the NDC. It is a book about Kwamena Ahwoi working with Jerry John Rawlings; our working relationship; our ups and downs and our joint commitment to building a better Ghana than the one we found it. Somewhere along the line, we drifted apart. This book is about that as well. It is my hope that Ghana's leaders of today and our leaders of the future will learn some lessons from my account of *Working with Rawlings*, leaving out the negatives and accentuating the positives.

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History

Know the Beginning Well : An Inside Journey Through Five Decades of African Development / K.Y. Amoako (Foreword)

Kofi Annan

New Jersey, USA: AWP-Africa World Press, 2020

xviii, 526p.

Includes Index

9781569026311

\$ 49.95 / PB
868gm.

The best way to plan for the future is to know as much as possible about the past. This book offers an inside look at Africa's development journey across five decades, told through the eyes of someone who made the same trip. It is a personal account of some landmark people, policies, and institutions that have shaped Africa's postcolonial history and will continue to shape its future.

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Ahafo and Bono Regions in Historical Perspective / Anane
Agyei

Accra: Abibrem Communications, 2019

xvi, 248p.

9789988531300

\$ 40.00 / PB

346gm.

In the centre of Ghana, once straddled the Brong-Ahafo Region. It was noted for its beautiful geographical features as well as its rich natural and human resources. The maxim, unity in diversity, a cherished Ghanaian quintessential trait, was exemplified in the region by the peaceful and harmonious coexistence of multiple ethnic groups. On the eve of its Diamond Jubilee, the Region was split into three: Bono, Bono East and Ahafo Regions to promote the speedy development of the area. This book gives a historical overview of the erstwhile region with respect to culture, its achievements and legacy. It also showcases the endowments of the new regions carved out of it. The contents are rich in information, data and photographs of historic people and events which historians, politicians, scholars, tourists, and people interested in issues concerning indigenous African societies and the general reader, will find to be invaluable.

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The Mind of Africa / W.E. Abraham
Accra: Sub-Saharan Publishers, 2019
xviii, 214p.
9789988883010
\$ 39.95 / PB
352gm.

The Mind of Africa, written while the author was A Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, was a fruit of that enlarged perspective. After several years, he visited Ghana in 1962. There Kwame Nkrumah, then President of Ghana, successfully persuaded him to return to teach at the University of Ghana, Legon and he subsequently resigned from All Souls. In 1968, he went to the United States as a visiting professor. This was followed by invitations to teach at various academic institutions there, including Berkeley and Stanford. He subsequently settled in California, where he continued to teach and research philosophy in the University of California at Santa Cruz until his retirement.

The Mind of Africa appeared at a time when a number of African countries were obtaining, or fighting for, their political freedom from their colonial rulers; and becoming independent nations expecting to build new societies in accordance with their own visions and conceptions, though not necessarily jettisoning all the features of their colonial heritage. Building new societies requires appropriate ideologies and philosophies fashioned within the crucible of their cultural and historical experiences. Thus, the relation between ideology and society is taken up at the very outset of the book... *The Mind of Africa* is important for Africa's future and identity.

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Law

Ghana Lawtimes Report 2019, Volume I / (Eds) Marshall D. Umo, Moses Kayima ESQ & George Asare-Afriye ESQ.

Ghana: Coeptis Group, 2019

xxviii, 672p.

\$ 220.00/ HB

1900gm.

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Modern Approach to the Law of Interpretation in Ghana, Third Edition / Dennis Dominic Adjei

Ghana: Dennis Dominic Adjei, 2019

Xlii, 566p.

Includes Index

9789988540296

\$ 180.00 / HB

1170gm.

The book, written by Sir Dennis Dominic Adjei, Justice of the Court of Appeal and The Director of the Judicial Training Institute of Ghana, aims at providing enough material to be used as reference in all land cases.

It talks generally about land acquisition by families, stools, corporate bodies and individuals.

The book further discusses mining and mineral rights and the steps that could be taken to acquire a mining concession. It seeks to inform readers on compulsory acquisition of land for mining and the rights available to the “owner” of the land, as well as further proposing reforms in land administration.

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Religion - Christianity

Roots of Africa Problems : Understanding African Problems from the Roots to the Fruits / Christopher Ampadu

Accra: The Samaritan Strategy, 2020

xvi, 242p.

Includes Bibliography

9789988892074

\$ 40.00 / PB

316gm.

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