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Biography/Memoirs

Akinola Lasekan : Cartooning, Art and Nationalism at the Dawn of New Nigeria / (Eds) Dede Jegede & Aderonke A. Adesanya
Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2020
300p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789785732597
\$ 250.00 / HB
2260gm.

This book chronicles the life and times of Akinola Lasekan – auto-didact and self-motivated artist, cartoonist-crusader, culture enthusiast, fierce nationalist and a teacher – who carved out an enduring and brave niche for himself in spite of the arrogance of the blatantly racist British colonial regime. His paintings and drawings continue to elicit admiration and introspection while his brilliant activism (as a pioneer cartoon journalist) has traversed the Nigerian political sphere over the past half century.

This volume seeks to enrich the reader’s knowledge regarding the routes that Lasekan took through time and space (in colonial and independent Nigeria, rural and urban spaces, and in locations at home and abroad) as well as the ripples he made while developing, exhibiting, and sharing his talent.

It is also a clarion call to today’s cartoonists to etch their names on the sands of time by becoming more sensitive to global issues,

broadening their horizon of cultural perception, and developing familiarity with the work of others.

This insightful and thought-provoking book reiterates why this generalissimo of the brush has long been considered a respected figure in cartoon journalism.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777275>

Growing With The Hand That Gives The Rose / Folorunso Alakija

UK: Ancorapoint Uk, 2011

312p.

Include Index ; Bibliographical references

9789789155293

\$ 150.00 / HB

1638gm.

This autobiography catalogs the life of one child among 52 children and 8 wives of her parents that eventually led to where she is and what she has become today. It is an inspirational and impact full book that shows how all God-given aspects of living on earth can be well balanced and succeed in every day. A catalog of lessons learnt, scriptures and prayers end each chapter of this colorful book.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777278>

The First Regular Combatant : Brigadier Zakariya Maimalari / Haruna Yahaya Poloma

Garki, Abuja: Warp Nigeria Limited, 2017

xxxvi, 396p.

Includes Index

9789789581092

\$ 100.00 / PB

900gm.

In his biography of the late Brigadier Zakariya Maimalari, Haruna Poloma has brought to life one of Nigeria's forgotten heroes. This is an ambitious book, over fifteen years in the making – the author began working on the book in 1999 – and the finished

product is a testament to the amount of work the author dedicated to his task. Perhaps the most singular thing about the book is its form, its “anthological style” – Prof. Helon Habila
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=373929>

In His Hands : The Autobiography of a Nigerian Village Boy / Biyi Afonja

Rev. Ed.

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2019

xxvi, 422p.

Includes Index

9789785631753

\$ 50.00 / PB

622gm.

(A Revised Edition of an Award-Winning Book)

This book is about how a village boy who became fatherless at the age of five, transited from rural Nigeria into the modern world and into academia. His life journey has taken him through varied experiences in time and space, affording him the opportunity to interact with peoples of different nationalities and faiths.

Told in his own words with candour and humour, and with no affection, he paints a vivid picture of his life and times. Marveling at how he survived childhood, thrived and succeeded in life, he concludes that the caring “hands” of God must have upheld him.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777279>

I Smell A Rat : A Pro-Chancellor’s Adventures in University

Governance in Nigeria / Biyi Afonja

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2019

xviii, 346p.

Includes Index

9789785631708

\$ 40.00/ PB

504gm.

Written in a lucid and captivating language, I smell a Rat chronicles the pro-chancellor's exciting experience in the governance of three universities: Obafemi Awolowo University, University of Ibadan and Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State. Afonja's stint as former Commissioner of Education in Western Nigeria provided him with useful enlightenment on Nigeria's educational system.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777281>

Blossoming With The Hand That Gives The Rose / Apostle
Folorunso Alakija

Lagos: Folorunso Alakija, 2021

404p.

9789789909858

\$ 40.00/ PB

606gm.

It is a sequel to Apostle Folorunso Alakija's first autobiography titled 'Growing with the Hand that Gives the Rose'. It chronicles her life's journey in the last 10 years, in five main sections which also signify the major hats that she wears as an entrepreneur, businesswoman a nationally and internationally acclaimed speaker, philanthropist and Minister of God.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777282>

Encounters : Lessons From My Journalism Career / Azuh Arinze
Akute, Ogun State: Yes International Ventures, 2020

xxiv, 232p.

Includes Index

9789789799060

\$ 50.00 / PB

392gm.

Encounters – Lessons From My Journalism Career, chronicles the experiences of the author throughout his career. Through this book, Azuh Arinze allows readers to examine 20 years worth of

journalistic experience in 60 captivating chapters. By flipping through the pages of this book, readers will see how the author earned his trademark and reputation as a quintessential interviewer and journalist with an eye for details. In the words of Rev Fr Chijioke Azuawusiefe, SJ, of the University of Pennsylvania, USA, he described the book as “beautifully written, captivative, enchanting, engrossing and enriching.”

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777284>

Economics

Essays on Selected Contemporary Issues in the Nigerian Banking System / Umaru Ibrahim

Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd, 2021

xx, 226p.

Includes Index

9789785800852

\$ 55.00 / PB

370gm.

The book focuses on the Deposit Insurance experience in Nigeria, with experience drawn from other comparator countries, its evolution and relation with the financial sector, it explores a number of conceptual and emerging issues in deposit insurance, the mobile payments system, corporate governance, bank failure resolution options, and some narratives around financial crisis in relation to deposit insurance. Consideration is given to topical issues on risk management, failure resolution measures, the role of deposit insurance during banking crisis, the importance of deposit insurance in consumer protection and financial system resilience.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777286>

History

The Bakassi Debacle : Are We Our Brother's Keepers? / Bassey Ewa Henshaw

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2019

xxii, 270p.

9789785602289

\$ 40.00 / PB

380gm.

Accounts of the ceding of Bakassi reveal the intrigues and betrayal of the people of the Bakassi by their government – from the delay in the issuance of a visa to enable the then Obong of Calabar travel to the Hague and the concomitant frustration of his efforts to testify at the hearings; to the allegation that the President of Nigeria had, during a trip to France, committed to both the Presidents of France and Cameroon to accept and abide by the decision of the ICJ prior to the judgement; and the abruptness and secrecy which appeared to characterise the signing of the Green Tree Agreement etc. – all appear to suggest that those involved may have been working towards an already determined objective on the Bakassi issue. Notwithstanding, the more disturbing aspect of this saga remains the seeming indifference of the federal authorities to the plight of the Bakassi people. ...There is a special committee in the Presidency to assist in sourcing for funds to assist the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), in the north-east affected by the ongoing insurgency by Boko Haram. But the plight of the displaced people of Bakassi, a direct result of the action of their government is hardly addressed. ...Thus the story of Bakassi is also a study in the indifference and neglect of a people whose security and welfare... should be the primary purpose of their government.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777288>

Onitsha : A Town on the Hill That Has Lost Its Shine / Arthur Mbanefo

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2019

xii, 136p.

Includes Index

9789785602241

\$ 30.00 / PB

192gm.

"History has taught us that no development in the world has succeeded in maintaining its purity over time without change... I do not claim to possess the solutions in the many complex issues that have brought Onitsha to its present state. Nevertheless, it is my belief that we cannot continue to drift like a rudderless ship without thought as to what legacy we are leaving to our children. It is important however to draw attention to the various ills I have identified in the hope that some thought would be provoked in those with a conscience, to start at least some conversations towards finding solutions to these challenges currently facing the town." - Chief Arthur Mbanefo, Mbanefo Odu III of Onitsha

In his characteristically forthright manner, Chief Mbanefo tackles his subject head-on. He brings passion, knowledge of his subject, and an immense wealth of experience to bear in his analyses and discussion of the complex issues involved. There are no doubt plenty of lessons to take away from this brief treatise, not just for the people of Onitsha, but for people in other parts of Nigeria as well.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777290>

Law

Corporate Governance in Nigeria : Law and Practice / Fabian

Ajogwu, SAN

Second Edition

Lagos: CLDS Publishing, 2020

590p.

Includes Index

9788413450353

\$ 250.00 / HB

1196gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777291>

Literature

Eni Buru Mo / Wale Omotola (Illustrator) Seye Morakinyo
Mushin, Lagos: Oromiyan Productions, 2018

ix, 151p.

9789789598595

In Igbo

\$ 25.00 / PB

208gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777294>

The Dimpsey Chronicles / Erumena Amata

Nigeria: Menaamata Xpressions, 2019

122p.

9789789663699

\$ 20.00 / PB

160gm.

Set in the oil-rich town of Warri in Delta State, The Dimpsey Chronicles follows the antics and escapades of five-year old Efeturi Johnson, fondly called “Dimpsey” and who we are told “was born into a world of grown-ups”.

Blessed with a cute set of dimples which endears her to everyone, Dimpsey soon discover that flashing her dimpled smile will not always get her out of trouble.

From becoming an overnight musical sensation at home, using her birthday gift as a money-spinner in school, breaking school rules, missing out on a much anticipated sleepover and being a founding member of her school’s very first singing group, Dimpsey learns that for every action there is an ensuing consequence. The first in a series for younger readers, but with a family appeal. The Dimpsey Chronicles provides readers through easily visual imagery a detailed background of the culture, children’s games and social behavior of the people of South-south Nigeria. But beyond entertaining, The Dimpsey Chronicles

also educates through different learning opportunities skillfully woven into its tapestry.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777296>

Akuko Ifo Umuaka : 20 African Folktales / Chisom Ekomaru & Chikamgaefe Ahumibe

Agbara: Daneli herald Communications, 2020

126p.

English & Igbo Language

9789789863471

\$ 35.00 / PB

252gm.

Akuko Ifo Umuaka is a collection of 20 African folktales retold by Chisom Ekomaru and Chikamgaefe Ahumibe. Each story is written to captivate and intrigue young readers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777298>

Trumpism in Academe : The Example of Caroline Davis and Spahring Partners / Wole Soyinka

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2021

viii, 124p.

9789785795783

Interventions Series, Volume X: (The Republic of Liars V)

\$ 25.00 / PB

154gm.

While our own 'dear native land' must claim credit for inspiring the sub-series The Republic of Liars within the general series of Interventions... There are challengers and even – champions – elsewhere, seeking to wrest the laurel of lies from our own inspirational nation. Within these pages, I present my chastening paracletes and their industry – from the world of sophisticates of modern intellection.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777301>

Crows of the Yellow Stream : A Novel / Odili Ujubuonu

Lagos: Coast2Coast Publishing, 2021

474p.

9789789881017

\$ 40.00 / PB

478gm.

Ikpeama is accused of stealing kola nuts, a crime against the gods of his people. If found guilty, he will suffer public disgrace, and lose his title and its privileges—but Odoro will suffer the greatest loss, if they only knew. Okwudo returns to Odoro to ask questions and her *ogbanje* kindred whisk her off to a sacred pot that uncovers Odoro's generations-long secrets and reveals the coveted treasure guarded by the crows of the yellow stream. Scents of leopards, cunning of monkeys and bloody family feuds jostle for the soul of a people divided by their humanity in this epic fantasy. **Odili Ujubonu's** fourth novel, ***Crows of the Yellow Stream***, is a pulsating narrative about a people's combat with nature, self and other.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777303>

They Must Fade Before Dawn : A Novel / Mimi Olsen-Ikurior
Agbara: Daneli herald Communications, 2021

iv, 256p.

4985722225046

\$ 35.00 / PB

410gm.

They Must Fade Before Dawn follows the progress of Shanpepe 'Pepe' Jem, who navigated the murky waters of early loss of parents, child sexual abuse, rape and fatal communal invasions whilst fighting her way to self-actualisation and a meaningful life. With origins in Nigeria. Pepe, the heroine, hated a mediocre existence, and, egged on by her late father, she refused to settle for less in life. Set in locations around Tiv land and Lagos. The book brings to light the rich culture and peculiarities of the Tiv people of Benue State, Nigeria. Pepe, who had her doubts and questions on matters of faith, also explored love and romance

before her roller coaster romance with the eventual love of her life. With *They Must Fade before Dawn*, Mimi Olsen-Ikurior does an excellent job of telling a gripping story of love, violence, romance, courage, determination, personal transformation, as well as progress through poverty and adversity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777305>

Taken for Granted : A Novel / Raheemah Oduote

Agbara: Daneli herald Communications, 2020

vi, 294p.

9729729815702

\$ 40.00 / PB

372gm.

Socialite wife and mother, Ameenah Adegoke has everything a Muslimah could ever wish for: beauty, brains and a loving family. Everything is going well, until she places her trust in the wrong person, and a catastrophic event threatens all that she holds dear. The only way to regain a fraction of what she's lost is to tow a path she's shunned her entire life.

Taken for Granted is an emotionally gripping and suspense-filled novel that will leave you asking for more.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777307>

Karma's Fury and Other Life Transforming Stories / Adedolapo Ebadan

Nigeria: Print Doctor Africa, 2020

112p.

\$ 25.00 / PB

146gm.

Karma's fury and other life transforming stories is a collection of short stories that easily invoke reflection in the mind of the reader because each story and every scenario happens in our present day. Each story is precise and straight to the point and ends with a moral lesson and may as well be a biography of the protagonist (or antagonist) of each story. It is that relatable.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777309>

The Quest for the Rare Leaf and Other Yoruba Tales / Olabode Ogunlana

London, UK: Books of Africa Ltd, 2013

204p.

9780992686321

\$ 40.00 / PB

234gm.

The Quest for the Rare Leaf and other Yoruba Tales by Olabode Ogunlana is the book that contains five traditional legends and six other more recent stories. There are over 25 million speakers of Yoruba. Down the ages it has been primarily an oral language; stories were passed down and it was assumed that those listening would know the culture and traditions within which they originally arose. A non-Yoruba reader does not have this knowledge; nor do a large number of young urbanised Yoruba speakers across African cities or in the Diaspora. This “translation into written English” is narrated to help preserve this oral tradition as well as entertain modern readers irrespective of their cultural background.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777310>

Like Never Before / C. M. Okonkwo

Nigeria: Laybels Publishing, 2019

176p.

9781070545554

\$ 25.00 / PB

206gm.

Chiny, Nigerian, car sales executive, single; David, British, actor, in an on and off relationship, meet in the beautiful city of Nice, in France. Their relationship is born on a Mediterranean Sea boat tour and blossoms into a summer affair. Months later, Chiny contacts David with news that promises to bring them together but threatens to change their lives forever.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777311>

Second-Class Breeds and Other Poems / Festus Okwekwe

Lagos: Gled Books, 2019

146p.

9789789769377

\$ 20.00 / PB

190gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777312>

The Love Canticles : One Hundred Poems / Amu Nnadi

Owerri, Imo States: Griots Lounge Publishing Nigeria, 2020

xxiv, 152p.

9789789224821

\$ 35.00 / PB

248gm.

The love canticles is an ‘extraordinary’ collection of poetry by award-winning poet, Amu Nnadi. It is a presentation of the mysteries and the joys of the bonds of life. It’s about love and the light that keeps the emotions of families thriving and the foundations of friendship firm. It’s been described by Professor Onyeka Nwelue as “an anthology of extraordinary craft, charm and genius”, and by Professor Chigozie Obioma, the only Nigeria to be shortlisted for the prestigious Booker Book Prize for each of his books, as “poems which make for lyrics of the highest order.”

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777313>

Ode to a Dancing Pen / Brenda Eziafakaego Nwafor

Lagos: Movida International Limited, 2019

vi, 102p.

9789785691122

\$ 20.00 / PB

128gm.

A collection of 52 poems that will make you want to recite them over and over again, starting with the first one 'Beginning and Ending',

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777315>

The Patience of an Embattled Storyteller : The Man Behind the Mask / Nehru Odeh

Nigeria: New Age Books, 2014

viii, 126p.

9789789410514

\$ 20.00 / PB

176gm.

Play

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777317>

Okikiro I(Love of Nation) : A Play / Eki Faith Eboigbe

Lagos: Entertainment Bus – Stop Limited, 2019

iv, 96p.

9789789683819

\$ 20.00 / PB

118gm

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777318>

Dancing Mosquito and Other Plays / Eki Faith Eboigbe

Lagos: Entertainment Bus – Stop Limited, 2019

1v.

9789789683802

\$ 20.00/ PB

118gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777320>

Performing Arts

Rhythms of Truth : An Interdisciplinary Approach to Knowledge
/ Ziky O. Kofoworola

Ilorin: The Performer, Performing Arts Departments, University of Ilorin & DorcAmos Tops Publishers, 2015

xviii, 190p.

Includes Bibliography

9789789276301

1. Nigerian drama – History and criticism.
2. African drama – History and criticism.
3. Theater – Nigeria.
4. Folk literature – History and criticism.

\$ 35.00 / PB

240gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777321>

Politics

Stunted Nigerian Dreams : Musings of an Nigerian Academic and Legislator / Eddie Mbadiwe (Selected) Anthony Onugba

Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2019

184p.

Includes Index

9789785631746

\$ 35.00 / PB

244gm.

Stunted Nigerian Dreams: Musings of A Nigerian Academic and Legislator is a book about the myriads of problems confronting the realisation of the Nigerian dream. It is from the patriotic desire of a Nigerian to see things change for the better. It offers fresh ideas in the way things should be done and gives an insight into ways in which the country can be better. This is a compelling collection of the author's narrative of the events in the political climate in Nigeria as they occurred. He published these articles in various newspapers where he highlighted the shortcomings and also the progressive attributes of political leaders. The collection presents an interesting and informative overview of Nigeria politics that span over decades. He concludes by examining the direction of the current political system and giving ideal

inferences on the issues that must be addressed by the younger generation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777323>

Psychology

Painted Depth / Anthonia Ezenwa Ekezue
Agbara, Ogun State: Daneliherald Communications (Print Doctor Africa), 2021
216p.
9789789925261
\$ 30.00 / PB
270gm.

Painted Depth is a handy guide that offers practical tools and proven principles that anyone can implement to achieve resounding success. With insights and lessons gleaned from three decades of personal development, the book is not only thought-provoking but also includes practical steps, action points and personal evaluation tools to help you apply what you learn. Whatever stage of success you currently occupy is just a step that leads to the next level that is obtainable only if you seek for an upgrade to the volume of information currently within your grasp. Information is power. This book is a mirror that helps us to evaluate our lives in-depth, analyze our relationships and help us to build the right circle that are in tandem with our mission statement.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=777324>
