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Biography/Memoirs

Ibrahim Babangida, 1985-1992 : Letting a Thousand Flowers Bloom / Dele Sobowale Ibadan: Spectrum Books Limited, 2019 xviii, 406p. Includes Index ; Bibliography 9789789265800 \$ 60.00 / PB 498gm.

Ibrahim Babangida, 1985-1992 : Letting a Thousand Flowers Bloom is a book deliberately designed to ensure that despite the poor reading culture in Nigeria today, some of our history is not silent; to preserve for posterity a record of monumental events which occurred from 27 August, 1985 to December 1992 and which continue to shape our lives today. Some of the landmark achievements will last forever, as long as there is a country called Nigeria, because they are now almost irreversible.

This book is a dispassionate and historical chronicle of the IBB Years, 1985-1992. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838973

A Thousand Times on the Same Road / China Acheru Port Harcourt: Gospel Warehouse Publishers, 2020 vi, 284p. 9789789863433 \$ 35.00 / PB 324gm.

A Thousand Times On The Same Road is a story of one thousand trips around the world. Every journey, having a story to tell about it, all from the eyes of a journalist. This is the story of passion for a thankless job, near-death experiences, sexcapades, adventure, intrigues, corruption, fun, games, thrills, violence and romance. It is a book about the dark side of Nigerian football: what you do not see on your television screens, the story of the adventures while travelling down the bumpy roads of Nigeria's highways, and the dangerous paths at night that lead to terror enclaves.

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Looking Back : The Story of an Oke-Padi Resident / Adewale Ayodele Olusesan Laditan Ibadan: BookBuilders, Edition Africa, 2022 xiv, 246p. Includes Index 9789789212316 \$ 42.00 / PB 446gm.

In this autobiography, Looking Back: The History of an Oke Padi Resident, Professor Laditan travels back in time to tell the story of his life that spans over eight decades. It is the story of his birth, early childhood, education, marriage, and career. The book deals with his polygamous upbringing and describes how he spent early childhood with his mother and grandmother in Ibadan. His life journey took him through varied experiences as he later lived in Ilaro with his paternal grandparents, both of whom were non-literate. He was fourteen-years-old when he started to live with his father and stepmother in Lagos. He attended Igbobi College in Lagos for his school certificate and higher school certificate education, after which he proceeded to the United Kingdom to study medicine at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

Professor Laditan is a retired professor of Child Health and Paediatrics. His professional career started as a Paediatric Resident at the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan, Nigeria. He later transferred his service to the University of Ibadan (UI) as a Research Fellow and Consultant Paediatrician at the Institute of Child Health, where he became Professor and Director of the Institute. In 1984, he was invited from the Institute of Child Health to be the Foundation Provost of a new Medical School, Obafemi Awolowo College of Health Sciences (OACHS) and the Pioneer Chief Medical Director of its teaching hospital in Sagamu, Ogun State, Nigeria. In 1988, he left for Saudi Arabia and practised as a Consultant Paediatrician until he left in 2002 and relocated to the USA.

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Victory With Honour : A Memoir of My Command Experience Onboard Nigerian Navy Ship OKPABANA / Olusegun Ferreira (Foreword) Vice Admiral IE Ibas Bloomington, IN, USA: AuthorHouse™UK, 2021 xiv, 346p. \$ 50.00 / PB 674gm.

Victory with Honour is an account of my stewardship whilst I was onboard NNS OKPABANA as the Commanding Officer from 2015 – 2016. The book renders a chronological narrative of my operational and command experience onboard the ship beginning with an opening chapter giving an exposé on the essence of sea power and the concept of navies, a brief historical perspective of the NN in the second, and the third chapter begins with my own story. In between, I also gave my view of the maritime security situation in the Gulf of Guinea and how to address the challenges being experienced therein. The book then continues with a personal account of the various exercises and operations that the ship participated in whilst I was in command. Chapter Eighteen being the last chapter gave some leadership principles, though navy-centric, could apply to almost any sphere of life.

Largely esoteric in nature, I believe the readership would be inspired to draw lessons from my experiences and also add to the corporate/institutional knowledge of the Nigerian Navy as a whole. I also believe more needs to be laid out in the public space on how Nigeria as a maritime nation, has potentials to become a sea power state like other nations with access to the seas did in the past.

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Fabian Osuji: Teacher, Scholar, Gentleman / Ezechi Onyerionwu Ibadan: University Press PLC, 2022 xviii, 370p. Includes Index \$ 50.00 / PB 520gm.

Fabian Osuji – Teacher, Scholar, Gentleman is a detailed description of the life of Professor Fabian Osuji, one of Nigeria's foremost educationists and former Minister of Education. From his birth and childhood in Mbaise, through his academic sojourn in Nigeria and beyond, and his distinguished public service career, Fabian Osuji's outstanding intellect, determination, grit and commitment to education are remarkably evident. This biography is honest and objective and captures the essence of a great scholar, driven to great heights by the early influences of teachers and family members. The book provides detailed accounts of the valuable relationships Fabian built and maintained along the way, from teachers, classmates, and fellow intellectuals, to political and post-political friends. A delightful and captivating read with a perfect blend of historical and social commentary. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838978

Dotun Oyelade Reporting...A Memories of a Newshound / Dotun Oyelade, Tola Teriba & Ayodehu Ajisope Nigeria: Current Incorporated, 2022 xvi, 296p. 9789787910146 \$ 55.00 / PB 418gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838979

Voice of Reason: Selected Speeches of Chief Obafemi Awolowo, Vol. 1 Revised Edition Akure: Fagbamigbe Publishers, 2021 vi, 201p. Includes Index 9781644842; 9789781644849 \$ 35.00 / PB 286gm. Chief Obafemi Awolowo was an orator, a Christian and a politician. He explained with reasons how politics could be complementary to religion. Among others, he used his personal experience and sound knowledge to explain the difference between personal and national freedom.

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Voice of Courage : Selected Speeches of Chief Obafemi Awolowo, Vol. 2 Revised Edition Akure: Fagbamigbe Publishers, 2021 1v. 9781644834 ; 9789781644832 \$ 35.00 / PB 262gm.

This book contains the selected speeches of Awolowo. It is a very politically enlightening book that shows the level of courage and boldness needed to express unpopular views in our society today.

Chief Obafemi Jeremiah Oyeniyi Awolowo (GCFR) was born on 6th March 1909 and died on 9th May 1987. He was a Nigerian nationalist and statesman who played a key role in Nigeria's independence movement, the First and Second Republics and the Civil War. The son of a Yoruba farmer, he was one of -the truly self-made men among his contemporaries in Nigeria.

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Voice of Wisdom : Selected Speeches of Chief Obafemi Awolowo, Vol. 3 Revised Edition Akure: Fagbamigbe Publishers, 2021 ix, 176p. 9781644842 ; 9789781644849 \$ 35.00 / PB 228gm.

This book contains the selected speeches of Awolowo. Great depth and the uncommon wisdom of Awolowo is found on full display on the pages of this book.

The words of the great Sage, Obafemi Awolowo are imprinted on these pages. They embody wisdom, deep thoughts and philosophical acumen that all young Nigerians and indeed all peoples of world can learn from.

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The Flag Lieutenant / Madu Ibrahim Lagos: Worital Global, 2022 xviii, 158p. 9789785944631 \$ 30.00 / PB 222gm.

This book provides an in-depth analysis of the roles and responsibilities of Flag Lieutenants and Aides – de – camp gleaned from the experiences of the author during his time as a Flag Lieutenant. It also offers detailed guidelines with the aim to enhance the professionalism and efficiency of officers who may occupy this or similar positions in the Armed Forces of Nigeria as well as staff of other organizations. The book further buttresses the importance of competence for Flag Lieutenants in the discharge of their duties for the sustenance and preservation of the timeless traditions of the Nigerian Navy.

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Business

Business Killers : Why Business are Failing / Solomon Etchi Okpa Lagos: Write-for-Me, 2012 278p. 9789789242641 \$ 30.00 / PB 324gm.

This book in your hand came out of a continuous battle with Business Killers, who would not want their secrets revealed. The reason is that businesses all over the world, including yours are under their attack. You would journey through the secret actions of these killers; the course of a supposedly thriving business against the rocks and death, even though, this path seemed hidden to the owners and patron. You must learn the proper steps to start a business, preserve the business, detect, avoid and combat Business Killers, before it is too late. What, or who are these killers? The answers are concealed in the secret pages of this book. The author made it clear that, his business, "is to expose these killers to you, while your business, is to discover them and prepare for battle, to defend your business". "Business Killers are around you, in you and you must eradicate them before they kill you and your business."

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Economics/Development Studies

Reshaping Policies for Africa's Development : Essays in Honour of Professor David Olusanya Ajakaiye at 70 / (Eds) Afeikhena T. Jerome & Sheriffdeen A. Tella Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, 2022 504p. Includes Index 9789788550471 \$100.00 / PB 790gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838985 _____ Igboora in Connectivity : Rising to Global Benefits / Ojelabi S.O.O Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, 2017 411p. Includes Index 9789788550600 \$50.00 / PB 512gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838986 Nigeria Against the IMF : The Home Market Strategy / Yusufu Bala Usman (Foreword) Mike Kwanashie Second Edition Kaduna State: Yusufu Bala Usman Institute, 2019 9789785746907 \$35.00 / PB 286gm.

Thirty-years after Yusufu Bala Usman published the book Nigeria Against the IMF: The Home Market Strategy, the analysis and conclusions of the book have remained so relevant to the current situation in Nigeria. Forty years after the World Bank/IMF influence on policy came to the forefront, the country is still struggling with the same challenges. The adoption of IMF conditionalities has not transformed the lives of most of the Nigerian people. Nigeria is today almost at the bottom of the world poverty index despite its massive natural resources and the ingenuity of her people. Fully enmeshed in the neo-liberal paradigm which the World Bank/IMF and other international lending agencies virtually imposed on the country in the 1980s, the economic condition of a large segment of Nigerians remains untouched by economic progress, not much better than when the book

was first published. The failure of the current structure to bring a substantial number of people out of poverty is inherent in the system. The continued marginalization of the Nigerian people is a direct result of the nature and structure of the Nigerian economy incorporated into a

globalization process in which it has remained uncompetitive. Western-style capitalism has not created the wealth for the majority of Nigerians as its proponents have always insisted that it could. There are alternatives and Nigeria should interrogate them.

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Education

Educating for Knowledge Economy and Human Capacity Development in Africa : Essays in Honour of Emeritus Professor Olufemi Bamiro / (Eds) Francis Egbokhare, Segun Adedeji & Olatunji Oyeshile Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, 2022 xx, 532p. Includes Index 9789788550624 \$ 100.00 / PB 726gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838988

A Degree Is Not Enough (This Book Supports Skills Training) / Ima Isip Lagos: Outsouceries, 2018 xii, 118p. 9789789672837 \$ 20.00 / PB 150gm.

In a world that is changing every day, the author helps you understand how to excel given the setback of the academic system.

How do we improve the school system, what can we do to become indispensable in an overcrowded marketplace? Find out answers in this thrilling writing by Ima Isip. <u>http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838989</u>

Arts Administration in Contemporary Nigeria / (Ed) Remi Ademola Adedokun Lagos: Centre for Black and African Arts and Civilization (CBAAC), 2001 xii, 200p. 9780320059 ; 97897803320058 \$ 25.00/ PB 252gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838990

History

Igbos : 50 Years After Biafra / Joe Igbokwe Nigeria: Clear Vision Limited Copyright @ Joe Igbokwe, 2021 x, 286p. 9789789906505 \$ 50.00 / PB 508gm. In a well-appointed sequel to his earlier book on the subject – Igbos: 25 years after Biafra, Joe Igbokwe reprises his role as a moral pathfinder in a strident, impassioned call to his people, the Igbo of south-eastern Nigeria who, fifty years after a costly three-year civil war of self-determination in 1966, seem to have all packed up with briefcases for trading and sundry business, leaving the agitation for political power to the other major legs of the ethnopolitical tripod in Nigeria, the Yoruba Hausa-Fulan

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Naija Marxisms : Revolutionary Thought in Nigeria / Adam Mayer Benin City: Beulahland Publications, 2020 xii, 244p. Includes Index ; Bibliography 9780745336572 \$ 40.00 / PB 284gm.

Since the 1940s, Marxist thought has blossomed in Nigeria. The history of 'Naija Marxism' is also that of the country's labour movement, its feminist movement, its social thought and political economy. It has been the mainstay of party politics in the case of illegal Marxist party formations and legal anti-feudalist forces and in the NGO sector. Long gone are the days when Marxism meant imported pamphlets and a disconnected ideology. Drawn from years of research in Nigeria and elsewhere, Naija Marxisms breaks new ground in tracing the historical trajectories that leftist movements underwent since the 1940s, whilst arguing that Marxism is alive and well in Nigeria. The book brings together Nigeria's pre-eminent radical thinkers, from Usman Tar and Edwin Madunagu, who are currently espousing a Marxian political economy and providing a class-based approach in the country's mainstream media channels, to the international reach of key Nigerian Marxists, such as Mokwugo Okoye, Ikenna Nzimiro and Eskor Toyo. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743283

Law

Legal History of Nigeria / Muhammad T Ladan & Adebambo Adewopo Abuja: Nigerian Institute of Advance Legal Studies, 2019 1160p. Includes Index 9789789879830 \$ 200.00 / HB 1926gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838992 Digital Economy Law and Policy (With Abstracts of Relevant Nigerian Laws and Policies) / (Eds) Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Osatohanmwen Eruaga & Nikiruka Maduekwe Abuja: Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 2022 xxxii, 650p. Includes Index 9789787927816 \$ 150.00 / HB 1110gm. <u>http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838993</u>

L.F.N. Acts and S.I. – Statutory Instrument 2021, Vol. 4 with Index [Nigeria] Lagos: The Federa1l Government Printer, 2021 1v \$ 250.00 / HB 1302gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=837876

L.F.N. Acts and S.I. – Statutory Instrument 2021, Vol. 5 with Index [Nigeria] Lagos: The Federa1l Government Printer, 2021 1v \$ 250.00 / HB 1236gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=837877

Nigerian Current Law Review, 2020-2021 (Issue II) : A Journal of The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies / (Ed-in-Chief) Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan Abuja: Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 2022 1v. \$ 150.00 / PB 440gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=837878

Literature

The Rise of the African Novel : Politics of Language, Identity and Ownership / Mukoma Wa Ngugi Abuja: Mukoma Wa Ngugi 2020 240p. Includes Index 9789789797752 \$ 35.00/ PB 386gm.

Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart has been translated into over 70 languages and yet there is no authoritative Igbo translation, Achebe's mother tongue. In the course of answering why African literature remains trapped in an English language metaphysical empire, Műkoma wa Ngũgĩ's The Rise of the African Novel, becomes the first book to situate South African and African-language literature of the 1880s through the 1940s in relation to both the literature of decolonisation that emerged in the mid-to-late 20th century and those of contemporary writers such as Chimamanda Adichie, Petina Gappah and NoViolet Bulawayo.

Mũkoma wa Ngũgĩ considers the costs of locating the start of Africa's literary tradition in the wrong historical period. He challenges the reduction of African literary studies only to writing in the English language and shows how early South African literature, in both aesthetics and politics, is in conversation with both the literature of the independence era and contemporary transnational literatures.

This seminal text in African literary studies raises questions about the very nature of African literature and criticism. It is essential reading for scholars and general readers seeking a greater understanding of Africa's deep-rooted and variegated literary history. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=780270

Walking the Blood-Paved Path : The Light of the Gospel Through Dark Stories / Goodness Adegbola (Ed) Oluwabukola Falola Lagos: Awesome Multi-Services, 2021

vi, 285p. 9789789999989 \$ 30.00 / PB 392gm.

Book Details:

Walking the Blood-paved Path is a compilation of two stand alone stories.

I.SOLA MORRIS:

Following the enigmatic assassination of her husband, Sola is bent on finding the perpetrator and making them pay. In her quest, she uncovers staggering things that makes her wonder if she really ever knew the man she married and the home she married into. Sola must make decisions that will have indelible impacts on her and her children.

II.GHETTO BLOOM:

Seun's desire for fulfillment and a worthy legacy drives him to make tough calls and venture into dark corridors. What he wants is his only priority, he's willing to do whatever is necessary to get it.Folake is a driven lady given to the Lord and her career. Her life is marked with different obstacles. She navigates through and sees glimmers of hope, but it only takes a moment for a bright, auspicious day to turn into a sordid nightmare. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838994 _____

Here Again Now / Okechukwu Nzelu London, UK: Dialogue Books (Little Brown Book Group), 2022 304p. 9780349701073 \$ 20.00 / PB 400gm.

Achike Okoro feels like his life is coming together at last. His top-floor flat in Peckham is as close to home as he can imagine and after years of hard work, he's about to get his break as an actor. He's even persuaded his father, Chibuike, to move in with him, grateful to offer the man who raised him as a single parent a home of his own.

Between filming trips, Achike is snatching a few days in London with Ekene, his best friend of twenty years, the person who makes him feel whole. Achike can put the terrible things that happened behind him at last; everything is going to be alright. Maybe even better. But after a magical night, when Achike and Ekene come within a hair's breadth of admitting their feelings for each other, a devastating event rips all three men apart. In the aftermath, it is Ekene and Chibuike who must try to rebuild. And although they have never truly understood each other, grief may bring them both the peace and happiness they've been searching for...

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I Have a Secret I Must Tell / Esosa Daniel Lagos: Moving Messages Limited, 2020 532p. 9789789813742 \$ 40.00 / PB 628gm.

Iziegbe – Patience is virtue, but how much is too much? Tireni – Ashamed and ridden with guilt, she must lose her way to find herself.

Noruwa and Osayi – Praying for the sound of young laughter?but will they ever dance to that tune? Choices that break, with twists and turns that force lives to follow suit. The fabric of destiny is made up of more than one thread. Three generations. Many people. One story. And a secret that must be told. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838996

Too Late For Anything / Obioha Oti Lagos: Harmony Publishing, 2020 232p. 9789789830626 \$ 30.00 / PB 300gm.

David Kalu Udensi popularly known as Deacon Davy was vibrant and spirit-filled Christian. In his overzealous bid to help save the life of a fellow Christian sister, he unwittingly landed himself into a cleverly knitted web of temptation, blackmail, armed robbery and murder. All these culminated to bringing him to an unfortunate position as a criminal condemned to death by firing squad.

By the time Davy realized the cause of all his problems, it was already too late for him to do anything but regret. However, just a few days to the day he was to be executed, things began to happen very fast. What were they? Find out as you read this suspense-filled and electrifying confession of an innocent soul battling with the mysteries of life. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838997

The Bachelor's Ride / Kolapa Akinola London, UK: Icongate, 2022 332p. 9781739681005 \$ 25.00 / PB 416gm.

Toyosi's fiancèe abruptly ends their engagement three months before the wedding. His heart is shattered; the person he thought would take a bullet for him was the one pulling the trigger. Having mourned a love lost and realizing he is now free from betrayal and ruthless manipulation, he slowly feels ready to re-enter the dating scene, but his search is complicated beyond his control.

After a couple of interesting encounters that lead no where, Toyosi, a British-Nigerian amateur writer by night, pens a hilarious, yet heartfelt memo anonymously to a fictitious bride-to-be to explain how difficult it has been to find her. The memo goes viral among single women all over the globe who are interested in identifying the romantic mystery man behind it. Though this makes up a tiny part of his story, like the rest of his story, he soon realises that life is full of unexpected twists and turns.

This compelling quest of one man's search for love transports readers from a childhood in a western part of Nigeria, to a successful career in London on a journey that deals with sickle cell, and what we're willing to sacrifice in the search for love.

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Flaming Ice : Ancestry of Hope No. 1 / Oluseyi Albert Nigeria: Oluseyi Albert (Self-Published), 2022 384p. 9789789942459 \$ 40.00 / PB 476gm.

The divide must be bridged. Is freedom coming? Lord Clay Aster, a member of the Aristocracy of Onyx and a serving Lord in the Upper House of the Parliament, will do all it takes to rebuild the broken foundation of his fatherland. Joining forces with the new breed of nobles called the New Order, he must reduce inequality across the clans by entrenching justice and peace, as well as building safe and sustainable communities.

But when the plan suddenly involves Ava Woods—a Structural Engineer who is passionate about the environment and also craves freedom for her ostracized clan, he is not prepared for the ensuing chaos. People are being kidnapped; young men are being left for dead. The divide between the Upper class and 'the least' tribe of Onyx cannot be bridged after all. The taboo that the age-long filth of the Ilana clan cannot taint the Aristocracy cannot be broken. The plan could free a whole clan from decades-long bondage. But Ava has spent a good part of her life loathing the Upper class. Will she allow forgiveness and healing to take the lead? Can Clay and Ava figure out who they are up against and stop the raging violence? http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=838999

I'ves Miles to Walk Before I Sleep : Novel / Hyginus Ekwuazi Karu, Nasarawa State: Sevhage Publishers, 2019 164p. 9789785737219 \$ 30.00 / PB 220gm.

Three kids; a coma; and a family: all are here woven into a heart-tugging story for every reader, young and old—a story told with the smooth breezy honesty of childhood. No reader can hold back the laughter and tears that mingle in this overwhelmingly moving story with enough room in its beating heart for the young and old. I've Miles to Walk Before I Sleep belongs with the best of crossover literature: a kind of Tom Sawyer meets To kill a mocking bird: that rare story that reawakens in the adult reader the consciousness that, true enough, childhood is not the past but that perennial season that latches unto the human mind and simply refuses to let go. Poignant. Candid. Revelatory. The kind of novel you want to make compulsory reading—guaranteed to go from hand to hand with the words: 'You must read this!'

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The Flame Tree (Thriller) / Kim H. Raussen Ibadan: Safari Books Ltd, 2023 364p. 9789785950678 \$ 25.00 / PB 306gm.

Danish businessman, Frank Grabowski, accepts a job as managing director of a car assembly plant in Nigeria with some scepticism. He has previously worked in West Africa and knows that there are always plenty of challenges awaiting in this part of the world. Nevertheless, it surprises Frank that, shortly after his arrival, people in the company and amongst his acquaintances experience dangerous and violent incidents. Not quite sure whether it is coincidence or a threat to his position as managing director, he tries to navigate the inflammatory situation which is aggravated further by corruption, fraud, armed robberies and kidnappings. Eventually, Frank understands the full picture and a definitive showdown with his adversaries is inevitable.

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Catching Grace / Lydia Emmanuel Revised Edition Nigeria: Lydia Emmanuel, 2020 200p. 9789789781270 \$ 30.00 / PB 222gm.

Set in Nigeria, from the racing city of Lagos and the sleepy Ibadan City to the ageless Ile-Ife, Grace finds herself yearning for more than her new life can offer. And when she runs into a young man from her past, she realizes a choice must be made; continue with her life as it is or retrace her steps back to where she had abandoned her dreams.

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In The Middle Of All This Fire : The Noirledge Anthology of Short Fiction, Volume One / (Ed) Olubunmi Adesuwa Ajiboye (et al.) Ibadan: Noirledge Publishing, 2022 168p. 9789785876000 \$ 35.00 / PB 238gm.

In the Middle of All this Fire: The Noirledge Anthology of Short Fiction is an elegant tapestry of tales portraying the usual, outlandish, pleasant, sinister and the cryptic. Here, the contributors deftly explore issues of intermutual concerns to spur communal intervention. The stories also delve towards the futuristic, challenging us to actively work together in creating new narratives for the future of our beleaguered continent. While some of the stories might seem unreal at the first encounter, the writers creatively blur the lines between the real and the imagined, creating worlds that are not unlike our daily realities.

In the Middle of All this Fire is an expression, or perhaps a reminder of the inimitable creative abilities that abound on the continent and how truth can be relayed in different hues through fiction, told by daring writers across Africa and beyond. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=839003

Beyond Now : A Novel / Maggie Smart Lagos: Worital Global, 2021 264p. \$ 35.00 / PB 278gm. A twist to the classic tale of boy meets girl...

Bella is tired of moving from city to city because of her dad's job, and she's not especially enthusiastic about this new one—at least not until she met the cutest boy in school.

Chris is the most popular boy in school, but he's tired of all the adoration. He's looking for something different and the new girl seems to be it.

Bella and Chris began their love story at a young age, but their happily ever after was cut short by events they didn't envision.

Amidst hurt and betrayal, they had to let each other go. Years later, they meet again—there's something between them they could never ignore.

Can they make it work this time?

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Everything and Nothing / Ola Ademila-Adesanoye London, UK: Accomplish Press Ltd, 2022 120p. 9798834259169 \$ 30.00 / PB 138gm.

Bibi and Ken are from two different worlds – geographically and culturally. Young and passionate Bibi yearns to live dangerously. She was raised in an affluent and well-connected family and has been sheltered for most of her life. When she meets and falls in love with Ken, Bibi is convinced that love conquers all.

Ken, on the other hand, is a realist who desires stability. He was raised in a modest home and is quite well-travelled through his work as a missionary. When he meets and falls in love with Bibi, Ken begins to wonder if love really conquers all.

When their love is tested through doubt, grief, judgement, shame, stigma, and an unexpected diagnosis, Bibi and Ken will question whether their shared passions and faith are enough to bridge their differences. Differences that seem so small but have great impacts and consequences.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=839005

Snapsongs : Homegroans and Foreignflares, Volume 1 / Niyi Dsundare Ibadan: University Press PLC, 2021

x, 118p. 9789789407941 \$ 25.00 / PB

, 146gm.

Snapsongs was originally published in different media outlets, these poems are prime instances of contemporary chronicles and history in motion, the types that often come from a poet who takes on the combined roles of griot and town crier. From the gnomic, epigrammatic "Snapsongs" to the bitingly satirical "Homegroans" and "Foreignflares", here are poems which grip the reader/listener's attention with their lyricism, visionay thrust, and humanist engagements. A humorous streak animates the songs, energized by a reflective temper and socio-political urgency. This volume provides yet another feast of words and wisdom from the "Bard of the Tabloid Platform" who has never stopped singing and stinging in the past four decades.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=839006

Let Me Die Alone : The Life and Time of Madam Koblo Gulama / John K. Kargbo Ibadan: Extension Publications Limited, 2019 iii, 105p. 9789788540359

\$15.00 / PB 86gm.

"Let Me Die Alone'" is a historical drama that captures the life and times of a famous woman leader of the Mende people of Sierra Leone. Madam Yoko lived between 1849-1906. Her original name at birth was Soma and later changed it to Yoko during her initiation as a member of Sande secret cult.

Her first two husbands were Gongoima and Gbenjei. She married Gbanya after the death of Gbenjei who was the chief of Taiama. Gbanya was detained in 1875 by the British colonial officials in Taiamawaro and Yoko went boldly to meet Rowe to seek the release of her husband. Rowe was impressed by Yoko's action, Gbanya was then flogged and released. After this incident, Gbanya made Yoko the greatest of his wives, sending her on diplomatic missions. Her membership of Sande women secret cult where she held a leadership position also gave her power in Mende land as a whole.

She became influential, initiating young girls and later marrying them off to the people of higher class in the society. Gbanya, her husband died in 1878, and she became the chief of Senehun.

In 1884, she was officially recognised by both her people and the British officials as the "Queen of Senehun." She expanded the Mende kingdom with her influence and power. She died childless in 1906.

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