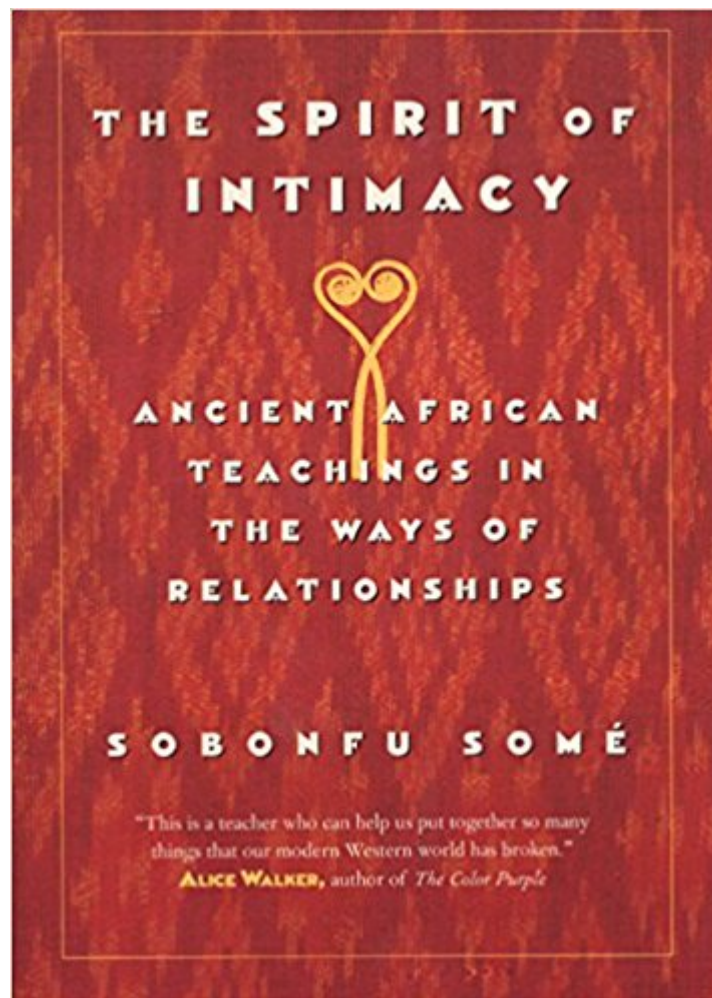




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This book delivers a true message of the African tribal way of life and gives one insight into the spiritual powers that we all have but have forgotten. One should read this book before they consider marriage.

This book is very informative about the culture of a village in Africa. It definitely has jewels in it that can be applied to everyday life. Absolutely a great read!

Great book. Confirms the importance of spirituality in the community.

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It was very informative enjoy reading it I'm learning more and more about different African cultures high rated 5-star

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Nice read...uplifting and inspiring

I recommend this book for any body of African to take a look at long-term serious committed

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