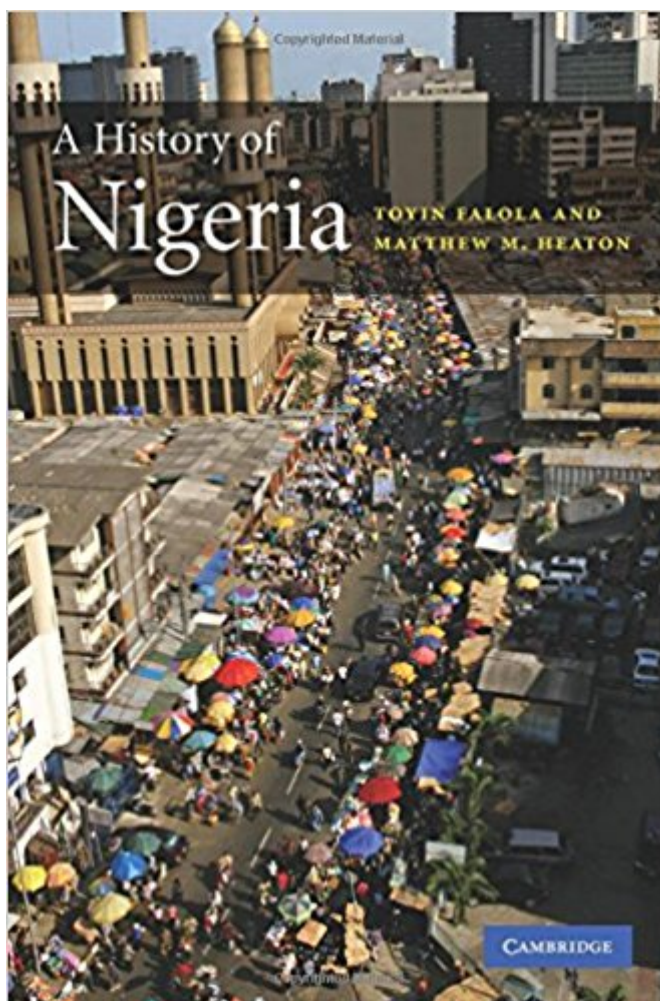


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Synopsis

Nigeria is Africa's most populous country and the world's eighth largest oil producer, but its success has been undermined in recent decades by ethnic and religious conflict, political instability, rampant official corruption and an ailing economy. Toyin Falola, a leading historian intimately acquainted with the region, and Matthew Heaton, who has worked extensively on African science and culture, combine their expertise to explain the context to Nigeria's recent troubles through an exploration of its pre-colonial and colonial past, and its journey from independence to statehood. By examining key themes such as colonialism, religion, slavery, nationalism and the economy, the authors show how Nigeria's history has been swayed by the vicissitudes of the world around it, and how Nigerians have adapted to meet these challenges. This book offers a unique portrayal of a resilient people living in a country with immense, but unrealized, potential.

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Any attempt to write a history book on Africa's largest country is always going to be a major undertaking. In the history of Nigeria, Toyin Falola serves us a general sweep of Nigeria's storied history beginning from the precolonial times right up to the dawn of the new millennium just as the country was making its second experiment with democracy. I was looking for a history book that would help me fill the gaps in my knowledge and help me answer certain questions so I decided to purchase this book and I came through satisfied with the time and money invested in this material. At 256 pages, I wasn't expecting to get the depth and detail that I may have hoped for especially when I read the chapters that had to do with the military coups, specifically the overthrow of Murtala Mohammed's regime. What you get here is a general overview. For more detail and depth you should look to other sources. But this book misses out on nothing from a general standpoint. I read this book in just 2 days, I found it easy to read through and void of the tedium which is generally a trait of most history books. I'm hoping the author comes out with another volume covering the first decade of the new millennium.

This is really easy to read and insightful. I like the list of notable people in the history of Nigeria. I wish it covers Obasanjo's democratic government as well.

Book is well written for the most part, but often jumps back and forth through time as opposed to sticking to events in each period being discussed. Could have done more in terms of going into the history and culture of each group, or at least the major ones. There are a lot of cultural references that could have been included but were not. Overall, it is a good book for your collection of Nigerian literary works.

This is an extremely thorough book on Nigeria. It will provide almost any information you need or want to know. Well done!

Not an exciting book, but African history in general is a pretty depressing subject. It's reasonably informative, but I would have liked a book that dealt a little more with culture and not just exclusively politics.

The author has added to my body of knowledge on the history of Nigeria in a factual way. Very simple and easy to read, this book will certainly help anyone with gaps in their memory of how it was in Nigeria from precolonial times.

Book explains the online scams and pitiful, although not excusable resorting to internet crime in this country. I recommend readers also read '419', fictional story about U.S. victim of Nigerian internet fraud.

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