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### **The Chosen Place, the Timeless People**

Sindiwe Magona's novel *Mother to Mother* explores the South African legacy of apartheid through the lens of a woman who remembers a life marked by oppression and injustice. Magona decided to write this novel when she discovered that Fulbright Scholar Amy Biehl, who had been killed while working to organize the nation's first ever democratic elections in 1993, died just a few yards away from her own permanent

residence in Guguletu, Capetown. She then learned that one of the boys held responsible for the killing was in fact her neighbor's son. Magona began to imagine how easily it might have been her own son caught up in the wave of violence that day. The book is based on this real-life incident, and takes the form of an epistle to Amy Biehl's mother. The murderer's mother, Mandisi, writes about her life, the life of her child, and the colonized society that not only allowed, but perpetuated violence against women and impoverished black South Africans under the reign of apartheid. The result is not an apology for the murder, but a beautifully written exploration of the society that bred such violence.

### **I, Tituba, Black Witch of Salem**

From the winner of the New Academy Prize in Literature (the alternative to the Nobel Prize) and critically acclaimed author of the classic historical novel *Segu*, Maryse Condé has pieced together the life of her maternal grandmother to create a moving and profound novel. Maryse Condé's personal journey of discovery and revelation becomes ours as we learn of Victoire, her white-skinned mestiza grandmother who worked as a cook for the Walbergs, a family of white Creoles, in the French Antilles. Using her formidable skills as a storyteller, Condé describes her grandmother as having "Australian whiteness for the color of her skin. She jarred with my world of women in Italian straw bonnets and men necktied in three-piece linen suits, all of them a very black shade of black. She appeared to me doubly strange." Victoire was

spurred by Condé's desire to learn of her family history, resolving to begin her quest by researching the life of her grandmother. While uncovering the circumstances of Victoire's unique life story, Condé also comes to grips with a haunting question: How could her own mother, a black militant, have been raised in the Walberg's home, a household of whites? Creating a work that takes you into a time and place populated with unforgettable characters that inspire and amaze, Condé's blending of memoir and imagination, detective work and storytelling artistry, is a literary gem that you won't soon forget.

### **The Restless**

"In Rihata, a small, sleepy backwater town in a fictitious African state, a couple and their family struggle to come to terms with each other against a background of political manoeuvring and upheaval."--Back cover.

### **Startup**

### **Heremakhonon**

### **Mema**

A railway freight clerk in Ghana attempts to hold out against the pressures that impel him toward corruption in both his family and his country.

## **The Children of Segu**

"The book first places Africa in the context of world history at the opening of the seventh century, before examining the general impact of Islamic penetration, the continuing expansion of the Bantu-speaking peoples, and the growth of civilizations in the Sudanic zones of West Africa"--Back cover.

## **The Wondrous and Tragic Life of Ivan and Ivana**

Two historical novellas set in the Caribbean. The first is on a revolutionary fighting the French, the second is a roman à trois against the background of a slave revolt in Jamaica. By a writer from Guadeloupe, author of *The Children of Segu*.

## **Black Mamba Boy**

For nearly four decades, Maryse Condé, best known for her novels *Segu* and *Windward Heights*, has been at the forefront of French Caribbean literature. In this collection of essays and lectures, written over many years and in response to the challenges posed by a changing world, she reflects on the ideas and histories that have moved her. From the use of French as her literary language--despite its colonial history--to the agonies of the Middle Passage, at the horrors of African dictatorship, and the politically induced poverty of the Caribbean to migration under globalization, Condé casts her unflinching eye over the world which is her inheritance, her burden, and

her future. Even while paying homage to her intellectual and literary influences--including Frantz Fanon, Leopold Sedar Senghor, and Aimé Césaire--Condé establishes in these pages the singularity of her vision and the reason for the enormous admiration that her writing has garnered from readers and critics alike.

### **Jonathan Livingston Seagull**

Tamba, later known as George, unveils his jaw-dropping story of surviving Ebola, which is an experience of virtual rebirth. It is astounding to know how he maintains his stamina to continue his journey along the rugged pathway of life as an Ebola survivor for the sake of the two sons left with him after the tragic death of his wife, Aminatta, and the daughter of Kumba, his first love. This semifiction stretches the full length through the West African Ebola Crisis, revealing the unheard to its readers while challenging the belief that Ebola is new to West Africa. Ultimately, Tamba wins his battle of life, and he says, "I want my story to be heard by the entire world. Life is a battle, which one has to fight even when in the jaws of defeat, and one can't be selfish to give it up as it is for those whom we love and care for."

### **Of Morsels and Marvels**

For many, cooking is simply the mechanical act of reproducing standard recipes. To Maryse Condé, however, cooking implies creativity and personal invention, on par with the complexity of writing a

story. A cook, she explains, uses spices and flavors the same way an author chooses the music and meaning of words. In *Of Morsels and Marvels*, Condé takes us on a literary journey around places she has travelled to in India, Indonesia, and South Africa. She highlights the tastes and culinary traditions that are fascinating examples of a living museum. Such places, Condé explains, provide important insights into lesser-known aspects of contemporary life. One anecdote illustrates what becomes of the standard Antillean dishes of fish stew and goat curry by two Antilleans who own a restaurant in Sydney, Australia. Cuisine changes not only according to the individual cook but also adapts to foreign skies under which it is created. The author also recounts personal memories of her lifelong relationship with cooking, such as when Adélia, her family's servant, wrongly blames little Maryse for mixing raisins with fish and using her imagination in the kitchen. Blending travel with gastronomy, this enchanting volume from the winner of the 2018 Alternative Nobel Prize will delight all who marvel at the wonders of the kitchen or seek to taste the world.

### **Desirada**

This wild and entertaining novel expands on the true story of the West Indian slave Tituba, who was accused of witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts, arrested in 1692, and forgotten in jail until the general amnesty for witches two years later. Maryse Condé brings Tituba out of historical silence and creates for her a fictional childhood, adolescence, and

old age. She turns her into what she calls "a sort of female hero, an epic heroine, like the legendary 'Nanny of the maroons,'" who, schooled in the sorcery and magical ritual of obeah, is arrested for healing members of the family that owns her. CARAF Books:Caribbean and African Literature Translated from French This book has been supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, an independent federal agency.

### **Mother to Mother**

The award-winning Caribbean novelist delves into her own past for true tales of family life, first love, racism, and regional culture.

### **Tales from the Heart**

The bestselling epic novel of family, treachery, rivalry, religious fervour and the turbulent fate of a royal African dynasty It is 1797 and the African kingdom of Segu, born of blood and violence, is at the height of its power. Yet Dousika Traore, the king's most trusted advisor, feels nothing but dread. Change is coming. From the East, a new religion, Islam. From the West, the slave trade. These forces will tear his country, his village and the lives of his beloved sons apart, in Maryse Condé's glittering epic.

### **The Journey of a Caribbean Writer**

Mema engages the reader with its dramatic tale of a woman struggling against the constraints of her

community, yet proves to be a multi-layered novel exploring a culture in transition.

### **A Season in Rihata**

This lyrical novel, structured like a Creole quadrille, is a rich ethnography bearing witness to police violence in French Guadeloupe. Narrators both living and dead recount the racial and class stratification that led to a protest-turned-massacre. Dambury's English debut is a vibrant memorial to a largely forgotten atrocity, coinciding with the government's declassification of documents pertaining to the incident.

### **Kintu**

Depicts the effect of an American research project on the inhabitants of a West Indian island

### **Crossing the Mangrove**

Rendered frightened and penniless by her husband's mysterious violent death, Rosalie reluctantly taps her clairvoyant skills in order to support herself in post-apartheid South Africa, an endeavor during which she pursues answers. By the award-winning author of *Who Slashed Celanire's Throat?* Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

### **The Children of Segu**

The renowned Caribbean novelist puts a new spin on Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*, resetting the

story in Cuba with Creole characters.

## **Conversations with Maryse Condé**

Veronica Mercier, a sophisticated Caribbean woman teaching and living in Paris, goes to a West African country to complete her search for self-identity. There, she finds herself involved with a nigger with ancestors - a cold, calculating minister for the interior and heir to the presidency.

## **The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives**

Named as one of the GRANTA BEST OF YOUNG BRITISH NOVELISTS 2013. For fans of *Half of a Yellow Sun*, a stunning novel set in 1930s Somalia spanning a decade of war and upheaval, all seen through the eyes of a small boy alone in the world.

## **The Bamana Empire by the Niger**

### **African History: A Very Short Introduction**

The powerful Bamana State emerged in 1712 and centered around the Middle Niger, where most inhabitants were Bamanas with their own language and religion. It was a sophisticated society with nobles, caste groups, and slaves. The Bamanas built an empire based on a strong professional army. The author provides a colorful picture of this state, which for centuries was a solid commercial, military, and

agricultural society formed by ideologies other than imported religions. This book is also the story of conquests and efforts by two alien powers to assert hegemony over the Bamana of Segu: the first was an African Jihad, led by al Hajj Umar Tal (1861) in the name of religious reform, and the second was European (1890), for the cause of French imperial expansion. The objects were similar: to dominate the rich agricultural lands and commercial routes in the Middle Niger.

## **Africa in Global History with Sources**

### **Black Leopard, Red Wolf**

This accessible and classroom-tested textbook/reference presents an introduction to the fundamentals of the emerging and interdisciplinary field of data science. The coverage spans key concepts adopted from statistics and machine learning, useful techniques for graph analysis and parallel programming, and the practical application of data science for such tasks as building recommender systems or performing sentiment analysis. Topics and features: provides numerous practical case studies using real-world data throughout the book; supports understanding through hands-on experience of solving data science problems using Python; describes techniques and tools for statistical analysis, machine learning, graph analysis, and parallel programming; reviews a range of applications of data science, including recommender systems and

sentiment analysis of text data; provides supplementary code resources and data at an associated website.

### **Victoire**

"This novel is a tragic love story set during the 2009 French Caribbean general strikes that exposed deep ethnic, racial, and class disparities within Guadeloupe"--

### **Land of Many Colors**

An African family's saga, from the day its ancestors left for the New World, to the day their descendants return in search of roots. By a Guadeloupean writer, author of Segu.

### **The Segu Tukolor Empire**

Coming soon to Netflix When Baba Segi awoke with a bellyache for the sixth day in a row, he knew it was time to do something drastic about his fourth wife's childlessness. To the dismay of her ambitious mother, Bolanle marries into a polygamous family, where she is the fourth wife of a rich, rotund patriarch, Baba Segi. She is a graduate and therefore a great prize, but even graduates must produce children and her husband's persistent bellyache is a sign that things are not as they should be. She only wants to escape to a quiet life, but the others disapprove of the newest, youngest, cleverest addition to the family. Treated with respect by her husband, she is viewed

with suspicion by her seniors - who fear she may unlock their well-guarded secret. Through the voices of Baba Segi and his four wives, Lola Shoneyin weaves a vibrant story of love, secrets and a family like every other - happy and unhappy, truthful and not, sometimes kind, sometimes competitive, always bound by blood, and the past.

### **The Book of Not**

The author offers an insider's account of the cutthroat entrepreneurial environment of Silicon Valley, detailing his struggle to start up a computer company, put together a team of software designers, and bring to market his unique product

### **The Story of the Cannibal Woman**

### **Introduction to Data Science**

Francis Sancher, a handsome outsider, loved by some and reviled by others, is found dead, face down in the mud on a path outside Riviere au Sel, a small village in Guadeloupe. No one is particularly surprised since Sancher, a secretive and melancholy man, had often predicted an unnatural death for himself. As the villagers come to pay their respects, they each reveal another piece of the mystery behind his life and death. Like pieces of an elaborate puzzle, their memories interlock to create a rich and intriguing portrait of a man and a community. A beautifully crafted, Rashomon-like novel, this gripping story, first

published in France in 1989, is imbued with all the nuances and traditions of Caribbean culture.

### **Windward Heights**

Essential reading for anyone interested in the African continent and the diversity of human history, this Very Short Introduction looks at Africa's past and reflects on the changing ways it has been imagined and represented. Key themes in current thinking about Africa's history are illustrated with a range of fascinating historical examples, drawn from over 5 millennia across this vast continent. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

### **Behind the Eclipse**

By the winner of the 2018 Alternative Nobel prize in literature, a novel of twins with a bond so strong they become afraid of their feelings for one another.

### **The Last of the African Kings**

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### **The Belle Créole**

"Includes the rediscovered part four"--Cover.

### **UNESCO General History of Africa, Vol. III, Abridged Edition**

An illegitimate child searches for mother and father in this novel of redemption set between Mexico, France, and the United States.

### **Who Slashed Celanire's Throat?**

This book is an exploration of the life and art of Maryse Condi, who first won international acclaim for Segu, a novel about West African experience and the slave trade. Born in Guadeloupe in 1937, Condi lived in Guinea after it won its independence from France. Later she lived in Ghana and Senegal during

turbulent, decisive moments in the histories of these countries. Her writings—novels, plays, essays, stories, and children's books—have led her to an increasingly important role within Africa and throughout the world. Frangoise Pfaff met Maryse Condi in 1981, when she first interviewed her. Their friendship grew quickly. In 1991 the two women continued recording conversations about Condi's geographical sojourns and literary paths, her personality, and her thoughts. Their conversations reveal connections between Condi's vivid art and her eventful, passionate life. In her encounters with historical and literary figures, and in her opinions on politics and culture, Condi appears as an engaging witness to her time. The conversations frequently sparkle with humor; at other moments they are infused with profound seriousness. Maryse Condi is the recipient of the French literary awards Le Grand Prix Littéraire de la Femme and Le Prix de l'Académie Française. She currently teaches at Columbia University and her most recent works include *Tree of Life* and *Crossing the Mangrove*. Born and educated in Paris, Frangoise Pfaff is a professor of French at Howard University. The translator of this book, she is also the author of *Twenty-five Black African Filmmakers: A Critical Study, with Filmography and Bio-Bibliography* and *The Cinema of Ousmane Sembène, A Pioneer of African Cinema*. *Entretiens avec Maryse Condi* was first published in France in 1993.

### **The Beautiful Ones are Not Yet Born**

In this epic tale of fate, fortune and legacy, Jennifer

Makumbi vibrantly brings to life this corner of Africa and this colourful family as she reimagines the history of Uganda through the cursed bloodline of the Kintu clan. The year is 1750. Kintu Kidde sets out for the capital to pledge allegiance to the new leader of the Buganda kingdom. Along the way he unleashes a curse that will plague his family for generations. Blending oral tradition, myth, folktale and history, Makumbi weaves together the stories of Kintu's descendants as they seek to break free from the burden of their past to produce a majestic tale of clan and country - a modern classic.

### **Segu**

The deeply prolific and widely celebrated author of such books as *Segu* and *Tales from the Heart*, Maryse Condé returns with an unforgettable new novel, *Who Slashed Celanire's Throat?* Inspired by a tragedy in the late twentieth century, Condé sets this fiction in the late nineteenth century with her characteristic blend of magical realism and fantasy. Condé lyrically, hauntingly imagines Celanire: a woman who was mutilated at birth and left for dead. Mysterious, seductive, and disarming, she is driven to uncover the truth of her past at any cost. On one hand, Celanire appears to be a saint; she is a tireless worker who has turned numerous neglected institutions into vibrant schools for motherless children. But she is also a woman apprehended by demons, as death and misfortune seem to follow in her wake. *Who Slashed Celanire's Throat?* follows both her triumphs and her trials as this survivor becomes a beautiful and

powerful woman who travels from Guadeloupe to West Africa to Peru in order to solve the mysteries of her past and avenge the crimes committed against her. This beautifully rendered story, translated by Richard Philcox from the French edition, is sure to be considered the most dazzling addition to Condé's brilliant body of work.

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