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Commonwealth Bloomsbury Publishing USA

An encyclopedia describes all aspects of world culture, broken down into six regional categories, discussing the art, dance, fashion, food, pastimes, periodicals, recreation, and transportation of each region.

Farm Journal Berghahn Books

Tracing the rise and development of the Ghanaian video film industry between 1985 and 2010, *Sensational Movies* examines video movies as seismographic devices recording a culture and society in turmoil. This book captures the dynamic process of popular filmmaking in Ghana as a new medium for the imagination and tracks the interlacing of the medium's technological, economic, social, cultural, and religious aspects. Stepping into the void left by the defunct state film industry, video movies negotiate the imaginaries deployed by state cinema on the one hand and Christianity on the other. Birgit Meyer analyzes Ghanaian video as a powerful, sensational form. Colliding with the state film industry's representations of culture, these movies are indebted to religious notions of divination and revelation. Exploring the format of "film as revelation," Meyer unpacks the affinity between cinematic and popular Christian modes of looking and showcases the transgressive potential haunting figurations of the occult. In this brilliant study, Meyer offers a deep, conceptually innovative analysis of the role of visual culture within the politics and aesthetics of religious world making.

[Understanding Global Cultures: Metaphorical Journeys Through 31 Nations, Clusters of Nations, Continents, and Diversity](#) Indiana

University Press

In an era of intensifying globalization and transnational connectivity, the dynamics of cultural production and the very notion of creativity are in transition. Exploring creative practices in various settings, the book does not only call attention to the spread of modernist discourses of creativity, from the colonial era to the current obsession with 'innovation' in neo-liberal capitalist cultural politics, but also to the less visible practices of copying, recycling and reproduction that occur as part and parcel of creative improvisation.

The Export World and Commercial Intelligence M & J Grand Orbit Communications

There is a close connection between the clothes we wear and our political expression. In 'Fashioning Africa' an international group of anthropologists, historians and art historians bring rich and diverse perspectives to this fascinating topic.

The African Communist A&C Black

Through a broad range of case studies based on pioneering research, *African Dress* explores key themes of fashion, the body, performance and identity. It is the first scholarly yet accessible overview of African fashion and dress practices.

Flow of Forms / Forms of Flow Indiana University Press

With a focus on sub-Saharan Africa, *Fashioning the Afropolis* provides a range of innovative perspectives on global fashion, design, dress, photography, and the body in some of the major cities, with a focus on Lagos, Johannesburg, Dakar, and Douala. It contributes to the ongoing debates around the globalization of fashion and fashion theory by exploring fashion as a genuine urban phenomenon on the continent and among its diasporas. To date, "fashion" and "city" have not been systematically related to each other in the African context and, for too long, a western-centric gaze has dominated scholarship, resulting in the

perception of Africa as provincial and its visual arts and textile cultures as static and folkloristic. This perspective is all the more distorted, given Africa's rich sartorial past. With a huge number of tailors ready to adapt and renew clothing, reshaping garments into contemporary styles, and many cities in Africa becoming hot-spots for a steadily growing and well-connected scene of fashion designers in the past 20 years, the time is ripe for a reevaluation and reconsideration of the fashionscapes of Africa. Leading scholars offer an updated empirical and theoretical foundation on which to base new and exciting research on sub-Saharan fashion, challenging perceptions and offering new insights.

Trickster Theatre Greenwood Publishing Group

'African Lace' denotes brightly coloured, industrially embroidered textiles that define the image of Nigerians worldwide. For over fifty years it has been the fabric of choice for festive and formal dress styles. This volume is the first to explore the history and cultural significance of this particular fabric in Nigeria. Industrial embroideries have been produced in Austria and Switzerland since the 19th century. The specific designs manufactured for the West African market go back to the early 1960s when commercial relations with the newly independent state of Nigeria began. Since then African Lace has been extremely popular in Nigeria and the resulting clothes have been adopted as 'traditional dress'. This book presents a fascinating chapter in African fashion history and enhances a contemporary aspect of culture that extends beyond the borders of a single nation, interconnecting people, ideas, and creativity through trade. African Lace highlights fashion, creativity, opulence, and the joy of social gatherings in Nigeria.

The Greenwood Encyclopedia of World Popular Culture transcript Verlag

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1945 by John H. Johnson, it still maintains the highest global circulation of any African American-focused magazine.

International Commerce NYU Press

This volume is produced in commemoration of the official retirement of Professor Kay Williamson from the Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. The contributing essayists cover five main generations of Nigerian linguists. The collection is divided into six sections: Language, history and Society; Applied Linguistics and Orthography Design; Gender and Communication Studies; Stylistics and Literature; Pragmatics, Discourse Analysis and Translation; and Formal Linguistics. Some of the contributors include: Ayo Bamgbose, Okon Essie, Ben Elugbe, P.A. Nwachukwu, E.N. Emenanjo, P. Anagbogu, Chinyere Ohiri-Aniche, O.M. Ndimele, O.G. Harry, Levi Igwe, C.U. Omego, O. Ojukwu, A.U. Weje, O.N. Anyanwu and A. Idafuro.

The Aso Ebi Chronicles: Complete Mystery Series Indiana University Press

In Caribbean history, the European colonial plantocracy created a cultural diaspora in which African slaves were torn from their ancestral homeland. In order to maintain vital links to their traditions and culture, slaves retained certain customs and nurtured them in the Caribbean. The creation of lace-bark cloth from the lagetta tree was a practice that enabled slave women to fashion their own clothing, an exercise that was both a necessity, as clothing provisions for slaves were poor, and empowering, as it allowed women who participated in the industry to achieve some financial independence. This is the first book on the subject and, through close collaboration with experts in the field including Maroon descendants, scientists and conservationists, it offers a pioneering perspective on the material culture of Caribbean slaves, bringing into focus the dynamics of race, class and gender. Focussing on the time period from the 1660s to the 1920s, it examines how the industry developed, the types of clothes made, and the people who wore them. The study asks crucial questions about the social roles that bark cloth production played in the plantation economy and colonial society, and in particular explores the relationship between bark cloth production and identity amongst slave women.

Ebony Sharon Abimbola Salu

As a teenager, I spent my time wondering why in sci-fi movies,

every landscape, every object I could see was Western or Asian based. I've finally understood that somewhere our legacy had been locked in the past, that we couldn't be "futuristic" in the eyes of our fellow Europeans. We have to look behind our shoulders, get back to our traditions, seize the best of them and shape a future with it. This without forgetting we are part of the world, totally, unquestionably. The future is for me not only a matter of dialogue with the past, but and beyond everything a dialogue with the rest of the planet. Kossi Aguessy How is it possible to adequately capture histories of design in Africa, a continent with fifty-four countries? How can one avoid producing just another essentialising master narrative of "African Design"? How can one make sense of the many entangled yet often asymmetric and sometimes ambivalent histories of form-finding processes between Africa and Europe? In keeping with the premises of a global art and design history approach, the book offers a change of perspective: focusing on the mobility of people, objects and ideas - on flows between Africa and Europe as well as on a South-South axis - allows for multiple yet necessarily fragmented design histories to be identified and recognised. The contributors trace multi-faceted design case studies from a historical perspective, with attention to the present as well as towards possible futures.

African Lace-bark in the Caribbean Scarecrow Press

Trickster Theatre traces the changing social significance of national theatre in Ghana from its rise as an idealistic state project from the time of independence to its reinvention in recent electronic, market-oriented genres. Jesse Weaver Shipley presents portraits of many key figures in Ghanaian theatre and examines how Akan trickster tales were adapted as the basis of a modern national theatre. This performance style tied Accra's evolving urban identity to rural origins and to Pan-African liberation politics. Contradictions emerge, however, when the ideal Ghanaian citizen is a mythic hustler who stands at the crossroads between personal desires and collective obligations. Shipley examines the interplay between on-stage action and off-stage events to show how trickster theatre shapes an evolving urban world.

Aesthetic Temporalities Today Greenwood Publishing Group

The Nigerian and West African practice of aso ebi fashion invokes notions of wealth and group dynamics in social gatherings.

Okechukwu Nwafor's volume *Aso ebi* investigates the practice in the cosmopolitan urban setting of Lagos, and argues that the visual and consumerist hype typical of the late capitalist system feeds this unique fashion practice. The book suggests that dress, fashion, aso ebi, and photography engender a new visual culture that largely reflects the economics of mundane living. Nwafor examines the practice's societal dilemma, whereby the solidarity of aso ebi is dismissed by many as an ephemeral transaction. A circuitous transaction among photographers, fashion magazine producers, textile merchants, tailors, and individual fashionistas reinvents aso ebi as a product of cosmopolitan urban modernity. The results are a fetishization of various forms of commodity culture, personality cults through mass followership, the negotiation of symbolic power through mass-produced images, exchange value in human relationships through gifts, and a form of exclusion achieved through digital photo editing. *Aso ebi* has become an essential part of Lagos cosmopolitanism: as a rising form of a unique visual culture it is central to the unprecedented spread of a unique West African fashion style that revels in excessive textile overflow. This extreme dress style is what an individual requires to transcend the lack imposed by the chaos of the postcolonial city.

African Fashion, Global Style transcript Verlag

Global Trade and Cultural Authentication, edited by Joanne Eicher, showcases the complexity and enduring aesthetic and ingenuity of Kalabari artisans. The Kalabari people, most of whom make their homes in the eastern Niger Delta region of western Africa, are renowned for the artistry in working with globally imported textiles and dress for centuries. The 22 essays in this edited volume feature the work of leading Nigerian and American scholars and offer an in-depth, nuanced understanding of Kalabari textiles, aesthetics, and engagement with past and present global trade networks. Using dress and textiles as a lens, *Global Trade and Cultural Authentication* explores the Kalabari people's centuries-long role in the global trade arena. Their economic interconnectedness demonstrates that Africa was never a "dark continent" but, rather, critically involved in a global trade built around Kalabari resourcefulness and imagination.

Commonwealth Journal Bloomsbury Publishing

G. Pascal Zachary is a foreign correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal* when he finds love in, of all places, the zoo in Accra,

Ghana. That is where he meets Chizo Okon, the surrogate mother for an orphaned chimpanzee. In *Married to Africa*, Zachary tells their warm and humorous story, which is as much about the marriage of two cultures as it is about the marriage of two people. Chizo introduces Zachary to an Africa usually overlooked by visitors. He learns about the spiritual fervor of ordinary Africans, the mysterious power of juju and the rewards of eating bushmeat and other African dishes. He learns how to haggle effectively, pick a reliable taxi driver, live on "Africa time" and adapt to being a white minority in a black society. Chizo, meanwhile, deftly adapts to living with her obruni, the local nickname for a white person. As their romance deepens, the couple learns how differently things can appear to them. While Zachary indulges a passion for traditional African art, Chizo worries about the possible evil spirits harbored in his wooden statues. When the two move to San Francisco, Chizo must learn to navigate a new world. The result is a different kind of immigrant story, powered by a series of wacky, wonderful and unforgettable tales -- such as Chizo taking a machete to Zachary's ex-wife's garden (not out of malice, of course), driving enthusiastically without a license, charming her hard-boiled Jewish mother-in-law and managing requests from poor relatives in Africa. The arrival of Chizo's teenage daughter marks the end of the beginning and the start of a new saga in this uniquely American love story. *Married to Africa* is a tender and charming account of a marriage and a fascinating look at how two people come to know each other across culture and race.

Fashioning Africa Simon and Schuster

This book interrogates the white savior industrial complex by exploring how America continues to present an imagined Africa as a space for its salvation in the 21st century. Through close readings of multiple mediated sites where Americans imagine Africa, *White Saviorism and Popular Culture* examines how an era of new media technologies is reshaping encounters between Africans and westerners in the 21st century, especially as Africans living and experiencing the consequences of western imaginings are also mobilizing the same mediated spaces. Kathryn Mathers emphasizes that the articulation of different forms of humanitarian engagement between America and Africa marks the necessity to interrogate the white savior industrial complex and the ways Africa is being asked to fulfill American needs as life in

the United States becomes increasingly intolerable for Black Americans. Drawing on case studies from Savior Barbie (@barbiesavior) to Black Panther and Black is King, Mathers posits that global imperialism not only still reigns, but that it also disguises white supremacy by outsourcing Black American emancipation onto an imagined Africa. This is crucial reading for courses on the cultural politics of representation, particularly in relation to race, social media and popular culture, as well as anyone interested in issues of representation in the global humanitarianism industry.

West Africa Indiana University Press

This special omnibus collection contains all four novellas in a single volume. The Aso Ebi Chronicles is a mystery and romance series set in Lagos, Nigeria. The entire collection of African lady detective mysteries is collected for the first time, in one thrilling bundle. Available as an eBook bundle and paperback, this series box set of four intriguing mysteries will make a great addition to your library. In the novellas, four strong female protagonists find themselves in situations where they have to play the roles of private female investigators to solve puzzling mysteries. The adventures of these amateur female sleuths, solving mysteries and finding love in the Lagos metropolis are collected in this 4-in-1 mystery bundle. The collection includes: **BEWAJI'S ANKARA ADVENTURES (BOOK # 1)** Bewaji is a 24-year old woman who is hired to investigate a strange case involving an American woman romantically involved with a man living in Nigeria. The presumption is that the woman is a victim of one of the popular romance scams. Will her suspicions be proven right? **WURA'S WOODIN ADVENTURES (BOOK # 2)** Someone has been stealing expensive jewelry from Alhaja Munirat Rahman, a fabric and jewelry merchant. It is up to Wura Oyelese, her 20-something-year-old niece, to unmask the culprit. As she nurtures a budding romance with the intriguing Kola Adegbenro and pursues the highly-coveted title of Miss UNILAG, will Wura catch the thief? **LARA'S LACE ADVENTURES (BOOK # 3)** Lara Adefuye stumbles on an old picture, which brings her face-to-face with the bitter truth behind her name. Then, a chance reunion with an old university classmate leads her to start an adventure of her own, working undercover as a private investigator at a prestigious secondary school. As Lara works to solve a puzzling mystery, she discovers

the power of relationships, especially when she finds herself entwined in a romance she was not expecting. **VIOLET'S VELVET ADVENTURES (BOOK # 4)** Violet Edem leads a relatively boring life as a Finance teacher at a community college in Houston, Texas. Her love life is just as boring as her job until the unexpected happens. Two men waltz into her life and Violet must decide which one of them has a future with her. Then as she prepares for a wedding, something terrible happens to the groom. Violet is unwittingly swept up in solving a mystery where she discovers that the past may very well hold the key to the future. Aso Ebi means "family cloth" in Yoruba. These stories celebrate the rich African culture, taking the reader on a journey into the lives of four young Nigerian women. The novellas can be read in any order.

Africa Woman Taylor & Francis

African Fashion, Global Style provides a lively look at fashion, international networks of style, material culture, and the world of African aesthetic expression. Victoria L. Rovine introduces fashion designers whose work reflects African histories and cultures both conceptually and stylistically, and demonstrates that dress styles associated with indigenous cultures may have all the hallmarks of high fashion. Taking readers into the complexities of influence and inspiration manifested through fashion, this book highlights the visually appealing, widely accessible, and highly adaptable styles of African dress that flourish on the global fashion market.

Foreign Commerce Weekly Univ of California Press

From the local to the global, Yoruba people cherish textile consumption and fashion in everyday life. Central to this is the role of Yoruba women in the making of a fashion culture. As this book shows, textile commodities are entangled in global economic histories, yet the local consumption culture has created a fashion industry that portrays new ways of work and talent display beyond the twentieth century. This text is useful for researchers who wish to gain deeper insights into a critical, but often neglected, aspect of being Yoruba.

Four Decades in the Study of Nigerian Languages and Linguistics Cambridge Scholars Publishing

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