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The Invention ; &, the Detainee Random House Trade Paperbacks

The five plays in this collection are linked by their concern with the spiritual and the social, with belief and ritual as integrating forces for social cohesion.--

Opera Wonyosi Spectrum Books

Colonial District Officer Simon Pilkings and his protege, Olunde, whose medical training in England Pilkings arranged, clash over Pilkings' determination to interfere with Olunde's father's ritual suicide, traditionally required of a dead king's chief horseman.

The Credo of Being and Nothingness Hill & Wang

Traces Nigeria's recent history and politics, chronicling its decline from post-colonial success to its current military dictatorship, and speculates on its future as a nation.

The Burden of Memory, the Muse of Forgiveness Methuen Drama

Wole Soyinka was the first African to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. In this year's prestigious series of Reith Lectures, Soyinka considers fear as a predominant theme in the world of politics

The Open Sore of a Continent London ; New York : Oxford University Press

A member of the unique generation of African writers and intellectuals who came of age in the last days of colonialism, Wole Soyinka has witnessed the promise of independence and lived through postcolonial failure. He deeply comprehends the pressing problems of Africa, and, an irrepressible essayist and a staunch critic of the oppressive boot, he unhesitatingly speaks out. In this

magnificent new work, Soyinka offers a wide-ranging inquiry into Africa's culture, religion, history, imagination, and identity. He seeks to understand how the continent's history is entwined with the histories of others, while exploring Africa's truest assets: "its humanity, the quality and valuation of its own existence, and modes of managing its environment—both physical and intangible (which includes the spiritual)." Fully grasping the extent of Africa's most challenging issues, Soyinka nevertheless refuses defeatism. With eloquence he analyzes problems ranging from the meaning of the past to the threat of theocracy. He asks hard questions about racial attitudes, inter-ethnic and religious violence, the viability of nations whose boundaries were laid out by outsiders, African identity on the continent and among displaced Africans, and more. Soyinka's exploration of Africa relocates the continent in the reader's imagination and maps a course toward an African future of peace and affirmation.

Of Africa London : Oxford University Press

This collection brings together *Idanre and Other Poems* and *A Shuttle in the Crypt*, two powerful and distinctive volumes of the early poetry of Nobel Prize laureate and Nigerian exile Wole Soyinka. Taken as a whole, Soyinka's early poetry may be viewed as a valiant effort to reconcile the mysterious legacy of the old with the often harsh realities of an entire continent's abrupt entry into the twentieth century.

The Man Died Arrow

From the first Black winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature—his debut novel about a group of young Nigerian intellectuals trying to come to grips with themselves and their changing country.

First published in 1965. Friends since high school, the five young men at the heart of *The Interpreters* have returned to Lagos after studying abroad to embark on careers as a physician, a journalist, an engineer, a teacher, and an artist. As they navigate wild parties, affairs of the heart, philosophical debates, and professional dilemmas, they struggle to reconcile the cultural traditions and Western influences that have shaped them—and that still divide their country. Soyinka deftly weaves memories of the past through scenes of the present as the five friends move toward an uncertain future. The result is a vividly realized fictional world rendered in prose that pivots easily from satire to tragedy and manages to be both wildly funny and soaringly poetic.

Poems from Prison W. W. Norton & Company

"King Baabu chronicles the debauched rule of General Basha Bash, who takes power in a coup and exchanges his general's uniform for a robe and crown. In the manner of Alfred Jarry's *Ubu Roi*, this is a ferocious, crackpot satire of the plague of dictatorship on the African continent. Weaving together burlesque comedy, theatrical excess and storytelling, it has been hailed as a brilliant parody of political regimes in Africa and beyond." --Book Jacket.

Samarkand and Other Markets I Have Known Vintage

Soyinka unveils the rotten aspects of the society and demonstrates that the past is no better than the present when it comes to the seamy side of life. He lays bare the fabric of the Nigerian society and warns people as they are on the brink of a new stage in their history: independence.

Collected Plays: A dance of the forests. The swamp dwellers. The strong breed.

The road. The Bacchae of Euripides
Random House

This volume contains poems from 1966 to 1989. *A Shuttle in the Crypt*, written while Soyinka was in prison, maps out the course trodden by a mind under solitary confinement. *Idanre*, a poem on the creation myth of Ogun, was written for the Commonwealth Arts Festival, while *Mandela's Earth* presents a selection of poems that are of searing urgency.

Myth, Literature and the African World Profile Books(GB)

"From the first African Nobel Laureate, this is the first in a series of Olufosoye Annual Lectures on Religions, delivered at the University of Ibadan in 1991. Soyinka, in his characteristically stimulating way, discusses the religions of Nigeria in their national context, and other religions from around the world. The author says "'At one conceptual level or the other...deeply embedded as an article of faith, is a relegation of this material world to a mere staging-post...then universal negation...Existence, as we know it, comes to the end that was pre-ordained from the beginning of time. Indeed, time itself comes to an end.'""

King Baabu Vintage

A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR • The first Black winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature gives us a tour de force, combining "elements of a murder mystery, a searing political satire and an Alice in Wonderland-like modern allegory of power and deceit" (Los Angeles Times). In an imaginary Nigeria, a cunning entrepreneur is selling body parts stolen from Dr. Menka's hospital for use in ritualistic practices. Dr. Menka shares the grisly news with his oldest college friend, bon viveur, star engineer, and Yoruba royal, Duyole Pitan-Payne.

The life of every party, Duyole is about to assume a prestigious post at the United Nations in New York, but it now seems that someone is determined that he not make it there. And neither Dr. Menka nor Duyole knows why, or how close the enemy is, or how powerful. *Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth* is at once a literary hoot, a crafty whodunit, and a scathing indictment of political and social corruption. It is a stirring call to arms against the abuse of power from one of our fiercest political activists, who also happens to be a global literary giant. *Selected Poems* A&C Black

Explores the tensions of adolescent awakening set against the internal conflict of generations in a modern Yoruba family, against pressures of European Christianity on the traditional cultural patterns of West African life.

This Past Must Address Its Present
Yale University Press

The first African to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature, as well as a political activist of prodigious energies, Wole Soyinka now follows his modern classic *Ake: The Years of Childhood* with an equally important chronicle of his turbulent life as an adult in (and in exile from) his beloved, beleaguered homeland. In the tough, humane, and lyrical language that has typified his plays and novels, Soyinka captures the indomitable spirit of Nigeria itself by bringing to life the friends and family who bolstered and inspired him, and by describing the pioneering theater works that defied censure and tradition. Soyinka not only recounts his exile and the terrible reign of General Sani Abacha, but shares vivid memories and playful anecdotes—including his improbable friendship with a prominent Nigerian businessman and the time he

smuggled a frozen wildcat into America so that his students could experience a proper Nigerian barbecue. More than a major figure in the world of literature, Wole Soyinka is a courageous voice for human rights, democracy, and freedom. *You Must Set Forth at Dawn* is an intimate chronicle of his thrilling public life, a meditation on justice and tyranny, and a mesmerizing testament to a ravaged yet hopeful land.

The Interpreters Methuen Publishing "Madman and Specialists" examines the way in which war exposes and clarifies human conduct; "Opera Woynosi" is adapted from Gay's "The Beggar's Opera" and is a fierce assault on totalitarianism; and four other Wole Soyinka plays are included in this volume.

Camwood on the Leaves MacMillan
A collection of poems about human encounters and inhuman isolation, based on the African author's reflections on his imprisonment in Nigeria

Ìsarà, a Voyage Around "Essay" Hill & Wang

A dazzling memoir of an African childhood from Nobel Prize-winning Nigerian novelist, playwright, and poet Wole Soyinka. *Aké: The Years of Childhood* gives us the story of Soyinka's boyhood before and during World War II in a Yoruba village in western Nigeria called Aké. A relentlessly curious child who loved books and getting into trouble, Soyinka grew up on a parsonage compound, raised by Christian parents and by a grandfather who introduced him to Yoruba spiritual traditions. His vivid evocation of the colorful sights, sounds, and aromas of the world that shaped him is both lyrically beautiful and laced with humor and the sheer delight of a child's-eye view. A classic of African autobiography, *Aké* is also a

transcendantly timeless portrait of the mysteries of childhood.

Collected Plays W.E.B. Du Bois Institute
The Nigerian Nobel laureate presents a collection of new poems in homage to South African leader Nelson Mandela, excoriating political corruption and moral flabbiness and meditating on the ambivalences and ambiguities of life and love

A Dance of the Forests Yale University Press

An intimate reflection on culture and tradition, creativity and power, that draws on a lifetime's commitment to aesthetic encounter The playwright, poet, essayist, novelist, and Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka is also a longtime art collector. This book of essays offers a glimpse into the motivations of the collector, as well as a highly personal look at the politics of aesthetics and collecting. Detailing moments of first encounter with objects that drew him in and continue to affect him, Soyinka describes a world of mortals, muses, and deities that imbue the artworks with history and meaning. Beyond Aesthetics is a passionate discussion of the role of identity, tradition, and originality in

making, collecting, and exhibiting African art today. Soyinka considers objects that have stirred controversy, and he decries dogmatic efforts—whether colonial or religious—to suppress Africa's artistic traditions. By turns poetic, provocative, and humorous, Soyinka affirms the power of collecting to reclaim tradition. He urges African artists, filmmakers, collectors, and curators to engage with their aesthetic and cultural histories.

Climate of Fear London ; New York : Oxford University Press

This is the first formal publication of two early plays by Soyinka, *The Invention* (1959) and *The Detainee* (1965). Widely regarded as Soyinka's first play, *The Invention* reflects the obsession with race that marked the apartheid regime, and prophetically depicts the beginnings of the crumbling of the apartheid system in the futuristic setting of Johannesburg in 1976. It expresses the concern of the African diapsora with apartheid, which was felt to be an affront to the entire race. *The Detainee* is a radioplay. The plot foreshadows the writer's own imprisonment and his now familiar concerns about the vagaries of African politics.