

Abraham raises the roof *Reads with Uyo Book Club Shares his transformational memoir*

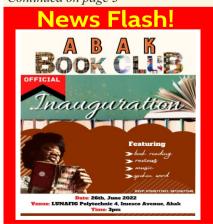
t the gathering of a select group of literati in the gorgeous Watbridge Letters House for 'An **Evening with Dr. Emmanuel T.** Abraham,' the guest speaker literally raised the roof. Abraham told the epic story of his educational exploits starting from how he couldn't afford to pay his school fees and consequently didn't have a hostel space and meal ticket. He eventually ended up delivering the valedictorian speech four years after the bleak early moments when he emerged the best graduating student at the University of Calabar second graduation ceremony in 1981.

The forum was the Reading Session of the Uyo Book Club for June 2022. The Guest Reader/Founder of Topfaith Schools and University, Mkpatak, Essien Udim Local Government Area, Dr Emmanuel T. Abraham stated that the future of any society is tied to sound and qualitative education. He



regretted that while the society expects a lot from the younger generation, the adult population has made little investment in the provision of facilities that would afford the younger generation qualitative education. Dr Abraham also read some sections of his memoir entitled *THE PREVIOUS HOURS OF MY PRESENT DAYS*, which chronicles his humble beginning to a successful educationist he is now.

Also speaking, the University Librarian, Federal University of Otuoke, Bayelsa State, Prof. Felicia Etim lauded the Book Club Project in view of its enormous advantages including academic *Continued on page 3*











EDITORIAL

Reading Maketh a Man

The saying that '*reading maketh a man*,' is a truism. An extended version of the axiom, ascribed to Francis Bacon, reads: "*Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an*

exact man." Francis Bacon (1561-1609) was an English statesman and philosopher. Many scholars have stretched Bacon's much quoted philosophical saying with respect to 'reading, conference and writing' as constituting essential building blocks for making an *exact man*.

"*Reading makes a full man*" refers to one being able to fill the mind with information and ideas which inspire and provide for further thought and lead to new ideas. Reading thus enriches the reader and aid in enhancing informed thoughts.

By "*conference makes a ready man*," Bacon evidently means conversation. Robust and varied conversations will make a man to be better informed and adaptable to varying situations and personalities. Open and frank conversations enable one to examine and appraise issues from different perspectives. This acts as a sturdy foundation for readying oneself for potential events.

"Writing makes an exact man," because writing forces one to think about what he wants to communicate. It also develops the habit of always trying to find the right word. Writing, although essentially a creative process, is also scientific, involving certain procedural rigidity. The rules of grammar and punctuation, if not adhered to, may significantly alter the intended message of the writer. The same is true of vocabulary; if the wrong word is utilized, the import of the writer's communication could be diminished. Therefore, writing may contribute to making people "exact" in their actions.

The avowed mission of Uyo Book Club (UBC) is the promotion of "an intellectual hub - a community of lovers of education; reading, writing and discourse." This resonates with the philosophical underpinning of Bacon of "reading making a full man; conference a ready man; and writing and exact man." The UBC is hopeful that the objective to "re-awaken the reading culture among people at all levels in society," will bring a glorious and ennobling outcome: "We believe that through reading, the sensibilities of people can be refined as a foundation for a better society." Indeed, Sir Francis Bacon is still making converts some 413 years since he passed on. It speaks to the power and potency of reading. Uyo Book Club enjoins all to join the revolution and ennobling crusade of reading if we must turn out as *full, ready*

Quotable Quote

"Reading culture in Akwa Ibom State is being enhanced by the contributions of Uyo Book Club."

- **Prof Charles Obot** Head, Department of Film and Multimedia Studies University of Uyo, Uyo



and exact men and women.



Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi DG, National Library of Nigeria @ The Nigeria International Book Fair in Lagos

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NEWS

Uyo Book Club Celebrates World Book Day

The Uyo Book Club joined other book lovers the world over to mark the World Book Day in Uyo on 23rd April, 2022. The event which was held at Helemah Events Centre saw an array of book lovers, authors, students and scholars converging to mark the event.

Dr Udeme Nana, founder of Uyo Book Club in his remarks challenged the youths to nurture reading as a virus and help make that virus to spread like an epidemic in the society. He admonished them to adopt the 'DEAR' strategy (Drop Everything And Read) and infect their family members, school mates, friends and acquaintances with the reading culture, noting that reading would refine their sensibilities and make people to become better enlightened and useful citizens in the society.

The Advisor of Inoyo Toro Foundation, Udom Inoyo who served as the Chief Reader on the occasion and read from the book *The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell pointed out that his first reading of Gladwell's work opened his eyes to the fact that little things can actually make a big difference. Inoyo noted that the book reminded us that our thoughts, products, messages and behaviours can actually spread like virus if three agents are present namely ;'The law of the few', 'The Stickiness Factor' and the 'Power of Context'.

Other notable names who graced the event included Rt. Hon Ekong Sampson, Anietie Usen of the *Village Boy* fame, Celestine Mel, Ini Ite-Ubong, author of *Ekong Nke*, Liberty Bassey, and Schools represented by their students, Teachers and some members of the Uyo Book Club.

The Apostolic Faith Secondary School, Ikot Enwang, Ikot Ekpene won the quiz competition and they went home with a trophy and a cash prize while Adiaha Obong Secondary School and Nigerian Christian Institute both in Uyo also smiled home with cash prizes as second and third place winners respectively.

Uyo Book Club Congratulates Patron on Senate Nomination

The Uyo Book Club has congratulated her Patron, Rt Hon. (Barr) Ekong Sampson on his victory at the just concluded PDP Senatorial nomination exercise held recently throughout the country. Barr. Sampson in June emerged as the winner of the Akwa Ibom South senate PDP Primary.

Conveying the Club's message of congratulations, founder of Uyo Book Club, Dr Udeme Nana described Dr Ekong Sampson as the kind of politician Nigeria needs now because of his love for Education and intellectualism. Dr Nana said that the Nigerian Senate will benefit immensely from Barr. Sampson's cerebral contributions and scholarly engagements.

Dr. Nana also said that the former Mkpat Enin Lawmaker's victory was a huge boost to the Book Club initiative noting that Dr. Ekong Sampson is a respected author, poet, lawyer and a lover of education.

Dr. Nana further announced that the Book Club has gained much grounds since its establishment, adding that efforts were being made to spread the virus of reading in all parts of the state. He restated the benefits of reading in our daily lives, observing that a time will come when the society will look up to people with refined sensibilities for leadership at all levels.

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and personal intellectual development. Prof Etim urged the initiator of the Book Club to mobilize more young people across the State to be part of the book reading revolution.

The Patron of Uyo Book Club and donor of the Reading Hall, Dr. Ekong Sampson said that policies should drive politics and not the other way round, a situation he regretted is responsible for the deterioration of education and other sectors of Nigeria's development. He reiterated his lifetime commitment to supporting and promoting education in all its

ramifications.

Another highlight of the session was the review of the book THE CRUMB EATERS which was brilliantly done by Ms Imaobong Okpon. Some of the guests who spoke at the session included Prof Joseph Ushie -Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Uyo, Prof Charles Obot, Head, Department of Film and Multimedia Studies, University of Uyo, Dr Arnold Udoaka - Department of Theatre and Film Studies, University of Calabar, Dr Martins Akpan - a medical practitioner and author.

private initiative of Dr Udeme Nana has inspired the formation of Raffia City Book Club, Ikot Ekpene, Eket Book Club, Abak Book Club, NCI Book Club, KidTeens Book Club and good prospect for more Book Clubs in the State. The gesture is geared towards re-igniting the culture of reading; promote reading as a social activity with a view to refining the sensibilities of people. The Club is a non political, nonethnic, non-discriminatory and a free-for-all forum for book lovers.

The Uyo Book Club which is a

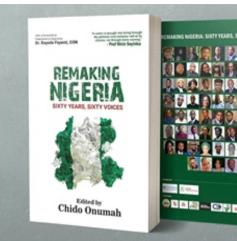
(With contributions from Prof. Charles Obot, Endiong John, and Anie Sunny Udoh)

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Remaking Nigeria: Sixty Years, Sixty Voices

"Each generation must out of relative obscurity discover its mission, fulfill it, or betray it." - Franz Fanon

igeria is hot news, any day! Its capacity for springing surprises is legendary. The news about the country encompasses the good, the bad, and the ugly. And in the nature of what trends as news, the not so pleasing and pleasant dominate the headline news on Nigeria. It's a country many love to hate but unable to ignore or write off. Most people are awed by its audacity, dazed by its diversity, revered by its resourcefulness, curious by its complexity, shudder at its simplicity, and offended by its obtuseness.

The book, **REMAKING NIGERIA:** SIXTY YEARS, SIXTY VOICES,

edited by Chido Onumah is a compendium of essays that reads like a manifesto for renewed national development. There is the parable of some blind men and an elephant. The description of the elephant was as varied as the reporting blind men. As the tale goes, the varied descriptions brought about acrimony among the blind men largely because of their respective limited experience and distrust of each other's view. This book proclaims the voices of sixty select authors

providing insights from many perspectives mostly on Nigeria's leadership and followership deficiencies. Unlike the experience of the blind men

and the elephant, the contributions of the sixty authors are insightful and a collection of valuable resources for enlightened and informed policy direction. The book was designed as a commemorative project at Nigeria's 60th postindependence anniversary and first published in October 2020.

The careful selection of sixty quality contributors with substance, passion, anger, patriotism and hope is remarkable and heartwarming. The book editor insists that "A new Nigeria is possible." His vision is a Nigeria that is meaningful, modern and relevant in the 21st century. The relics of the creation of "the British Empire, the Royal Niger Company, Sir Frederick Lugard, internal colonialists or the new imperialists" must be banished. The architects for the "new Nigeria" are young

Nigerians who must accept the responsibility for the future, end the blame game and get involved in the quest to reclaim and remake Nigeria. 'Fisayo Soyombo, an unusual and dare-devil investigative journalist cautions that "On our troubles as a nation, there are no quick fixes." He shares a rare optimism in the emergence of the "new Nigeria." In Soyombo's words: "Nigeria is still blessed with people of knowledge, conscience and integrity who, though in the minority, are capable of propelling us to the path to fulfilling the promise and hope of independence. But only if we manage to get them into key leadership positions."

The book qualifies as a collector's item. It is worth the investment in acquiring, reading, studying and keeping it as a valuable resource for reflection, renewal, and repositioning of a country full of potentials, prospects and promises. We should all, sincerely, hope for that New Nigeria to come, in the not so distant future!

By Anie Sunny UDOH June 2022



POEMS

WORLDS APART

-Udeme Nana

The large crowd got access through the wider gate Resplendent in hand-maid Swiss lace materials Bedecked in gold bangles, necklaces, ear and nose rings Chauffeured into the premises in glittering black tinted SUV's with covered-up number plates The traffic of exotic vehicles jam-packed every available space in the well appointed venue Making a walk around the vicinity a momentary sideways exercise The gathering inside were plumes of the creme-de-creme of well fed movers and shakers of society assembled to eat, drink, toast and dance with an amazon Ensconced at the temple of justice Has the social etiquette been modernized to accommodate judges dancing Buga in full public glare with common folks? **Prospective litigants?** Sparta came to mind !

The small and narrow gate led to a smaller hall

Accessed through a pristine staircase The Hall, well arranged initially hosted an audience of empty seats A tour, strategic in execution to buy time took some time so the poor, the needy, thirsty for intellectual nourishment could journey in by foot Moments later, it was filled to the brim, overflowing with teenagers, youths, adults, full grown men and women There wasn't any food nor drinks No yummy delicacy nor trending music No dance troupe nor dancers No merriment but they sat through eager to listen and pick up lessons from the story of **Topfaith**; focus, grit, hope, hard work, self-discipline, integrity Resulting in ultimate success and fulfillment

Both events held in Watbridge but for people whose philosophy, principles and values are worlds apart. Like Sparta and Athens !

READ ME A BOOK

By Rosebeth Richard Cletus

Read me a book And then you will see Come with me to the land of your dreams Passing the rainbows Passing the sky's Bring you to a world where fairy tale lies

Open a book And then you will see A beautiful world of your imagination it would be. There us a land Where mermaids sing, Where carpets fly, in the midst of the sky And ghost looking all shivery and white.

Open a book And then you will find People and places of every kind. Open a book and then you can be, A fairy, a captain in the legend of the seas.

I opened a book Do you know what I found? I found myself gliding amongst the clouds in the sky. I opened a book and made new friends, of which I could share, their laughter and their tears.

I opened a book And then I could fly Like a bird Like a witch Like a fairy in the sky.

I became Cinderella, dancing with the prince Or snow white Or Barbie Even sleeping beauty.

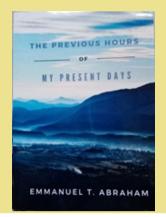
I opened a book and then I knew The history of life, its wisdom and its strife And with this knowledge, I will rise To stardom I will rise To blossom like the rose at dawn.

I read a book And with that power Like an eagle I will soar Above the challenges that roar I'll spread my wings and fly

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BOOK GALLERY

THE PREVIOUS HOURS OF MY PRESENT DAYS By Dr Emmanuel T. Abraham



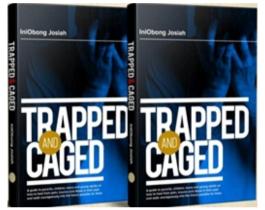
The recollection of the events which took place many decades back is outstanding, from the beginning in a rustic, but now 'modern' village of Mkpatak... [Emmanuel Abraham] in an achievement-filled enterprise and journey....now has written the name of his community of Mkpatak into the world map of rapidly developing and transforming communities.

TRAPPED

By IniObong Josiah

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CAGED



Many people who abuse children blackmail them and tell them that no one would want anything to do with them if they knew what they were doing. Abuse can be in different forms. It can be emotional, physical, mental, social, and sexual...This book, *TRAPPED AND CAGED*, examines them all.

 NEWS AS

 By Anietie Isong

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NEWS AT NOON tells the story of a tense and conflicting balancing act. The main character Ifiok thrives to find success on three major fronts namely, his quest to become the next president of the Society of Journalists, win the battle against misinformation and find love along the way?

PERFECT MOTHER By Uduak Akpabio



Set in present-day Nigeria, *Perfect Mother* focuses on a turbulent week in the lives of a moneyed middle-class Lagos family. Ani Umoh, a successful businessman, lives happily with wife Celia and their three young daughters. The only thing missing from their lives is a son; and Ani's mother, visiting from the village, stirs discord by agitating for Celia to provide an heir or step aside so that Ani can take a second wife. Celia is more than a match for her mother-in-law. But an unexpected revelation drives Celia to desperate measures in order to restore harmony to her household . . . with tragic consequences. Compelling and humorous, *Perfect Mother* is a richly emotional portrait of family life in modern Nigeria: where the city dwellers, though prosperous, cannot escape the traditional values and superstitions of the village .











PERSONALITY PROFILE

Dr Martin Akpan



r Martin Akpan is a medical graduate of the University of Nigeria. A prolific writer, public speaker, Anti-AIDS campaigner and community organizer, he holds a post graduate degree in Family Medicine from Texila American University, Georgetown, Guyana. Akpan speaks and writes with a crusader's undying candour

and passion. His published works include: *Brainwaves At Dawn* (1992), *Mixed Strokes* (1998), *Good Night Africa* (2009), *Awakening The Giant* (2009), *Climate of Health and Well being* (2010) and *Ripples of Rebirth* (2019). His political thriller, *The Crumb Eaters*, published in 1999, has been adjudged his magnum opus.

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55 Dr. Akpan is widely-traveled and a member of many professional and philanthropic organizations including the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, International Association of Lions Clubs, International AIDS Society, Toastmasters International, African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect, ANPPCAN; Society for AIDS in Africa and Association of Nigerian Authors where he has served as a State Chairman and a National Judge.

He has also held many public offices and positions of responsibility including Editor-in-Chief of the State branch of Nigerian Medical Association, Chairman, Akwa Ibom State Action Committee on AIDS (AKSACA) and Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, Uyo, Nigeria. He is currently the Chairman, Akwa Ibom State Primary Healthcare Board.

READ ME A BOOK

To an altitude With no magnitude To stop the song that sings and the bells that rings.

I read a book And like Martin Luther I have a dream to bring out the best in me.

I read a book And like Newton without a force an object will keep on standing till infinity.

I read a book And then I'm knew The legends and myths that cultures bore. I read a book Like the bible and I knew the mystery surrounding

the earths core.

I read a book ;

And I knew I was beautiful and wonderfully made. Now I end with Jane Yolden which said Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes Read to me stories of magical times Read to me tales of castles and kings Read to me stories of fabulous things Read to me pirates and read to me knight Read to me dragons and dragon book fights Read to me spaceships and cowboy and then When you are finished please read them again.

Valedictory Address**

By Emmanuel T. Abraham

t's been a profound gratitude for me to deliver this farewell address on behalf of the 1980/81 graduates of the University of Calabar...To keep this date is historic not only because it reminds all the 1980/81 graduates of their successes but also because Nigeria's pride with respect to domestic production of indigenous high level manpower has increased.

As a matter of fact this date is very significant in Nigeria's struggle for development especially when one remembers that in any nation what ultimately determines the pace of economic growth and social change are human resources. In fact capital or material resources are simply passive factors of production.

It is obvious that the fundamental agent for developing human skills and knowledge is the formal educational system such as is the case with the University of Calabar. However the impression that I wish to create here is that evidence in Nigeria's development efforts has not revealed any clear cut positive correlation between higher degrees and certificates and improved ability to undertake productive work, exhibit independence of thought and attitudes.

In fact the claims that education would accelerate economic growth, raise levels of living especially for the have-nots, generate widespread and equal employment opportunities for all, acculturate diverse ethnic or tribal groups, and encourage modern attitudes, have all been glaringly false in many instances...

My plea to my graduate colleagues is that we should ourselves and try to exhibit some independence of thought, attitude and reactions to issues. As products of a formal education system we should try to function as agents of economic and social change in our society. We should possess values, ideas, attitudes and aspirations which may be in Nigeria's best developmental interest.

**being extract from a Valedictory Address by Mr. Emmanuel T. Abraham during the 2nd Convocation ceremony of the University of Calabar on Saturday, 17th October, 1981

Rosebeth Richard Cletus Name : 16 Age: DOB: 25th September 2005 Mrs Uwem Hezekiah Name of mother : Name of father: **Mr Richard Cletus** State of birth : Delta state State of origin: Akwa Ibom L. G. A of origin : Abak Name of village : Ikot Oku bara Ediene Abak Number of siblings : 3 Name of primary school Nehemiah International school, attended: Effurun, Delta state Name of secondary Schools attended : 1. Comprehensive Secondary School, Ediene from Jss 1 to 3 2. Ennon High School Nifor road, Oku Abak from SSS 1 to 3 reading, writing, playing scrabble, listening to news, Hobbies : listening to music, watching movies to become a medical doctor. Ambition :

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TASK:

• Trace the listed WORDS by <u>listing the corresponding numbers of the alphabets that matches them.</u>

E.g. **PVC (1,2,3); VOTE (16,17,18,19)**.

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