



Yoruba Proverbs (Paperback)

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University of Nebraska Press, United States, 2008. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The leopard s stealthy gait is not a result of cowardice; it is simply stalking a prey. (Do not mistake people s gentle nature for spinelessness.) The rabbit that eats yams and enjoys them will return for more. (People remember good experiences and seek their repetition.) The chicken sweats, but its down prevents us from knowing. (Everybody has his or her problems, although strangers may not guess.) The mouth does not say, ` I ate once before. (Hunger is not something one assuages once and for all.) It is a light rain that chases a child indoors; it is a raging torrent that shakes the raffia palm to its roots. (Every person, however lowly or mighty, has his or her nemesis.) Yoruba Proverbs is the most comprehensive collection to date of more than five thousand Yoruban proverbs that showcase Yoruba oral tradition. Following Oyekan Owomoyela s introduction, which provides a framework and description of Yoruba cultural beliefs, the proverbs are arranged by theme into five sections: the good person; the fortunate person (or the good life); relationships; human nature; rights and responsibilities; and truisms. Each...

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