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Customer Reviews

I was provided with a free copy of this book so I could give an honest review. I have been perplexed by similar questions as the author's for a while. I am so happy and thankful for Mr. Marricke Kofi Gane's phenomenal questioning about why Africa is not becoming a first world continent, what happened to the African nations under colonial rule, and what possibly can be done to change the future. I love the long, poetic like dedication that I found very profound and inspiring. Here is one of

my favorite passages: "To those angry enough to dare see it change for good, even if beyond their time; To those unafraid enough to venture to ask the hard questions about Africa...". Mr. Gane first tells about his childhood, and that his "grandfather used to tell about the pride they had in their time". People hoped to become a "first-world" continent real soon. But by the time he was older, Africa went from bad to worse. His main focus is to ask the hard questions that may challenge other Africans to really think hard about them (the questions) in a new way, and hopefully act on them. He also explained that he is not pointing fingers at anyone. Mr. Gane asks the tough questions of what and/or who could have contributed to Africa's oppression, up to and including now. I absolutely love his brilliant questions and suggestions of what might have (or DID but he is not saying that word) caused the African people to accept their lot in life, and not do anything to raise themselves up. Africa has the world's greatest natural resources, as well as people who could make Africa self-sufficient.; Other reviewers are giving him a hard time for only asking the questions. He is deliberately posing these questions as objectively as he can in order to make people ponder, think and decide for themselves.

As an Italian who was born in Eritrea, I was drawn to this book because of what I experienced living in Africa during the first 17 years of my life. Perhaps I was used to it, but overall I thought that my city, Asmara, was a beautiful and delightful place. At the end, however, things started to fall apart and most Europeans left. I am still trying to understand what happened. The author uses a somewhat Socratic approach by asking questions about why things have not worked out as they should in Africa. He does acknowledge that many of the current African leaders and governments are essentially corrupt, the reason for this possibly having its roots in the tribal culture. He also suggests that perhaps the European colonial powers were to blame by continuing to support corruption in order to extract Africa's wealth. There might be some truth to this, but solutions cannot be found by being politically correct. Perhaps the colonialists were forced to withdraw too soon, leaving incompetent locals to run things. There is much evidence of this, for example Zimbabwe, the former Rhodesia. The country went from a prosperous and desirable place to a nightmare of dictatorship, incompetence and greed. To make things worse, the productive white farmers were essentially forced to leave everything behind. The local powers that acquired the farms were not able to make them productive. In any case, their attitude still is that taking over the assets from the whites is justification in itself, regardless of the fact that the land now lays fallow or underutilized. South Africa so far seems to have avoided this kind of implosion, but there are many indications that in the future things might get worse. I believe that the author has done a superb job of asking the

right questions.

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