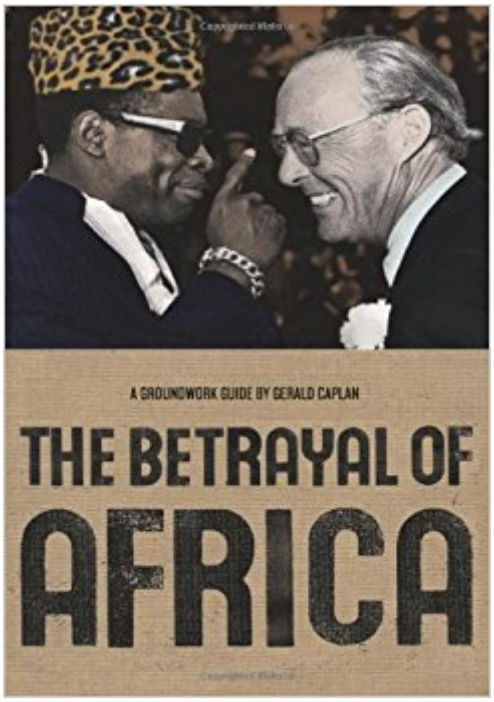
Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

The Betrayal Of Africa (Groundwork Guides)



PDF
Adobe
DOWNLOAD EBOOK

Synopsis

In the wealthy West, it’s assumed that Africa is the problem and we are the solution. This timely book argues the opposite. Though couched in benevolent terms, Western policies in fact have for decades helped fuel the continent’s devastating decline. Every year, far more of Africa’s riches flow out to the rich world than we plough into Africa. In this systematic process of exploitation, explains author Gerald Caplan, first-world leaders work in happy harmony with African despots to wreak havoc on their nations and peoples. The Betrayal of Africa explains its historical background, the contemporary situation, and how a conflation of elements — China’s bold new presence in Africa, an active and angry civil society demanding government reform, and fresh leadership — is creating the possibility for positive change. Using simple, lucid language, the book helps Western readers understand what they can do to remedy a complex, increasingly dire situation that affects us all.

Book Information

Series: Groundwork Guides

Paperback: 144 pages

Publisher: Groundwood Books (March 4, 2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0888998252

ISBN-13: 978-0888998255

Product Dimensions: 5.1 x 0.4 x 7 inches

Shipping Weight: 4.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.3 out of 5 stars 5 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #1,726,646 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #30 inÃ Â Books > Teens > Education & Reference > History > Africa #340 inÃ Â Books > Teens > Education & Reference > Social Science > Politics & Government #1560 inÃ Â Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > African

Customer Reviews

As with other Groundwork Guides, this title offers a concise, exploratory look into a high-interest, controversial, and multifaceted topic. Here, Caplan presents a quick summary of how the legacy of many Western policiesÃ¢â ¬â •the multipronged attack of slavery, colonialism, state-making, and resource-plunderingÃ¢â ¬â •along with disastrous internal corruption and tyranny have relegated most of sub-Saharan Africa to its seemingly perpetual state of underdevelopment, famine, and

genocide. DonÃ¢â ¬â„¢t mistake brevity for simplicity, though. Caplan isnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t afraid to delve into complexities, get personal and opinionated, and assign blame: the fact is that we in the West are deeply complicit in every crisis bedeviling Africa . . . and betraying its people. His writing is well sourced and largely effective, communicating a wealth of information about AfricaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s severe problems and providing an occasional beacon of hope. This is ideal for classroom use, as a discussion-starter, or simply an eye-opening introduction to some of the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s greatest mass tragedies. It makes clear just how sad it is that betrayal is likely the nicest word that could have been used in the title. Grades 9-12. --Ian Chipman --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

". . .this title offers a concise, exploratory look. . . Caplan isn't afraid to delve into complexities, get personal and opinionated, and assign blame. . . His writing is well sourced and largely effective. . . This is ideal for classroom use. . ." -- Booklist"The Betrayal of Africa presents a concise but comprehensive overview of its subject. . . Gerald Caplan is passionate about his subject and is highly convincing in advancing his argument. . . an excellent supplemental resource. Clearly drawn line maps, charts of statistical content, timelines of dates and events, and short reports on such topics as AIDS in Africa and the Rwandan Genocide all add to the book's value and provide readily-accessible content to student readers. Yet another valuable addition to the 'Groundwood Guides' series. Highly recommended." -- CM Magazine"A must read for students, scholars, educators and anyone else who cares about the human family, our interconnectedness and our interdependence. Gerry Caplan cuts through the myths, stereotypes, and platitudes to give both a thoughtful and thought provoking look at Africa, its history, its many peoples, and its role--often as pawn--in world politics. His book details the interference, the indifference, and the utter contempt--often under the guise of 'doing good'--that has defined how the world continues to betray Africa." -- Barbara Coloroso, educator and author, Extraordinary Evil, A Brief History of Genocide...and Why It Matters --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Great copy, quick delivery. Thank you.

This book is short and the bulk of it is the author's opinions and there are not many facts (outside of some statistics) and maybe not even one detailed historical account. Reading the back cover, it states, "There is a widespread assumption that Africa is the problem and that we in the rich world are the solution." Unfortunately, this seems to be the view of the author as little is mentioned of the African's ability to self-govern as has been done for countless millenia before colonial interference.

Instead, the book imposes the status quo view of the modern world that foreign aid for modernization and development would benefit the continent if it weren't for the corruption of the African leaders who are really henchmen of European and US governments. This view ignores 2 major facts. 1. The aid would not be possible if not for the plundering of African resources over the last 500 years at least. 2. The only purpose of European, American and Chinese investment and aid is to continue this legacy of plundering.I could have gotten past the narrowmindedness of the author if he had had at least presented more objective historical information.

Another book about "Africa" you may ask, and one of only 128 small pages? What can anybody say on such confined space about the continent of 53 states and at least 2000 languages and a multitude of cultures? Caplan, with more than 40 years of active involvement with Africa and a "passionate commitment" to the continent's development, will surprise you in all regards. His analysis, presented in clear and succinct language in well structured chapters, is informative, erudite without getting caught in details. In all regards this is a very worthwhile read and a useful book to have on the shelf for further reference.The "Betrayal of Africa" is published as a Groundwork Guide, a series intended to "provide an overview of key contemporary political and social issues... these books tackle pressing and sometimes controversial topics, offering both a lively introduction to the subject and a strong point of view." Caplan expertly lives up to the series' intentions. Drawing on his extensive knowledge of the continent's concerns, he presents a well reasoned analysis of the continuing challenges for the peoples of Africa.Discussing the "common predicament[s]" of this most diverse of continents, the author briefly outlines the historical context, characterized by colonialism and its lingering aftermath, its vulnerability to severe climatic variabilities, wide-spread poverty, and, last but not least, the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Hand in hand with the exploitation of European masters went corruption and exploitation by local political and economic strongmen.The newly independent states were left without adequate infrastructures, professional sectors or functioning education systems. These developments continued combined, later on, with often misguided or misappropriated international aid and investment funds. Caplan contends that these represent major obstacles to development and economic growth for the vast majority of Africans. Caplan reminds the reader that "far more of Africa's riches flow out to the West than are ploughed back in?". He provides examples and some statistics that are revealing in this regard. In the brief chapter on the recent engagement of China in Africa the author highlights some of the concerns of the Chinese approach and wonders if the Chinese investments will really contribute to economic advancements of Africans.Caplan concludes with a brief reflection on the future for Africa as he sees it. He places

hope in the people themselves. Local communities and civil society organizations have been sidelined for too long both by governments and the international institutions, such as the World Bank. Yet, their active participation in shaping the democratic and economic future of African countries is one of the preconditions for giving Africa a serious chance in the global economic market. On the other hand, he warns against a simple application of the slogan "African solutions for African Problems". Africa will continue to be closely intertwined with the West and the rest of the world. Still, a new generation of African leaders is emerging, already influencing the way these partnership relationships result in positive change. Yet, his recommendations for the future remain somewhat diffuse. The Africa Timelines, the notes, the index and additional references are useful additions to round of this book as a good resource. [Friederike Knabe]

This is a book that does an excellent job at explaining why countries in Africa face the challenges that they do. The cover is really reflective of the books overall argument, i.e that both the West and Africans (particularly the "big men" - often dictators) are responsible. The book nicely examines the historical exploitation of Africa and highlights some of the present-day exploitation that is still ongoing. This is an excellent book to use as an introduction to African studies/history/politics as it gives a very good background, while also challenging some misconceptions about the continent. I'm an African history professor and this is a book I assign to my students at the beginning of my African history class. It's easy reading, clear, concise and enjoyable too. Highly recommend it to anyone who wants to know anything about Africa.

I ve just finished reading this book and I am really dissapointed. The author seems to appreciate only one side of the story and is soo negative in his assesmnet that it phisicaly hurts!!!Caplan also contradicts himself every second page. West is guilty of giving credis. West is guilty of not giving enough credits. West is guilty of interveening. West is guilty of not interveening. Chinese presence is great. Chinese presence is terrible. NGO's are great for Africa. NGO's are terrible. And so on...Also as an academic he should stick to facts instead of feeding readers with his: "no data but surely", "hard to say but certinly" and so on.After reading this book you can seriously loose all hope for Africa. If you beleive that solution is not FDI, international help, and liberalism then what is???

Download to continue reading...

The Betrayal of Africa: A Groundwork Guide (Groundwork Guides) Hip Hop World: A Groundwork Guide (Groundwork Guides) Climate Change Revised Edition: A Groundwork Guide (Groundwork Guides) Being Muslim: A Groundwork Guide (Groundwork Guides) Genocide: A Groundwork Guide

(Groundwork Guides) The Betrayal of Africa (Groundwork Guides) Africa: African History: From Ancient Egypt to Modern South Africa - Stories, People and Events That Shaped The History of Africa (African Folktales, African ... Africa, Somalia, Nelson Mandela Book 3) South Africa: related: south africa, africa, safari, Kruger, Western Cape, Stellenbosch, Paarl, Cape Town, republic of south africa, campaign The Accidental Billionaires: The Founding of Facebook: A Tale of Sex, Money, Genius and Betrayal A Tale of Sex, Money, Genius and Betrayal Cape Town South Africa Travel Guide: 3 Day Unforgettable Vacation Itinerary to Cape Town South Africa: Cape Town South Africa 3-Day Highlights Itin Travel Guide (Miss Passport Travel Guides Book 34) Genocide (Groundwork Guides) Being Muslim (Groundwork Guides) Climate Change (Groundwork Guides) Conflicts Over Land & Water in Africa: Cameroon, Ghana, Burkina Faso, West Africa, Sudan, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania South Africa Handbook, 10th: Travel guide to South Africa including Lesotho & Swaziland (Footprint South Africa Handbook) Travellers' guide to southern Africa;: A concise guide to the wildlife and tourist facilities of South Africa, South West Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Mozambique and Rhodesia The Original Six: How the Canadiens, Bruins, Rangers, Blackhawks, Maple Leafs, and Red Wings Laid the Groundwork for Today’s National Hockey League Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals (Oxford Philosophical Texts) Kant: Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals (Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy) Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals

Contact Us

DMCA

Privacy

FAQ & Help