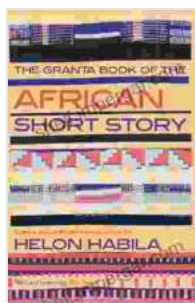


The Granta of the African Short Story

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The Granta Book of the African Short Story (Granta Anthologies) by Helon Habila

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The Granta of the African Short Story: Volume 1 featured stories from 21 African writers, including Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Zadie Smith, and Dave Eggers. The stories were selected by guest editor Chinua Achebe, who said that he wanted to "celebrate the vitality and diversity of African storytelling."

The second volume, The Granta of the African Short Story: Volume 2, was published in 2019 and featured stories from 20 African writers, including Namwali Serpell, Teju Cole, and NoViolet Bulawayo. The stories were

selected by guest editor Max Porter, who said that he wanted to "explore the ways in which African writers are redefining the short story form."

Both volumes of *The Granta of the African Short Story* have been praised for their high quality and their wide range of stories. They have been translated into multiple languages and have won numerous awards. They are essential reading for anyone interested in contemporary African literature.

Here is a closer look at some of the stories in the two anthologies:

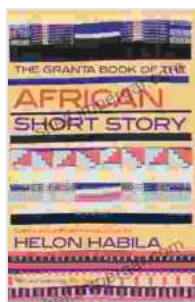
Volume 1

- **"Half of a Yellow Sun" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie:** This story is set in Nigeria during the Biafran War. It follows the lives of two sisters, Olanna and Kainene, as they struggle to survive in a war-torn country.
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Volume 2

- **"The Old Drift" by Namwali Serpell:** This story is set in Zambia during the colonial era. It follows the lives of two young women, Mwansa and Matha, as they come of age in a changing world.
- **"The White Shadow" by Teju Cole:** This story is about a young Nigerian-American man who travels to Senegal to visit his father. He struggles to connect with his father and to find his place in the world.
- **"The Dream Thieves" by NoViolet Bulawayo:** This story is about a young Zimbabwean girl who moves to the United States to study. She struggles to adjust to a new culture and to find her place in the world.
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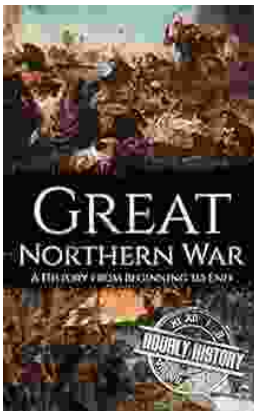
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