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AHLP Releases "The African Interior Mission," C. William Allen's Updated Novel

Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers has released C. William Allen's "The African Interior Mission," a remake of his second novel, "The African Interior Mission School" (1992). Allen masterfully crafts the story of teenage life and coming-of-age in Liberia. Sixteen-year-old Jerry Saye Gompa leaves his rural home to attend a Christian boarding school. His adventures with his best friend, Obadiah (OB) Dixon, Obadiah (OB) Dixon, show the dichotomy of country and "kwi" (city) values, traditional religion, teenage romance, politics, polygamy, and death.

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Allen depicts teenage life and coming-of-age in Liberia through his masterful tale about a sixteen-year-old youth, Jerry Saye Gompa. Jerry leaves his rural home for the first time to attend a Christian boarding school with students from throughout the country. While pursuing his education he and his closest school friend, Obadiah (OB) Dixon, explore the dichotomy of Liberia's country and "kwi" (city) values, traditional religion, teenage romance, politics, polygamy, and death.

Robert H. Brown, Ph.D. of the University of Essex, (United Kingdom) has praised Allen's achievement. "Assuming the role of author as narrator, Allen exercises a great deal of freedom in shifting from his exterior fictional society to the inner selves of his characters, and he achieves this freedom of movement in both time and place rather skillfully. ...The Hemingwayesque qualities of Allen's prose are indeed commendable. ... The African Interior Mission, is, therefore, a successful work of art. It is indeed a prize-winning novel."

C. William Allen is the current Director General of the Civil Service Agency of the Republic of Liberia and was Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism in the Transitional Government of the Republic of Liberia (October 2003–January 2006). He completed his graduate studies in the United States and earned a Ph.D. in mass communications from the S.I. Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University. As an associate professor at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Dr. Allen taught journalism and mass communications (2001-2003). He also taught at the University of South Carolina Spartanburg, Xavier University in New Orleans, and the University of Liberia.

"The African Interior Mission" is strikingly illustrated by Xiongpaoo Lee, a graduate of the University of South Carolina Spartanburg. Lee is a prominent writer-poet, visual and performance artist, and activist in the Hmong community of Minnesota. He is also the Upward Bound coordinator at University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Dr. Allen and AHLP are certain this work will become a classic for young adult and adult readers. The book is also ideal as a text for secondary school and African literature or African studies courses at universities and colleges.

"The African Interior Mission's" table of contents are online at http://www.ahlpub.com/The_African_Interior_Mission.html and a secure preview of Chapter 1 is at <http://www.ahlpub.com/AIMChapter1.html>. Its retail price is USD \$20 and £11 in the United Kingdom. The title is available from online and traditional booksellers starting mid to late July 2006 (ISBN-10: 0-9653308-5-0, trade paperback, 232 pages, 11 illustrations, glossary, ages 14 and older).

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