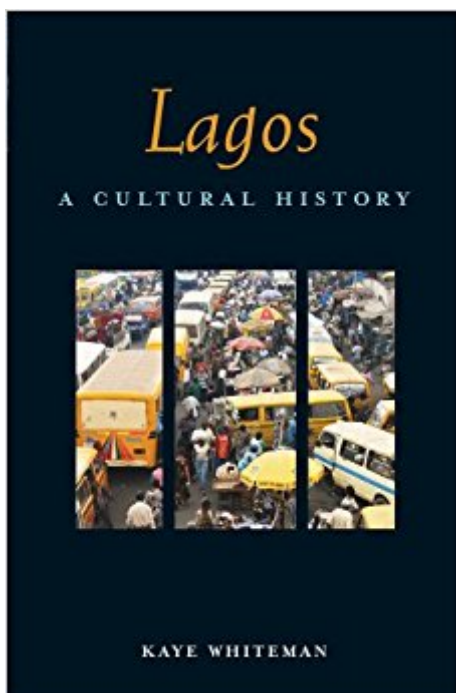


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**CITY OF ENTREPRENEURS:** Trading through the centuries: Sierra Leoneans and Brazilians; traditional markets and modern malls; the Central Business District.

**THE CITY OF WORDS AND MUSIC:** A counterpoint to the alleged philistinism of its businessmen; the views of writers Wole Soyinka and Chinua Achebe; artist and sculptor Ben Enwonwu; the musical genius Fela Kuti.

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