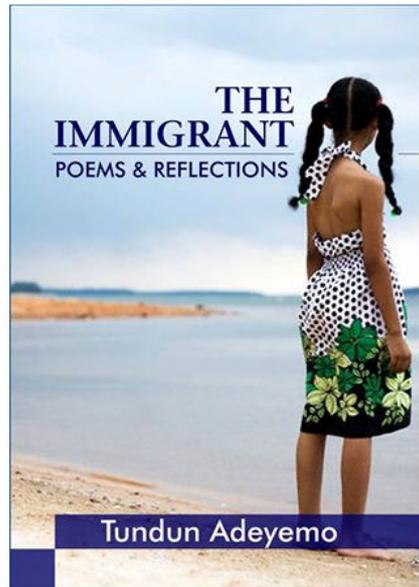


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The Immigrant - A Collection of Poems and Reflections by Tundun Adeyemo

Book Information



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Description: Tundun Adeyemo documents in poetry sprinkled with humour and satire her journey to the land of the Queen in 2001. She describes the drama of settling in, fitting in, adjusting and coping with all the stresses associated with the life of an immigrant.

Unique Points: Many people who migrate to England often talk about their experiences negative and positive behind closed doors. Many people often fail to integrate into their new communities even after years of living in England. Tundun's books considers why her journey is a reflection of the many journeys immigrants make. 'The Immigrant' has been delicately written as it weaves in a combination of issues, expectations and events. The second part will be released Christmas 2014.

About the Author



Tundun Adeyemo was born in Lagos, Nigeria. She studied law at the University of Ibadan. She then proceeded to England for a Masters in International Law. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Human Rights Law at the University of Bedfordshire. She has written poems and short stories since she was eight years old. An avid reader, she hosts a weekly radio program around books and poetry. She enjoys travelling and meeting new people. She also writes a column for Nigeria's TELL Magazine. The Immigrant is her first eBook.

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Press Release

Debut Collection of Poems, "The Immigrant" explores Life as an African in the UK

Accomplish Press is pleased to announce the official publication of "The Immigrant - A Collection of Poems and Reflections" by Tundun Adeyemo. The debut collection of poems chart the course of a young girl who left her family, friends, loves and homeland behind to forge a new career and life in a foreign country. The main narrative of the poems reveal the struggles of a Nigerian girl trying to adapt to life in England, encountering a very different reality from what she had imagined, struggling to cope with loneliness, dealing with snobbery, racial prejudice and finding a home in a new place.

Tundun Adeyemo, the Nigerian born author, taps into her own experience of living as an immigrant in the UK to write these personal and heartfelt poems. "I've been writing poems for a long time," she said. "I write to express my feelings and record my emotions."

Poems of this sort that chronicle life as an immigrant in the UK are not very common. There was a need to discover this topic through the eyes of a narrator who has experienced the feelings of being far away from home. The concept of "back home" and the loneliness of missing all that is familiar is explored.

"The poems are not exactly autobiographical, but they are drawn from my experience and the experiences of people like me. People who left their homes in search of a better education, in search of the opportunities life in a first world country brings." Tundun said.

Perhaps this collection will help us to understand better, the reasons why immigrants come to a foreign country, how they view their new world, how they adapt to the strangeness, and how they finally reach out and settle into their new place. And perhaps one day, even accept the new country as home.

The experiences of immigrants; regardless of where they are from; can be universal, and it is our hope that these poems will touch the heart of anyone, whether they have immigrated themselves, or they have friends who are immigrants - foreigners in a land that they were not born in.

"I hope to continue writing poems like these, poems that touch hearts, poems that are not afraid to explore real emotions about our current human condition," Tundun said. "Poetry keeps me honest and I would love to publish a second volume very soon."

"The Immigrant" is available as an eBook in various formats from Amazon Kindle Store, Smashwords and other eBook retailers. The book will be officially released on the 12th of May 2014.

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Suggested Interview Questions

Can you tell us a bit about yourself? - I grew up in Ibadan, Nigeria in a household where academia was the priority of every child in the household. My mum and siblings loved reading and I remember a time when we competed for books to read between us. My sister even had a book club at a time. I left Nigeria for the UK in 2001 for my Masters education. I have studied at different universities including: Holborn College, Middlesex University where I studied for a post graduate diploma in law and a Masters in International law. I am currently pursuing a part time Doctorate in Human Rights law at the University of Bedfordshire.

What are your influences as a poet? What influences your writing? - I'm influenced by many things. I listen for emotions that provoke a reaction and I write from that. My book is not all my experience, I have woven several stories into it as well. Songs and movies are good influences, conversations and books are also good muses. Poetry is a combination of feelings that come alive through carefully crafted words.

What draws you to writing? - I have always kept a diary and written poetry. Each time I need to articulate an issue, I usually do it by writing it out first, then it becomes clear in my mind. I love writing. In an ideal world, I would read books and write poetry all day.

Do you ever experience writer's block? - Everybody experiences moments when they lose the inspiration to write. It is part of the journey into writing. There are times when you don't feel as though your words make any sense. When that happens, I leave my laptop and return to it at another season when I feel refreshed.

Which do you prefer, writing with a computer, cell phone or old fashioned pen and paper?

I do most of my core writing on my laptop. When I am out and about, I normally write on my iphone or a note pad which I always carry in my bag

Did you see yourself becoming a writer as a child? - As a child, all I wanted to do was to spend my life reading and writing. I prefer the introverted life giving to reading and writing. In an ideal world, that's what I would do.

What's the best perk of having an ebook?

I suppose it the bragging rights that comes with it. I have been there and done that.

Tell us about your new book, 'The Immigrant'.

The Immigrant is a collection of emotionally heartfelt poems and reflections, about a girl who left her friends, loves, family and home town behind, to search for a new life abroad. The poems evoke themes of sadness, loneliness, adjusting to a new life, pleasant and unpleasant surprises as well as other issues that will be familiar to anyone who has had to travel and live beyond their country's borders.

Do you see yourself as a 'genre specific' author? - I love Carol Ann Duffy's poetry for her realism and her ability to go into depths about issues most would rather not talk about.

What was the last book you read? - I've just finished reading 'The Racketeer' by John Grisham. I read quite voraciously poetry and other books. 'Still Alice' by Lisa Genova made an impression. I just recently acquired 'In Protest: 150 Poems for Human Rights' a collection of human right poems from around the world.

Who are your favourite authors and what books have spoken to you most? - Different genres of books speak to me for different reasons. The best ones I keep returning to are 'One Minute Millionaire by Mark Victor Hansen', Nelson Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom, 'Rich Dad, Poor Dad, Robert Kiyosaki and Joel Osteen 'Become a Better You'.

What is next for you as a writer?

I'm working on my next book which is a collection of articles written for Nigeria's TELL magazine over the last four years.

What are your words of advice for budding writers?

Writing is a product of the things you are passionate about. Develop yourself in the things you are passionate about and the language to do that will come.