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[E]ssays are well-researched with carefully organized ideas that lead the reader to a more profound understanding of a problem and/or situation. . . . [E]ach chapter has a list of references, the book also includes a rather rich bibliography at the end, which may be useful to further illuminate the situation of Nigerian women, and an index that closes the volume. In addition to highlighting problems, the book suggests measures for their solution and gives recommendations on improving the situation of women in Nigeria, while providing data on legislation and on the civil service which can certainly be useful in trying to understand the conditions of life for women in Nigeria. (*African Studies Quarterly*)

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