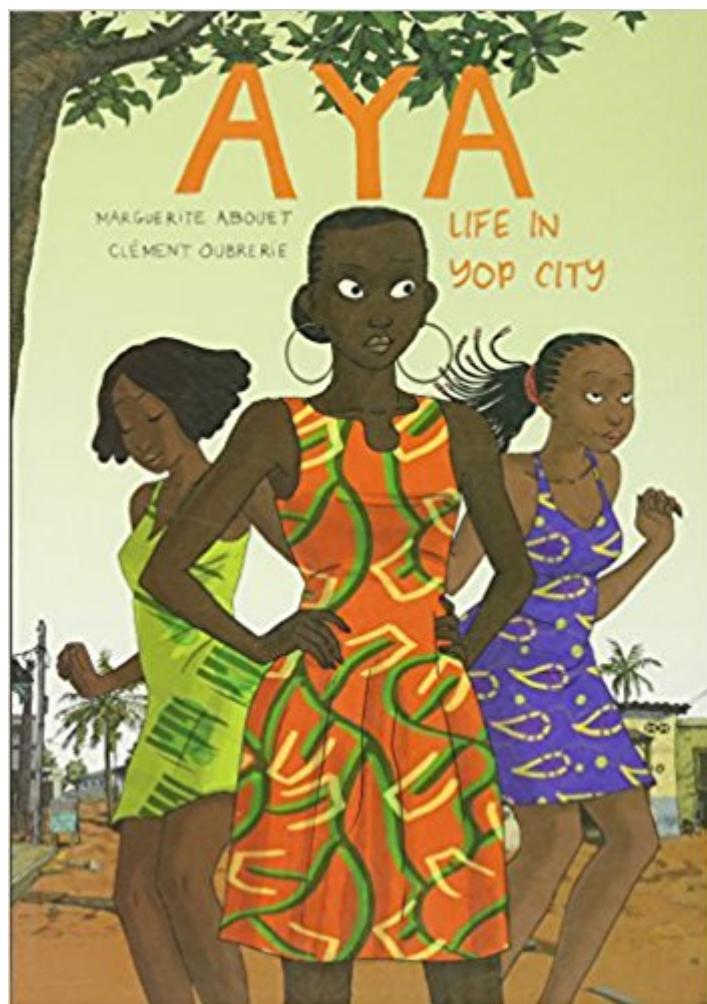


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Aya: Life In Yop City



Synopsis

"Aya is an irresistible comedy, a couple of love stories and a tale for becoming African. It's essential reading." -Joann Sfar, cartoonist of *The Rabbi's Cat* Ivory Coast, 1978. It's a golden time, and the nation, too—an oasis of affluence and stability in West Africa—seems fueled by something wondrous. Aya is loosely based upon Marguerite Abouet's youth in Yop City. It is the story of the studious and clear-sighted nineteen-year-old Aya, her easygoing friends Adjoua and Bintou, and their meddling relatives and neighbors. It's a wryly funny, breezy account of the simple pleasures and private troubles of everyday life in Yop City.

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“Oubrerie’s style animates both the broadly funny and painfully grave moments in Abouet’s rhythmic slice-of-life storytelling.” The Washington Post “Marguerite Abouet’s comic tells of a lost age, a time in the late 1970s when the Ivory Coast was basking in the glow of an economic boom, when disco seeped from the open air clubs in Abidjan and teenage girls such as Aya, Adjoua and Bintou were able to enjoy one last flirtatious summer before adulthood . . . Abouet’s is a gentle, nostalgic account.” Craig Taylor, The Guardian

The writer Marguerite Abouet was born in Abidjan in 1971 and now lives outside of Paris. The artist Clément Oubrerie was born in Paris in 1966 and has illustrated more than forty children’s books.

Aya is a great set of stories, to be recommended wholeheartedly. But I should have read the titles more carefully: this is a reprint edition of the first three books. From what I can tell, if you've read the first three, then the final three will be collected in Love in Yop City, the final three chapters. Unfortunately, the similar names are potentially confusing, and someone who just sees the appearance of a new Aya book in English, as I did, can conclude that it is simply the next installment, which this isn't.

Cool comic! Enjoyed it indeed.

The book was in excellent shape. An excellent read for my 12 year old son.

Aya is one of the best graphic novels I've ever read. The characters are compelling and the stories moving, and it really feels like I've been transported to Yop City. Strongly recommended.

I absolutely adore these books and so I pre-ordered them here without closely reading the fine print AND ran from Manhattan to Brooklyn to a graphic novel/comics store I knew would carry them just because I was impatient with mail delivery. I figured I'd give the other copy as a gift. The store staff were just as annoyed as I was with the fat gleaming paperback that seems to be new work but is actually an omnibus of the first three volumes. There is new work coming in October. But I tell you between me, the staff and another lady there was nearly a riot in the store. LOL. The publisher needs to put some clear labels on the cover QUICK.

A great achievement. Great art and storylines.

Super fun and interesting book! Gives a new outlook on pop culture in Africa

This is a well written and excellently illustrated graphic novel. It is light hearted and is a source of great discussion. It truly makes one want to read the other novels in this series.

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