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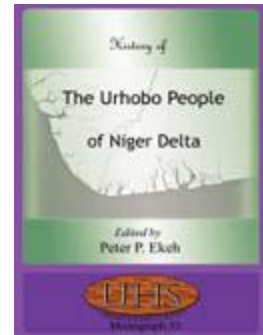
History of The Urhobo People of Niger Delta.

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Description from the publisher:

***History of The Urhobo People of Niger Delta* is the most comprehensive compilation and study of various aspects of the history of the Urhobo people of Nigeria's Niger Delta. It begins with an examination of the prehistory of the region, with particular focus on the Urhobo and their close ethnic neighbour, the Isoko. The book then embarks on a close assessment of the advent of British imperialism in the Western Niger Delta. *History of The Urhobo People of Niger Delta* also probes the arrival and impact of Western Christian missions in Urhoboland. Urhobo history is notable for the sharp challenges that the Urhobo people have faced at various points of their difficult existence in the rainforest and deltaic geographical formation of Western Niger Delta. Their history of migrations and their segmentation into twenty-two cultural units were, in large part, efforts aimed at overcoming these challenges.**



***History of The Urhobo People of Niger Delta* includes an evaluation of modern responses to challenges that confront the Urhobo people, following the onrush of a new era of European colonization and introduction of a new Christian religion into their culture. The formation of Urhobo Progress Union and of its educational arm of Urhobo College is presented as the Urhobo response to modern challenges facing their existence in Western Niger Delta and Nigeria. *History of The Urhobo People of Niger Delta* extends its purview to various other fragments of the Urhobo historical and cultural experience in modern times. These include the difficulties that have arisen from petroleum oil exploration in the Niger Delta in post-colonial Nigeria.**

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