

STEPHEN ELLIS

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Two countries and a continent. In remembrance of Stephen Ellis (1953-2015)

Stephen Ellis had roots in two European countries, but he was fascinated by a much larger continent, Africa. The fascination started as early as 1971, when he was a teacher in Cameroon. The two countries were the UK and the Netherlands: born and raised in Britain, Stephen worked much of his professional life in the Netherlands where he lived with his Dutch partner Gerrie ter Haar.

Information

I first met Stephen in the 1990s, when I was working at Leiden University Library, and more intensively from 2006 at the African Studies Centre in Leiden. Stephen always longed for fresh information, and he absorbed books, journal articles and newspapers about Africa. He was curious and attentive. He always actively engaged with the ASC's visiting fellows and young researchers from Africa, and he was genuinely interested in their experiences, observations and findings. Stephen knew that good researchers cannot rely on the internet, conversations and newspaper clippings alone, so he often travelled to many different African countries and visited archives all over the world. He never seemed happier than when I was telling him that a special archive from the British Foreign Office had opened up or that ASC Library staff had made an acquisition trip to Africa and had purchased some rare gems. Stephen always understood the mutuality of relations: he generously donated many books and grey literature publications to the ASC Library.

England & Africa

Stephen was an Oxonian: BA in History (first-class honours) at St Catherine's College in 1975 and D.Phil. in African History at St Antony's College in 1981. Prior to his studies he had worked as a teacher through VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) at Collège Libermann in Douala, Cameroon, and during his studies (1979-1980) as a lecturer at the University of Madagascar. From 1982-1986 he was a researcher at the Africa Department of the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London. During this work he also met his future partner Gerrie ter Haar. His editorship of *Africa Confidential* (1986-1991), a small, London-based journal that became one of the best-informed publications on Africa, helped to establish his reputation as a leading commentator on Africa.

The Netherlands & Beyond

From mid 1991 Stephen began working in the Netherlands as the director of the African Studies Centre in Leiden. After three years as director, he refocused his energies on his research, also taking up other activities, including his work for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa (1997-1998), acting as Chair of the South Africa-Netherlands Programme on Alternatives in Development (SANPAD) (1995-2001), director of the Africa Programme of the International Crisis Group (2003-2004), and as scientific advisor to the West African Commission on Drugs (2012-2014). In 2008 he was appointed Desmond Tutu professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences at VU University Amsterdam. During his time in the Netherlands he also worked with his partner Gerrie ter Haar, professor at the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague.

Publications

Stephen Ellis was an extremely productive and prolific author: he published some 20 books and more than 130 scholarly articles, many of them in top journals in his field. The topics of research he tackled were often ground breaking, and his writing style was eloquent. It comes as no surprise that his favourite journal was *African Affairs*, the journal of the Royal African Society, of which he was a joint editor from 1998 to 2006. One indication of the quality of his work and its impact can be found in the number of citations of his publications by other researchers: at the time of writing more than 5,600 citations and many cited well over 100 times (one even 1,270 times). Stephen loved engaging in debate, whether it be with fellow academics, through op-eds in *Financial Times* or the major Dutch daily newspapers, letters to the editor of the *New York Times*, with a politician in the Netherlands, or in the numerous interviews he gave.

A quick look at the following list of Stephen Ellis' publications shows the breadth of his research: from South Africa to West Africa, from the history of Madagascar to the role of religion in Africa, and from aspects of Nelson Mandela's past to crime in Nigeria, to name just a few. I thank Gerrie ter Haar, Benjamin Soares, Elvire Eijkman and Monique Kromhout for their major contributions to this bibliography.

Stephen Ellis was a fascinating man and a first-class researcher. I hope that this bibliography makes all his works even more accessible to readers.

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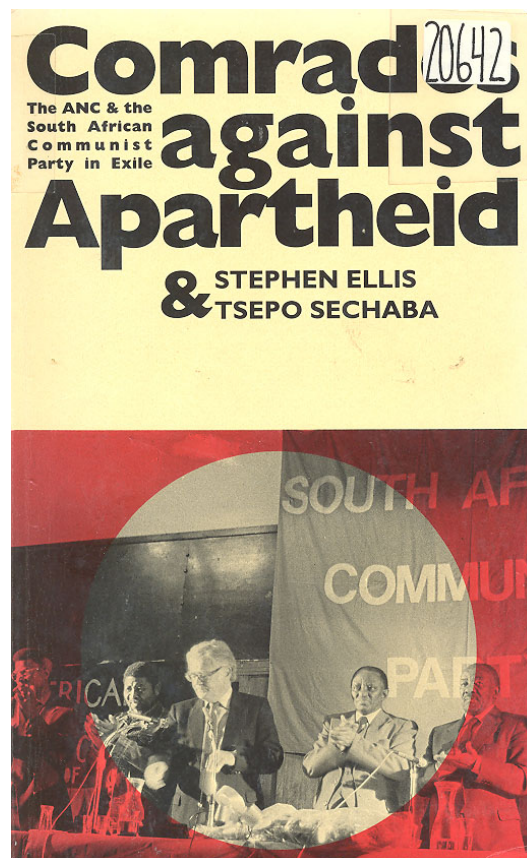
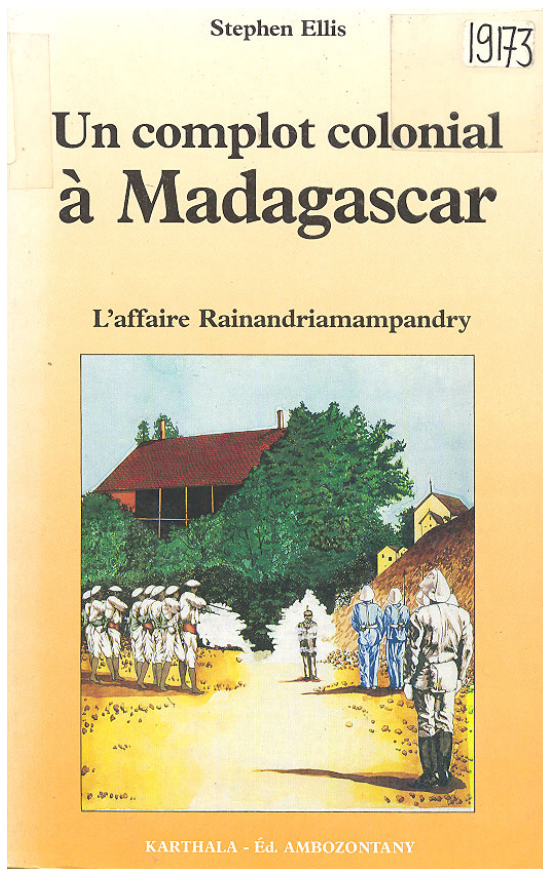
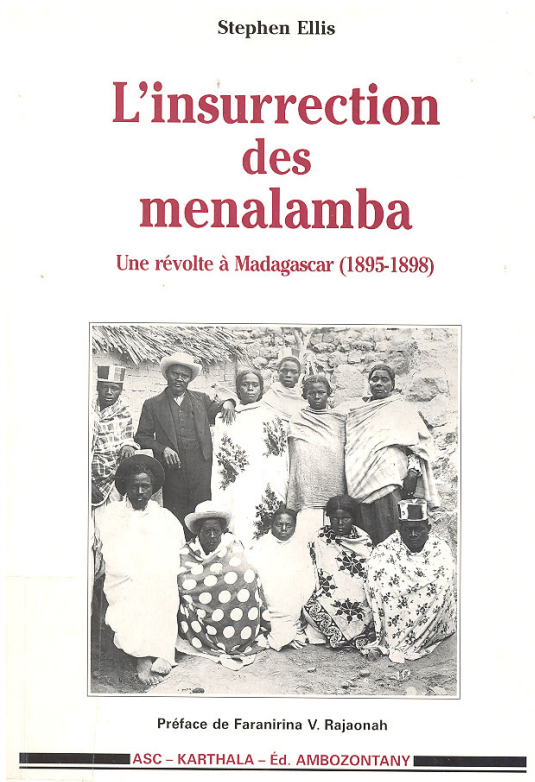
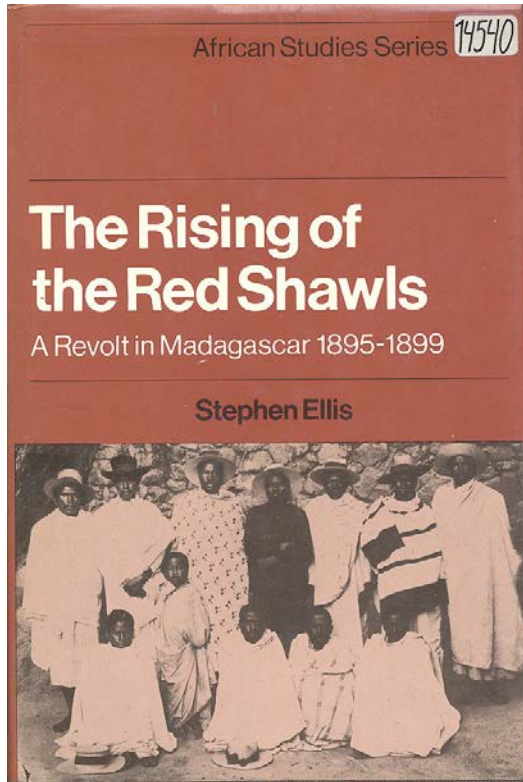
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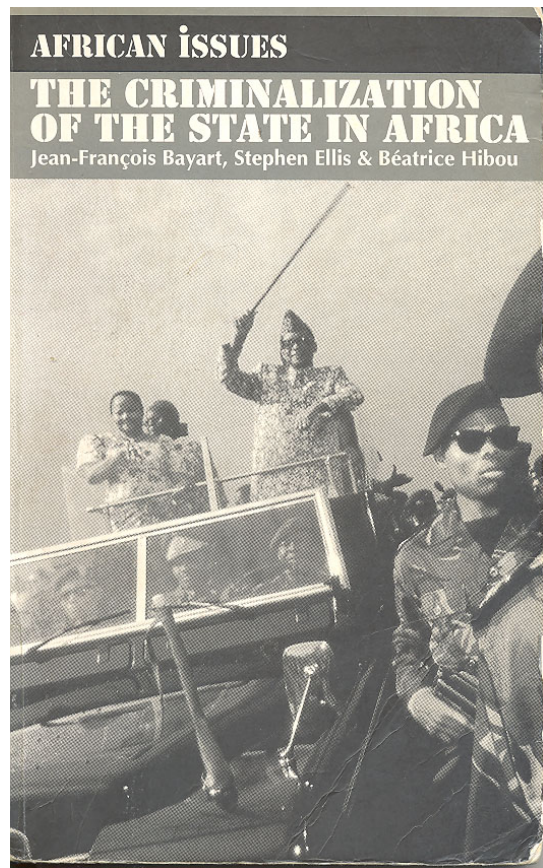
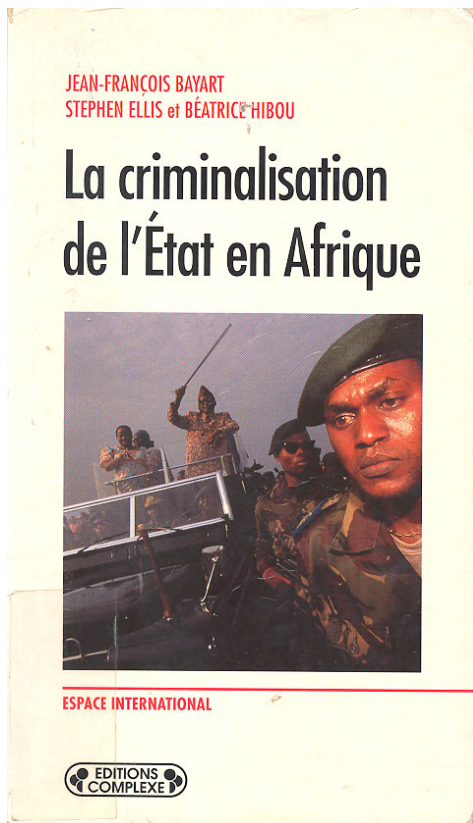
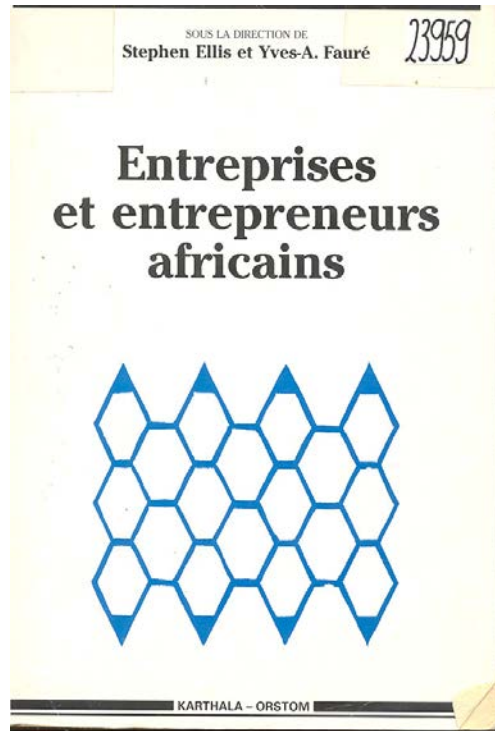
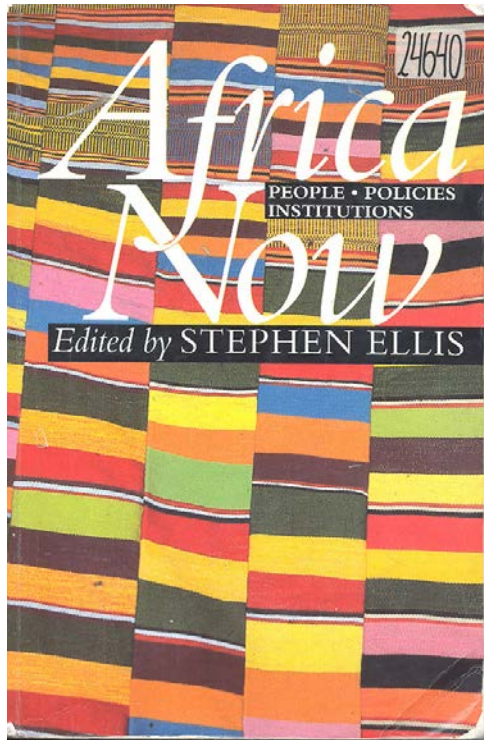
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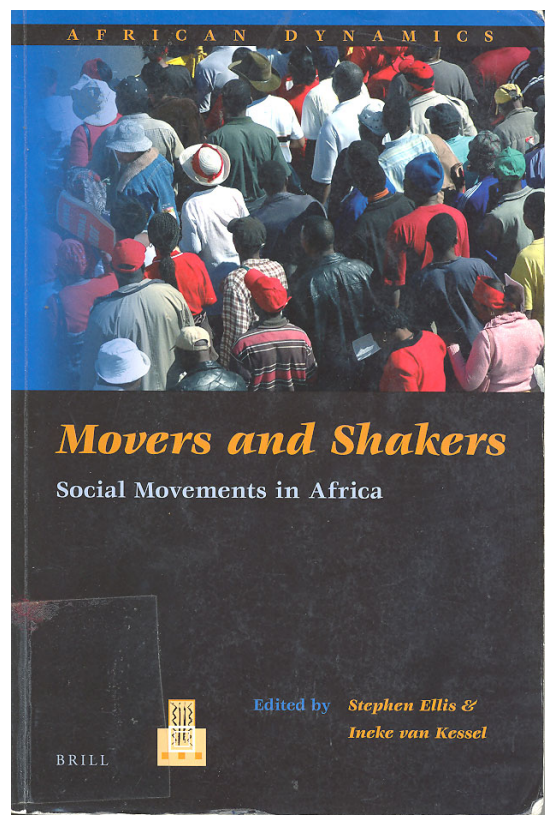
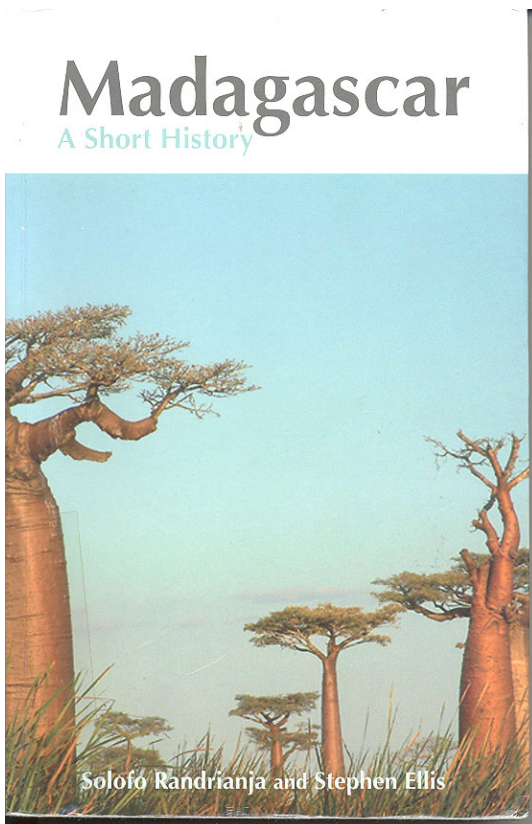
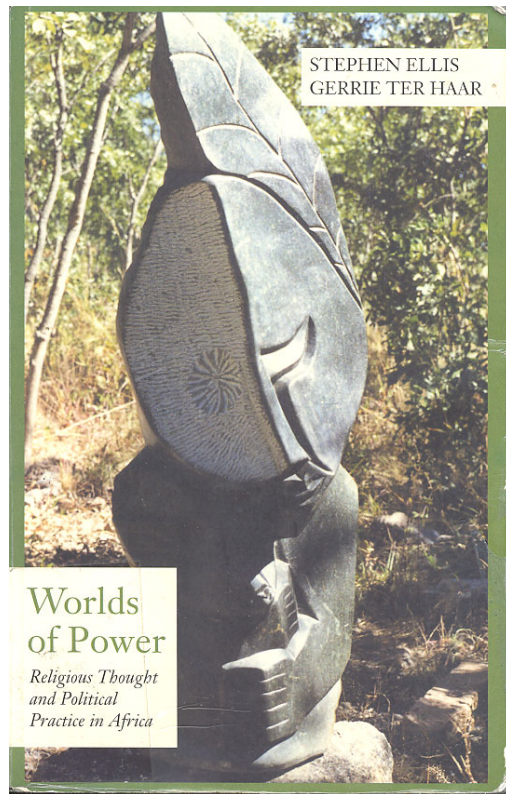
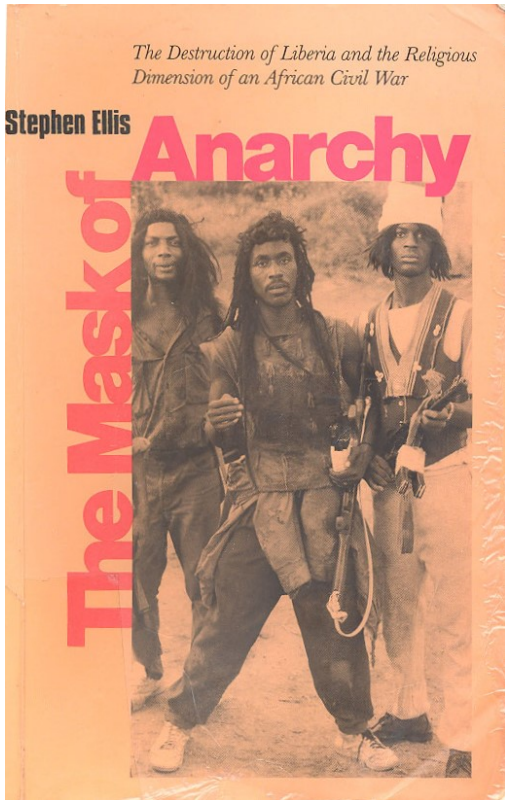
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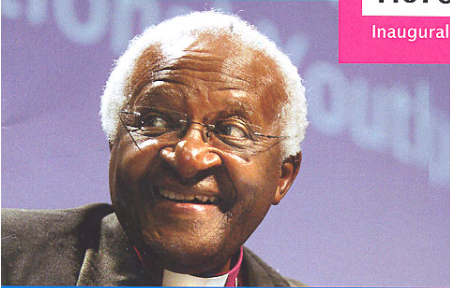
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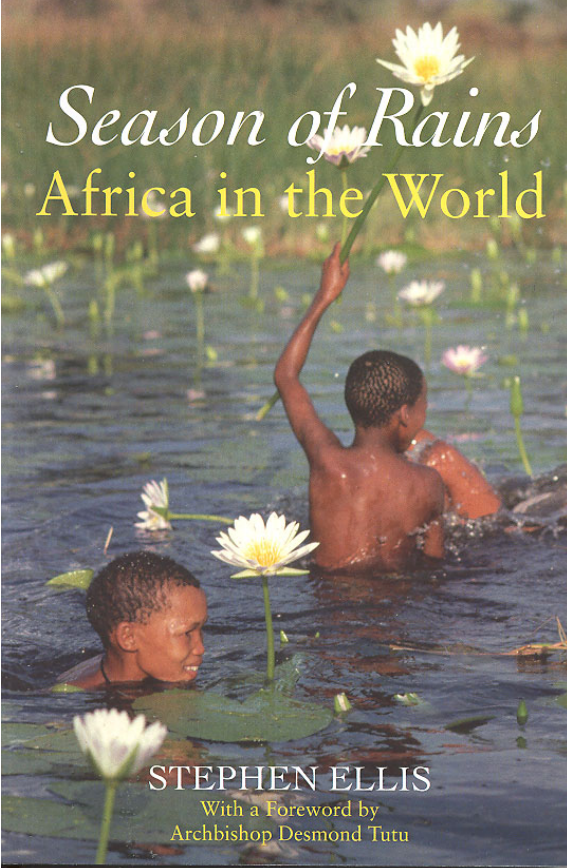
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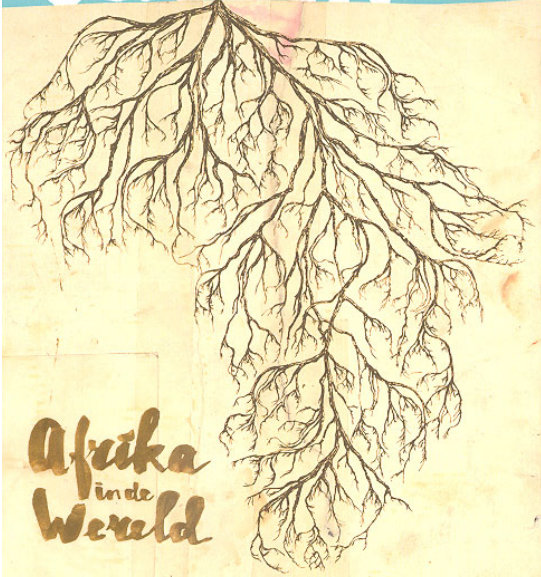
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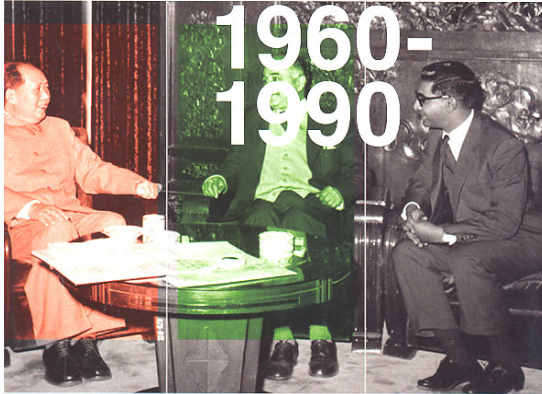
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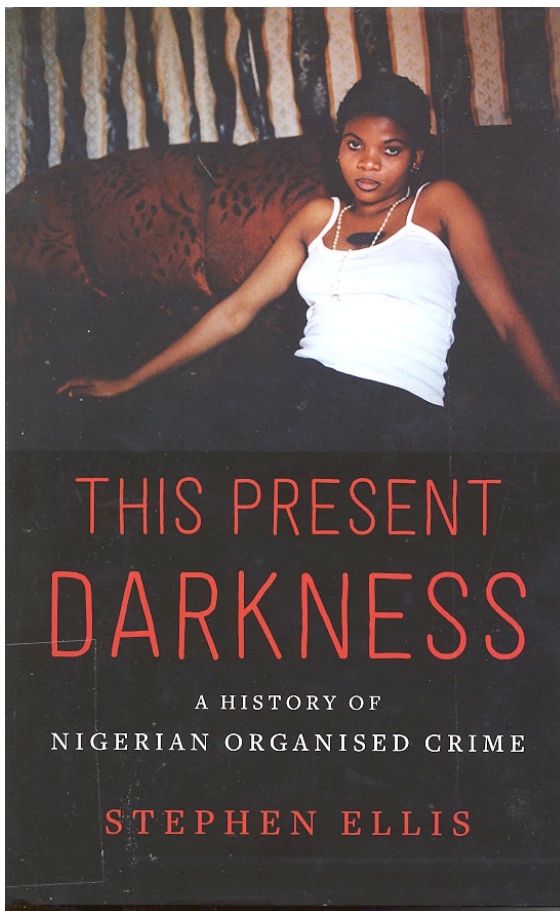
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