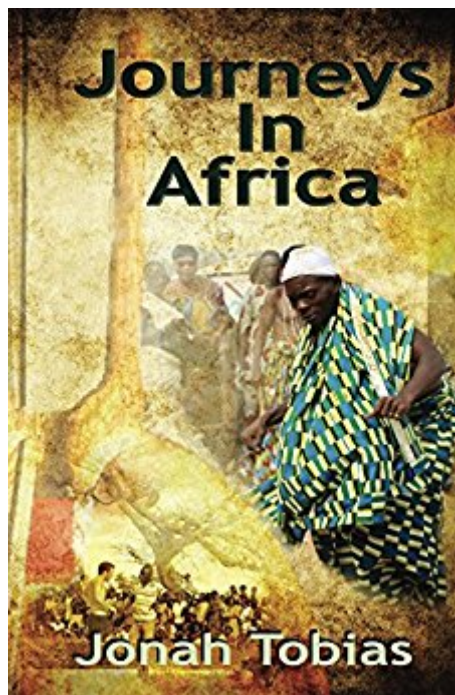




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Synopsis

One hot day in July, Jonah Tobias was plucked from the audience by a strange and mystic sound- the harp like "kora." Four years later we rejoin Tobias, now a professional kora player, as he crosses the Atlantic on an African odyssey to find out what it all means. From studying with the Griots of the Mandinka empire and wrestling before the king of Casamance, to navigating the subterranean world of pimps, prostitutes, and petty hustlers- Journeys travels beyond the tourist amenities and into the homes and hearts of the people of Senegal and the Gambia.

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I am 1/4 thru. It reminds me of my visits to Mali. It is am honest snd heartfelt.

Thoroughly enjoyed this second edition. Through the stories you get a feel for the road less traveled. Vicariously the reader experiences the local traditions. Traditions such as wrestling before a king, going for a run through the cities and Countryside and experiencing the children and locals are all stories shared. What a wonderful window into a world most of us will never see firsthand. Definitely a great read mixed with musical metaphors, a modern culture sensibility all tied together in

a creative bundle bringing the reader to understand the heart of West Africa by an American Musician who happens to be Jewish.

Journeys In Africa is totally candid; nothing is sugar coated and you can expect a graphically honest, visceral retelling of every experience whether sexy, disturbing, infuriating, heart warming or all four. The respect and honest curiosity the writer has for the myriad of cultures he encounters in West Africa is omnipresent throughout the book and offers a refreshingly positive perspective on a part of the world that is all too often labeled by its tragedies more than its triumphs.

An enjoyable read for me, as I like going on journeys, even if its through someones else's experiences. Stories about life in Africa are interesting, and Jonas' travels are done in a goofy,backpacker style that puts you in the moment. Its being in the moment, sharing in that certain situation with the author that makes this a fun and informative read.It also helps to know about something about Youssoupha Sidebe, the international Kora player. his music will radically and positively inspire all who hear his live show.

A bla bla bla of a story. Focus is on the writer's sexual experiences which kind of insults African women. It's hard to determine what the point of the book is as it is too scattered. The writer by no means should think of himself as an expert on anything African. African culture needs to be studied for more than a few months to be written accurately and without bias.

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