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"Here is the story from the other side: it serves as a needed corrective to the ubiquitous Eurocentric point of view." **Choice**

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In the twenty years between 1880 and 1900, virtually all of Africa was seized and occupied by the imperial powers of Europe, initiating a period of colonial exploitation from which many African nations have only recently emerged. Until now, Eurocentric points of view have dominated the study of this era in African history. In this book, one of Africa's leading historians examines the perceptions and responses of Africans, reinterpreting the colonial experience from the standpoint of the colonized.

Boahen divides the process into three phases: partition, occupation, and administration, and explores the strategies of opposition and accommodation adopted at each stage by various groups. He traces the growth of nationalist and pan-Africanist ideologies, which culminated in the period of revolution and decolonization which began after World War II.

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