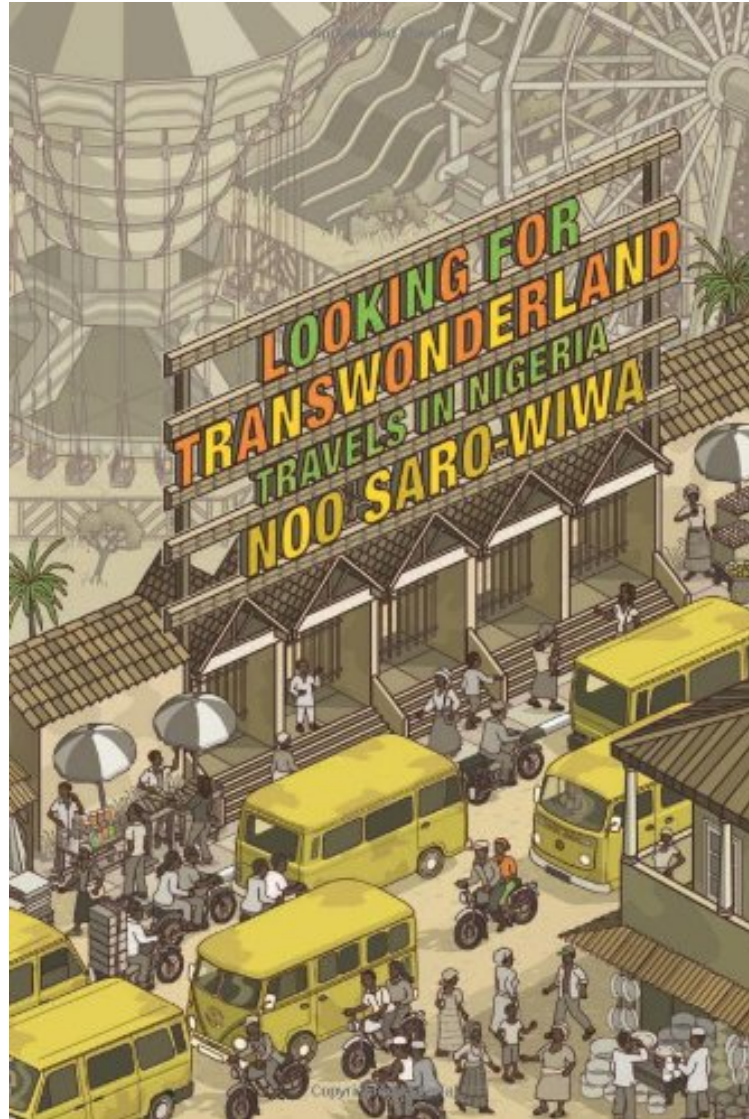


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B BongeI enjoyed reading this book because, while (as expected) it tells about the various parts of Nigeria, it does it from the viewpoint of a writer who is from a Nigerian family and spent time there annually as a child. Her encounters are certainly the real Nigeria, and the details of the culture, the people, the history that she gives are intriguing. What impression will her re-acquaintance with her "home" country leave her with? Well-written.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy ChinyeA great read that honestly describes the various cities and cultures in Nigeria

Noo Saro-Wiwa was brought up in England, but every summer she was dragged back to visit her father in Nigeria a country she viewed as an annoying parallel universe where she had to relinquish all her creature comforts and sense of individuality. After her father, activist Ken Saro-Wiwa, was killed there, she didnt return for several years. Recently, she decided to come to terms with the country her father given his life for.Saro-Wiwa travels from the exuberant chaos of Lagos to the calm beauty of the eastern mountains; from the eccentricity of a Nigerian dog show to the decrepit kitsch of the Transwonderland Amusement Park. She explores Nigerian Christianity, delves into the countrys history of slavery, examines the corrupting effect of oil, and ponders the huge success of Nollywood.She finds the country as exasperating as ever, and frequently despairs at the corruption and inefficiency she encounters. But she also discovers that it si far more beautiful and varied than she had ever imagined, with its captivating thick tropical rainforest and ancient palaces and monuments. Most engagingly of all, she introduces us to the many people she meets, and gives us hilarious insights into the African character, its passion, wit and ingenuity.

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