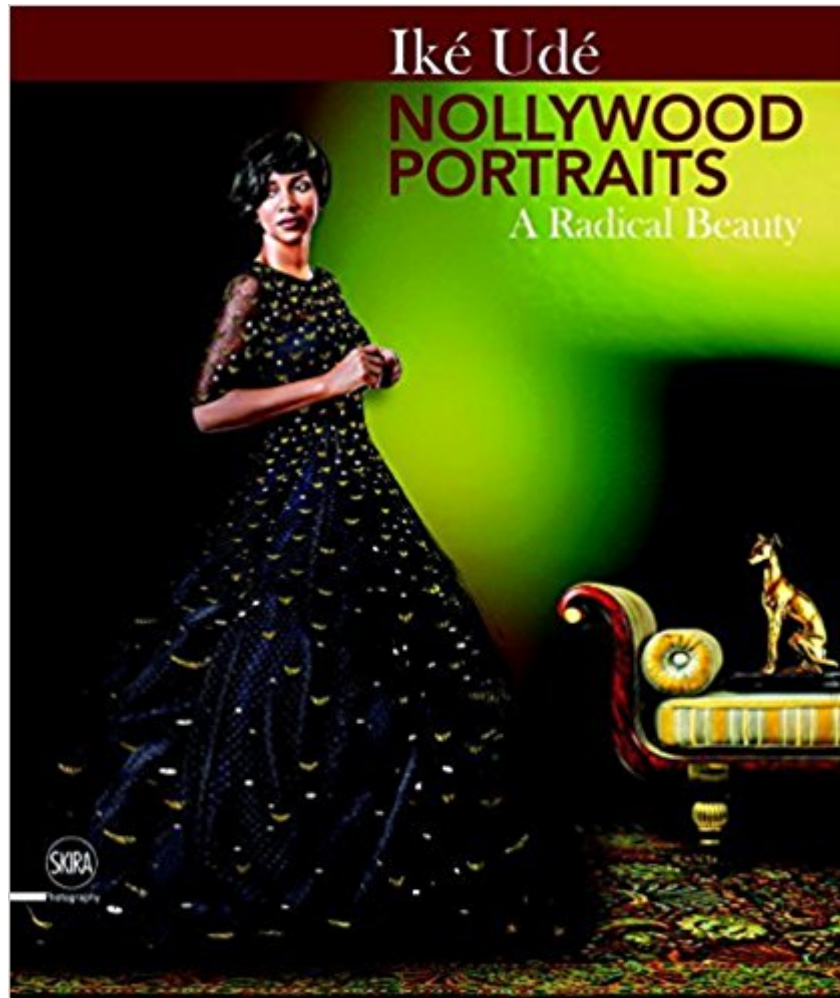




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# Nollywood Portraits: A Radical Beauty



## Synopsis

The cinema of Nigeria is often referred to as Nollywood, a term coined in the mid-1990s to describe Nigeria's vibrant, film industry consisting of movies produced in the country but watched all over Africa and largely by Africans in the diaspora. This book presents a selection of photographic portraits by Iké Udé depicting some of the major Nigerian actors and actresses, television presenters, directors, and producers. With his ongoing photographic self-portraits, Nigerian-born Iké Udé explores a world of dualities: photographer/performance artist, artist/spectator, mainstream/marginal, African/postnationalist, individual/everyman, and fashion/art. As a Nigerian-born, New York-based artist conversant with the world of fashion and celebrity, Udé gives conceptual aspects of performance and representation a new vitality, melding his own theatrical selves and multiple personae with his art.

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Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. is an American historian, literary critic, filmmaker and public intellectual. Chigozie Obioma (born 1986) is a Nigerian writer shortlisted for the 2015 Booker Prize and has been described, in a New York Times book review, as "the heir to Chinua Achebe."

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UdÃ© brilliantly captured a cross-section of NigeriaÃ¢â¬Âs film industry in this beautiful coffee table book. I was also pleased to see it contains a forward written by Professor Henry Louis Gates. Get it for yourself, for your friends, family colleagues! They will thank you.

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