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### **RAFAEL PONCE**

**Sweeter Voices Still** New Africa Books

This book mixes the rhythm of a drum beat with evocative words to create an unforgettable reading experience. Vibrant illustrations show people and wild animals playing music and dancing to the beat. This book is perfect for developing readers or for parents to read aloud to their younger children, who are encouraged to clap, stomp, and feel the drum in their heart. A celebration of music, this book brings the beat of a drum to life.

**Drum Circles for Specific Population Groups** Mel Bay Publications

In **WHOLE PERSON DRUMMING**, Zorina Wolf shares her passion for drumming and the heartfelt community it can create. With plenty of stories from her own journey as student and teacher, Zorina offers exercises for all learning styles. Accompanying videos are available on Zorina's website. Zorina Wolf studied for fourteen years with Babatunde Olatunji, the great Nigerian

drummer, and has taught drumming for more than twenty years. In her own accessible, personal style she teaches basic techniques: the drum's language of bass, tone, and slap; how to build stamina; how to find the rhythm in your body through stepping or speaking rhythm syllables. Students learn how to hear the silence between the beats and how to turn rhythm into meditation as they practice samba, conga, kpanlogo, and more.

**Roots Jam** Univ. Press of Mississippi

In *Drawing on Culture*, artist and ethnomusicologist Dave Kobrenski explores traditional cultures from around the world. West Africa is the first in the series and consists of more than 30 artworks done on location while traveling through villages along the Niger River in Guinée. Through detailed field drawings accompanied by his own notes, Kobrenski provides a glimpse into the lives and culture of a people maintaining their ancient traditions, even as the modern world encroaches.

**Mamady Keïta** Hal Leonard Publishing Corporation

In-depth coverage of popular percussion instruments, including history, tuning, maintenance, techniques, exercises, ensembles, and more, from a world-renowned educator and performer,

Kalani. Each book comes with an enhanced CD featuring additional multimedia content, including demonstrations of all rhythms and techniques and tuning instructions.

**When We Say Black Lives Matter** SCB Distributors

A timely, powerful and much-needed picture book exploring the background to the Black Lives Matter movement for young children. A beautifully illustrated and poignant picture book about the Black Lives Matter movement - its deep history, background and meaning - as well as a focus on the tremendous amount of work still left to do. Through author-illustrator Maxine Beneba Clarke's glorious artwork and lyrical text, this book fosters activism, being anti-racist and using your voice and your power for good. A brave, empowering and inspiring read for all children.

**Riddim** Arcadia Publishing

Billy Martin, aka illy B, is a remarkable drummer, visual artist, and label owner who has successfully carved out his own musical path. As the organic beat-maker for Medeski, Martin & Wood, Martin has successfully blended world-music cultures in to his own unique style. The claves in this book open up rhythmic subdivisions, substitutions, and a much wider vocabulary to draw

upon than just playing static beats. Call them systems, bell patterns, or claves, but be assured that there is much freedom to be gained from owning these riddims.

[Drawing on Culture](#) 'The Rosen Publishing Group, Inc'

Ruth Finnegan's *Oral Literature in Africa* was first published in 1970, and since then has been widely praised as one of the most important books in its field. Based on years of fieldwork, the study traces the history of storytelling across the continent of Africa. This revised edition makes Finnegan's ground-breaking research available to the next generation of scholars. It includes a new introduction, additional images and an updated bibliography, as well as its original chapters on poetry, prose, "drum language" and drama, and an overview of the social, linguistic and historical background of oral literature in Africa. This book is the first volume in the World Oral Literature Series, an ongoing collaboration between OBP and World Oral Literature Project. A free online archive of recordings and photographs that Finnegan made during her fieldwork in the late 1960s is hosted by the World Oral Literature Project (<http://www.oralliterature.org/collections/rfinnegan001.html>) and can also be accessed from publisher's website.

[Haja](#) Alfred Music Publishing

Mamady Keïta et Uschi Billmeier donnent ici la signification ethnique de plus de 60 rythmes malinkés traditionnels, mais aussi de certains rythmes modernes. Cet ouvrage livre en outre des conseils pour apprendre et enseigner les rythmes au moyen d'une notation simple.

[Life Orient & Ac Gr6 Tg](#) Music in Motion

A groundbreaking nonfiction collection about queer life in the Midwest. "A marvelous ode to humanity and its passions."-- Little Village The middle of America,Äthe Midwest, Appalachia, the Rust Belt, the Great

[Djoliba Crossing](#) Springer

Take a journey into the heart of West Africa... Artist, musician, and author Dave Kobrenski takes the reader on a musical and visual journey up the Djoliba river in Guinea to explore ancient music traditions, as well as to understand the challenges that face a country "balancing between the world of its ancient traditions and the frontier of modern ideals and influences." Dozens of original paintings and drawings accompany vivid first-hand accounts of the music, culture, and people of Guinea, while scores of rhythm notations make this a unique and valuable resource for musicians, educators, and travel enthusiasts alike. From the author's preface: "Part travelogue, part sketchbook, this is a book about glimpsing in the everyday dust of existence the potential for rich and meaningful expressions of being in the world; of seeing that beyond the tattered common cloth of life hangs a veil of mystery infused with magic and wonder."

**When The Drummers Were Women: A Spiritual History of Rhythm** Inner Traditions / Bear & Co

For millennia, the sacred drummers of pre-Christian Mediterranean and western Asia were women. In this inspiring book, Layne Redmond, herself a renowned drummer, tells their history. Artistic representations reveal that female frame drummers carried the spiritual traditions of many of the earliest recorded civilizations. During those ancient times, the drummer-priestesses held the keys to experience of the divine through rhythm. They were at the center of the goddess worship of matriarchal societies until the ascendance of patriarchal cultures and the loss of drumming as a spiritual technology. With wisdom and passion, Redmond chronicles our species' deep connection to the drum, our rich heritage of inseparable spirituality and music, and the modern-day women

reclaiming it. This book encourages readers—both women and men—to reestablish rhythmic links with themselves, nature, and other people through the power of drumming. Redmond illustrates her message with an extensive collection of images gathered during ten years of research and travel. Woven throughout the book are strands of ancient ritual and mythology, personal stories, and scientific evidence of the benefits of drumming. It is at once a history, a memoir, and a resounding call for spiritual and social renewal.

[The Healing Wisdom of Africa](#) Zorina Wolf

(J3 Music Studios). West Africa's vibrant colors and sounds come alive in this interactive musical storybook depicting the touching tale of a small bird who must face her biggest fear. 4 to 7 year olds will love adding the sounds of Haja's heartbeat, wind and the rain on the mango leaves. A companion CD includes a djembe drum jam track, an audiobook of the story, and the instant classic song "Fly Haja Fly," performed by author Julia Jordan Kamanda and students from J3Music Studios. A singer/songwriter, teaching artist, and "mom on a music mission," Julia helps your students explore Haja's world and learn more about the musical element of rhythm.

[The Drum With No Sound](#) Penguin

This book--which won the 2000 DRUM Magazine Readers' Poll for "Best Instructional Book"--is a complete, step-by-step course on conga drumming. It's the book we looked for but couldn't find when we were first learning to drum. We did everything we could to make it user-friendly, so even non-musicians could understand it. The book teaches families of drum parts for several authentic Afro-Caribbean rhythms, including rumba, bomba, calypso, conga, and bembé. The instruction is clear and step-by-step, and the writing creates the intimate feel of private lessons. The charts are big and easy to read. Life-like illustrations clearly demonstrate proper technique for each stroke. Please note: audio files of the CD that comes with the print version of this book are not included in this ebook version (but are available separately).

**The Conga Drummer's Guidebook** Alfred Music Publishing

This encyclopedia explores the many long-standing influences of Africa and people of African descent on the culture of the Americas, while tracing the many ways in which the Americas remain closely interconnected with Africa. Ranging from the 15th century to the present, *Africa and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History* explores the many ways Africa and African peoples have shaped the cultural life of the Americas—and how, in turn, life in the Americas reverberates in Africa. This groundbreaking three-volume encyclopedia offers hundreds of alphabetically organized entries on African history, nations, and peoples plus African-influenced aspects of life in the Americas. It also features authoritative introductory essays on history, culture and religion, demography, international relations, economics and trade, and arts and literature. In doing so, it traces the complex and continuous movement of peoples of African descent to the West, the mechanics and lingering effects of colonialism and the slave trade, and the crucial issues of cultural retention and adaptation that are essential to our understanding of the effects of globalization.

[Mamady Keïta](#) Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Through *The Healing Wisdom of Africa*, readers can come to understand that the life of indigenous and traditional people is a paradigm for an intimate relationship with the natural world that both surrounds us and is within us. The book is the most complete study of the role ritual plays in the lives of African people—and the role it can play for seekers in the West.

[African Drumming](#) Argenta, B.C. : Cougar Webworks

Lesson plans, worksheets and projects in reading, language, and music to accompany the book.

Developed by middle school teachers. Appropriate for grades 5-8

**Whole Person Drumming** Alfred Music Publishing

The tale of an Englishman making a life for himself in SenegalKhady pulled out a breast and with a deadly aim fired milk at the chameleon. "If I don't offer it milk, our son will grow up to look like a lizard," she explained. Clearly I had a lot to learn about life in Africa.On the cusp of middle age, Simon Fenton leaves Britain in search of adventure and finds Senegal, love, fatherhood, witch doctors—and a piece of land that could make a perfect guest house, if only he knew how to build one. The Casamance is an undiscovered paradise here mystic Africa governs life, people walk to the beat of the djembe, when it rains it pours, and the mangoes are free. But the fact that his name translates to "vampire" and he has had a curse placed on him via the medium of eggs could mean Simon's new life may not be so easy.

[Rumba Guaguanco Conversations](#) SCB Distributors

One of the most famous science books of our time, the phenomenal national bestseller that "buzzes with energy, anecdote and life. It almost makes you want to become a physicist" (Science Digest). Richard P. Feynman, winner of the Nobel Prize in physics, thrived on outrageous adventures. In this lively work that "can shatter the stereotype of the stuffy scientist" (Detroit Free Press), Feynman recounts his experiences trading ideas on atomic physics with Einstein and cracking the uncrackable safes guarding the most deeply held nuclear secrets—and much more of an eyebrow-raising nature. In his stories, Feynman's life shines through in all its eccentric glory—a combustible mixture of high intelligence, unlimited curiosity, and raging chutzpah. Included for this edition is a new introduction by Bill Gates.

[The Healing Drum](#) New World Library

Interact and Learn is the overriding theme of this outstanding book and companion online audio. This progressive self-study course is designed to exposethe percussion student to the seductive and complex Cuban rumba style knownas guaguanco. The author offers a generous dose of text and percussion charts to be used with the recorded exercises. The rumba ensemble typically includes: claves; low, midrange, and high-pitched conga drums; the madrugá (shaker) palitos (sticks applied to a hollow wooden cylinder), and vocal elements. The comprehensive quality of this book might best be illustrated by the author's emphasison using the three conga drums as pitched, melodic instruments. Sitting and hand positions and drum techniques are clearly illustrated with photographs as is the convenient instrumental glossary.This book also provides useful courseand lesson objectives for self-evaluation. The companion Audio presents percussion concepts and instruments individually and in conversation. All in all, this Book/Audio package offers a fabulous introduction. Includes access to online audio

**The Amazing Jamnasium** Lulu.com

This is the first volume devoted to the topic of dance and quality of life. Thirty-one chapters illuminate dance in relation to singular and overlapping themes of nature, philosophy, spirituality, religion, life span, learning, love, family, teaching, creativity, ability, socio-cultural identity, politics and change, sex and gender, wellbeing, and more. With contributions from a multi-generational group of artists, community workers, educators, philosophers, researchers, students and health professionals, this volume presents a thoughtful, expansive-yet-focused, and nuanced discussion of dance's contribution to human life. The volume will interest dance specialists, quality of life researchers, and anyone interested in exploring dance's contribution to quality of living and being.

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