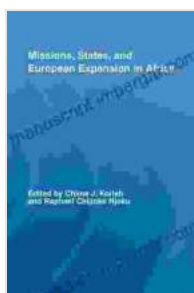


Missions, States, and European Expansion in Africa: Uncovering the Hidden History of the Scramble for Africa

The colonization of Africa by European powers during the late 19th century, known as the Scramble for Africa, has been predominantly examined through the lens of political and economic factors. However, the role of Christian missions has often been overlooked, despite their significant involvement in this transformative period.



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This chapter traces the origins and growth of Christian missions in Africa, examining their motivations, strategies, and impact on local societies. It explores the diverse range of missionary organizations involved, their theological perspectives, and the challenges they faced in their efforts to spread Christianity.



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By exploring the intricate relationships between these three actors, this book contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of the colonization of Africa and its enduring legacy.



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