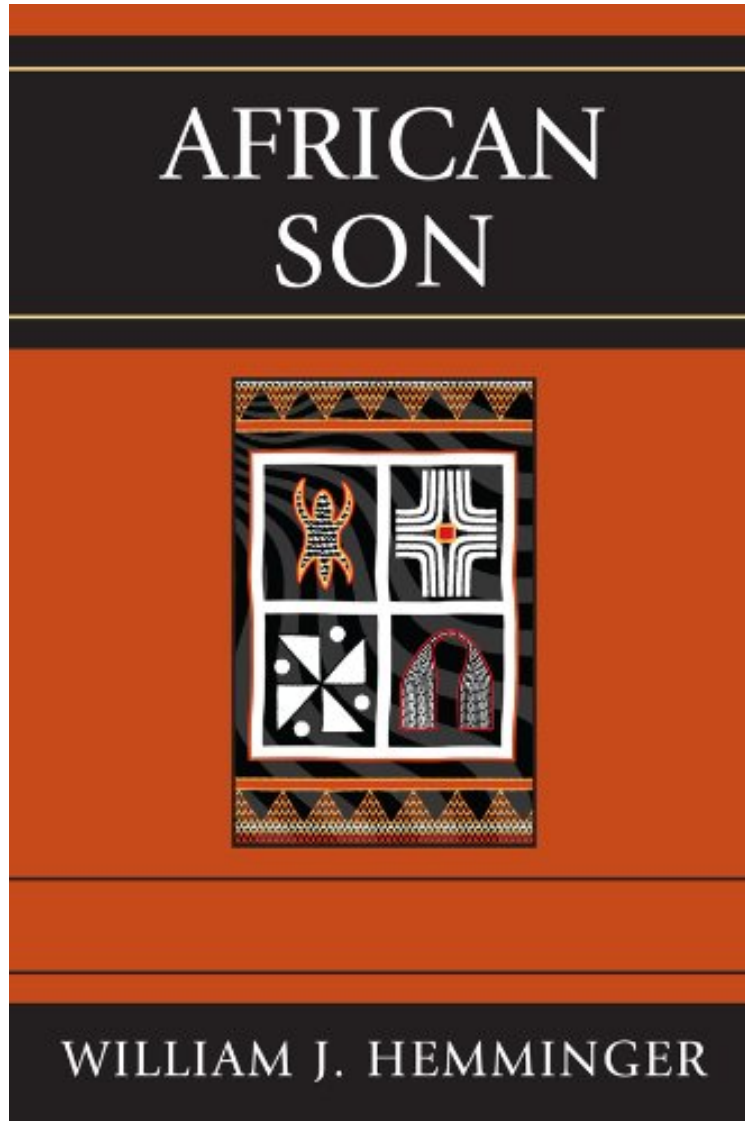


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African Son is a record of the author's many trips to Africa—as a Peace Corps volunteer, Fulbright scholar, teacher, and traveler—over the course of thirty years. These personal essays range from sympathetic descriptions of village life in Senegal and Cameroon to detailed accounts of the rich physical and natural worlds in Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Madagascar to a mock-curriculum vitae for a Cameroonian man whose skill-set is surprisingly extensive. A work of creative non-fiction, *African Son* describes individual and, later, family experiences in a number of African locations, from villages to major urban centers and from desert to thick, tropical forest.

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