



FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS

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Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie grew up on the campus of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where her father was a professor and her mother the first female registrar. She entered the University to study medicine and pharmacy, but left for the US at nineteen. Adichie graduated *summa cum laude* from Eastern Connecticut State University with a degree in communication and political science, and subsequently received a master's in creative writing from Johns Hopkins and a master of arts in African history from Yale. Adichie's work has been translated into over thirty languages. Her first novel, *Purple Hibiscus*, won the Commonwealth Writers' Prize, and her second novel, *Half of a Yellow Sun*, won the Orange Prize, now the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction. In 2008, Adichie earned a coveted MacArthur "Genius Grant" Fellowship. Her novel *Americanah* received the US National Book Critics Circle Award and was named one of the *New York Times*' Top Ten Best Books of 2013. Adichie's 2009 TED Talk, *The Danger of a Single Story*, is one of the top-ten most-viewed TED Talks, with over five million views. Her 2012 TED talk, *We Should All Be Feminists*, was published as a book in 2014. Her most recent book is *Dear Ijeawele, or a Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions*.