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Xlibris, United States, 2007. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Prologue The Yorubas are one of the ethnic groups of the people of South West of Nigeria. Yorubas are very rich in stories about religion and culture. Among these is the famous story of creation of earth by Oduduwa, and the creation of humans by Orishanla. The story narrates the meaning and existence of God and the universe. The almighty God is known in Yoruba language as Olodumare, Olorun, Obangiji, Eleduwa, Eleburuke, Babaluaiye and many other connotations given to his mightiness. Yorubas have a pantheon of deities who are incarnates of the almighty God. In Yoruba pantheon, God exists in the embodiments of deities who perform different divine functions. My Creation Story is based on one of the most inspiring stories that narrate the existence of Olodumare and the creation of earth from Ile-Ife. I have been deeply inspired to imagine on how and why the earth was created from this version of the story. In the beginning Olodumare decided to create earth. He asked one of his deities, Orishanla, to perform this mission with a calabash filled with sand and a five toed chicken. On his way, Orishanla decided to take a rest and he fell asleep. Before he woke up, Oduduwa, who is also a deity in heaven took the calabash and the five toed chicken from him and headed forward to create earth as Olodumare had directed. Later, Orishanla woke up and found out that Oduduwa had performed the mission, which Olodumare assigned to him. He went straight to earth and challenged Oduduwa. Not long, Olodumare appeared to both of them and settled the argument. He compensated Orishanla by assigning him the work of creating humankind. Over time, people have...

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