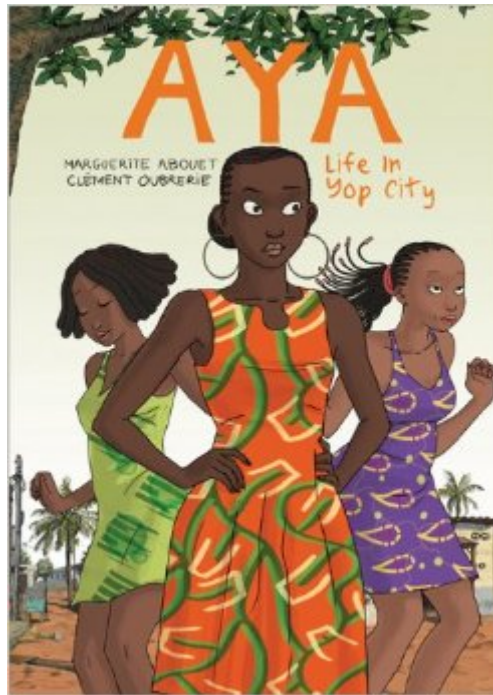


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# Aya: Life In Yop City



## Synopsis

"Aya is an irresistible comedy, a couple of love stories and a tale for becoming African. It's essential reading." -Joann Sfar, cartoonist of *The Rabbi's Cat* Ivory Coast, 1978. It's a golden time, and the nation, too-an oasis of affluence and stability in West Africa-seems fueled by something wondrous. Aya is loosely based upon Marguerite Abouet's youth in Yop City. It is the story of the studious and clear-sighted nineteen-year-old Aya, her easygoing friends Adjoua and Bintou, and their meddling relatives and neighbors. It's a wryly funny, breezy account of the simple pleasures and private troubles of everyday life in Yop City.

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## Customer Reviews

Aya is a great set of stories, to be recommended wholeheartedly. But I should have read the titles more carefully: this is a reprint edition of the first three books. From what I can tell, if you've read the first three, then the final three will be collected in *Love in Yop City*, the final three chapters. Unfortunately, the similar names are potentially confusing, and someone who just sees the appearance of a new Aya book in English, as I did, can conclude that it is simply the next installment, which this isn't.

I absolutely adore these books and so I pre-ordered them here without closely reading the fine print AND ran from Manhattan to Brooklyn to a graphic novel/comics store I knew would carry them just because I was impatient with mail delivery. I figured I'd give the other copy as a gift. The store staff

were just as annoyed as I was with the fat gleaming paperback that seems to be new work but is actually an omnibus of the first three volumes. There is new work coming in October. But I tell you between me, the staff and another lady there was nearly a riot in the store. LOL. The publisher needs to put some clear labels on the cover QUICK.

This book serves basically as a summary of the first two books, I did not know this when I purchased it, because I own the first two books of the trilogy (third book to be released November 2012). It was decent a precedent to the third book, but, because it is a summary, the book feels rushed, and does not give the complete scope of the characters that one gets after having read the first two books. My suggestion, get the first two books, then purchase the third book when available, skip the summary, it reads like Cliff's Notes! Lol

Aya is one of the best graphic novels I've ever read. The characters are compelling and the stories moving, and it really feels like I've been transported to Yop City. Strongly recommended.

This is a well written and excellently illustrated graphic novel. It is light hearted and is a source of great discussion. It truly makes one want to read the other novels in this series.

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