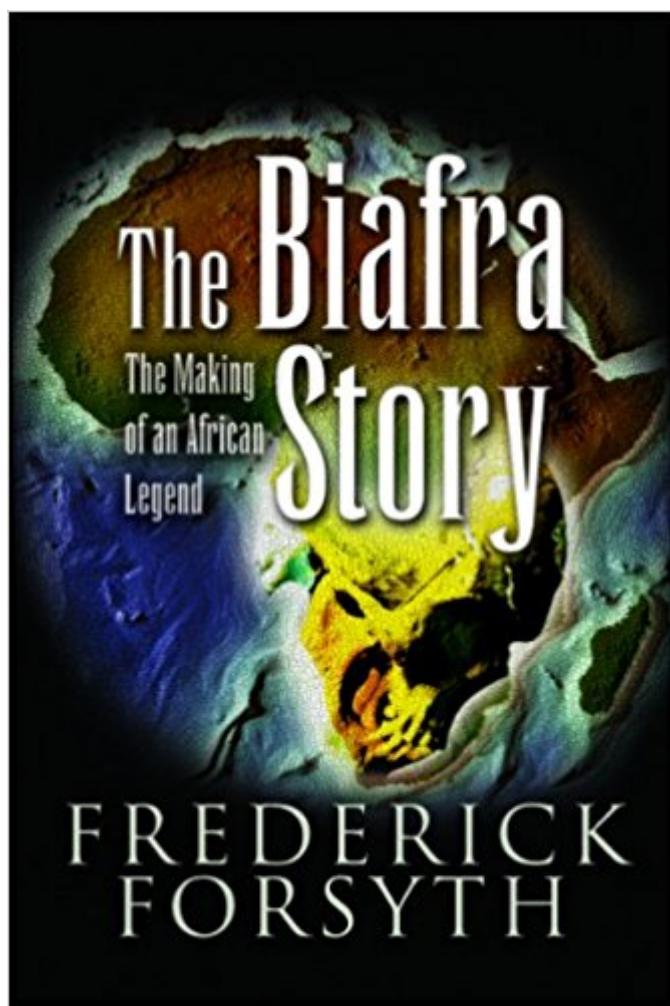


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Synopsis

This stunning narrative marked the turning point in the writing career of Frederick Forsyth, who subsequently wrote *The Dogs of War* and *The Day of the Jackal*. Previously, Forsyth had been a journalist but his book on Biafra marked his remarkable debut as an author. Largely forgotten today, Biafra was a break-away province of Nigeria and the scene of a bloody civil war in the 1960s. Biafra's population largely consisted of the minority Ibo people, who were in revolt against Nigeria's majority Hausa and Fulani people. While the world community today looks with more favor on secessionist regimes, in the 1960s, both East and West united against Biafra, with only France providing assistance to the rebels. Biafra's defeat was followed by a series of massacres by both official and mutinous Nigerian troops, further compounded by disease and famine. This disturbing work has been unavailable for 20 years, but now has come back into print when its relevance to a world of civil wars and ethnic cleansing is greater than ever. This narrative of Third World civil strife and Great Power duplicity is made even more compelling by the skills of a master storyteller.

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Frederick Forsyth has written a succession of major best sellers, many of which have been turned into box office blockbusters. *Dogs of War*, *The Fourth Protocol*, *The Day of the Jackal*, *The Deceivers* to name but four all bear the stamp of his masterly story telling and thorough research.

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The book was a very informative historical account of the events that occurred in the early times of the Nigerian nation and are still reverberating until now

A remarkable and profoundly moving and sad story. A shocking indictment of corruption at the heart of the British establishment. Frederick Forsyth is owed a deep debt of gratitude by all those with an interest in African affairs and provides an impeccable source for historians of the Nigeria-Biafra conflict.

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One of my favorite authors. This, I think, is his first book. Kind of tedious and a little hard to follow if you're not already knowledgeable about the subject.

A complete detailed account of the Nigerian civil war as told from the Biafra point of view. Well told by Frederick Forsyth.

Happens all the time in Asia. Until west loses its tribal instincts.

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