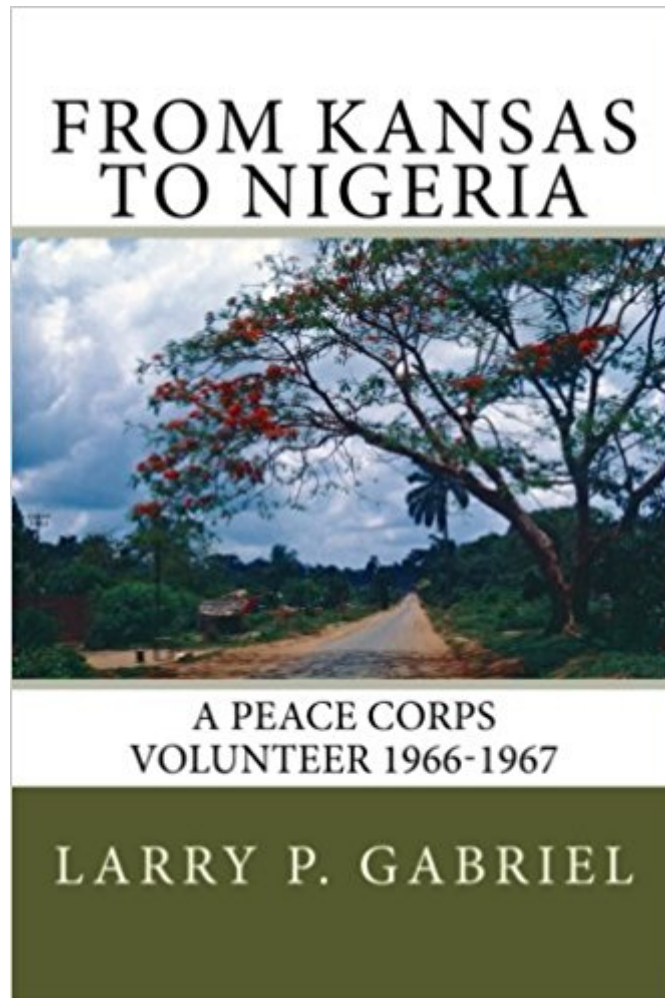




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Killing time between classes during his junior year in college, Larry Gabriel came across a Peace Corps recruiter and struck up a conversation. Little did he know that this chance encounter would take him from Kansas to Nigeria. There, he worked in a classroom and an operating room, learning about Nigerian life while political strains between North and South grew. The tensions eventually exploded, forcing Larry and his colleagues to abandon friends to escape the civil war that erupted around them. Those experiences, as a volunteer and an evacuee, defined the trajectory of his life.

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I served with this RPCV in Nigeria during the highly turbulent times of which he writes. His straightforward style in telling his story is a very positive feature which will add to the reader's pleasure in engaging with the material which the book contains. Larry Gabriel writes both factually and with humor, adding strength to the material. He provides a worthy autobiographical example of the US Peace Corps' third goal, which is to bring home persons whose experiences abroad will benefit the US community both directly and indirectly. Nigeria was 'the hope of Africa' when it received its Independence from Britain in 1960. Roughly six years later, the first coup happened, which led to the Biafran war. It was a country of some 60 million people in during 1966-'67, which was when Gabriel served with his program (Nigeria XX). I believe that this book has wide appeal, with both personal and historical values. Enjoy and learn from both!

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