The Bright Continent

BREAKING RULES and MAKING CHANGE
in MODERN AFRICA

Dayo Olopade

CONTENTS

1.	Orientation: A New Map of Africa 1
	"Just Ask Someone" • The Secret Garden • The World Is Fat • Africa Is a Country
2.	Kanju: <i>The Fine Line Between Genius and Crime</i> The Truth Behind Nigerian E-mail Scams • Recycling and Resilience The Gray Economy • Naming and Shaming
3.	Fail States: Why African Government Hasn't Worked 34 The Runaway State • Vulture Culture • Bad Borders Make Bad Neighbors
4.	Stuff We Don't Want: <i>Doing Bad in Africa</i> 52 Keep Your T-Shirts! • Parachute Planning • Villages in Action
5.	The Family Map: <i>The Original Social Network</i> 67 Bowling Together • The Information Neighborhood • Health and Help • Brain Gain
6.	The Technology Map: Lessons in Leapfrogging 91 The Hockey Stick • Mobile Money • Cluster Economies • "Launch the Damn App" One Man's Meat
7.	The Commercial Map: <i>Development for Sale</i> 121 Let's Make a Deal • Private School • If You Sell It, They Will Come Kanju Capitalism
8.	The Nature Map: <i>To Feed, Fuel, and Build the Future</i> 157 The Power Problem • Our Turn to Eat • Charter Cities • Growing Power
9.	The Youth Map: Africa's Demographic Dividend 191 "Waithood" • Deliberate Practice • The Right Track • After School Reform
10.	Two Publics: <i>Who's in Charge?</i> 217 Exit, Voice, Loyalty • The Strongest State • A Market Test • The Second Coming
	Acknowledgments 237
	Notes 239
	Index 257