Obasanjo, Nigeria and the World

JOHN ILIFFE

Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge

Contents

•	
Preface	ix
Abbreviations	X
Maps	xii, xiii
. 1	
A man of controversy	1
Part I Making a Career (1937-70)	
2	
Yoruba boy	7
3	
Nigerian soldier	12
4	
Coups and civil war	20
Part II Military Rule (1970-9)	
5	
Chance and power	39
6	
State-directed development	56

7	
African liberation	73
8	
Return to civilian rule	88
Part III Private Citizen (1979-99)	
9	
The farmer	99
10	
The author	108
11	
The statesman	120
12	
The politician	136
13	
The prisoner	152
14	
The candidate	164
Part IV The First Presidential Term (1999–200	03)
15	
Containing conflict	183
16	
Salvaging the economy	200
17	
Restoring international relationships	217

18	
President and politicians	225
19	
Re-election	238
Part V The Second Presidential Term (2003–7)	
20	
The imperious presidency	253
21	
Economic reform	268
22	
Africa's elder statesman	281
23	
Managing the succession	287
24	
Retirement	304
Appendix: Exchange rates	308
Bibliography	311

Index