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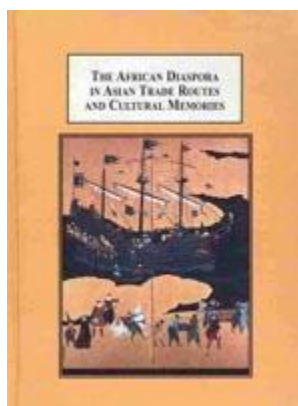
### *The African Diaspora in Asian Trade Routes and Cultural Memories*

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With increase of migration, diaspora studies have become a more significant part of global history. This book contributes to building a more comprehensive narrative of the global African movement. Concerned with Africans who migrated beyond the Indian Ocean, even to China and Japan, the book aims to stimulate scholarship on African movement to Asia and also to increase awareness of the history of Afro-Asian communities who still live in isolated pockets of Asia. Uncovering a slave route from Madagascar to Sumatra, the author identifies points of origin of slaves -- Mozambique, Madagascar, Angola. The author argues that Africans played a vital role as interpreters, musicians and facilitators of cultural transformation and theorises on how Africans themselves were affected by the process of migration.