

Things Fall Apart: The Death of Chinua Achebe

I read *Things Fall Apart* many years ago and remember Achebe's first novel as strong message against colonialism (published in 1958) and cultural imperialism. The role of christianity in the destruction of traditional societies is a common motif throughout Achebe's work and he became a symbol for anti-colonial literature around the world, including indigenous peoples here in Canada. Achebe died this morning in Boston at the age of 82.

I suggest, if you have the desire and the time, to read this book in conjunction with Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* (1899) to see the opposing visions of sub-Saharan Africa, one through the eyes of the colonizer, the other, the eyes of the colonized.

Peace.

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