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**Is Leaving America the Answer?
African-American Expat moves to Tanzania and finds love**

Detroit, Michigan – Lindi, Tanzania. December 18, 2014. - With the recent media coverage of police killings in American society, many inner discussions on social media have posed the question of whether African-Americans should leave America.

Other than searching for an equal place in society, what would cause someone with seemingly everything - a strong corporate career, a family, home, friends - to leave their home country and move half-way across the world? In *The Black Mzungu*, author Alexandria “Nur” Osborne, explores how moving to the bush of Tanzania pushes her to explore the depth of identity, love, and adventure.

Published in conjunction with Niyah Press, *The Black Mzungu* is the true account of Osborne’s transition into Tanzanian society following the completion of a six-month fellowship for her former employer. In Tanzania, Osborne is often labeled “Mzungu”, an irony because the East African term is usually used to refer to people of European descent and traveling foreigners. Yet Nur, an African-American Muslim, who once had grandiose notions of what it would be like to return to the “Homeland,” finds herself in a space in which she is a resident, yet still an outsider, a foreigner and a mzungu.

Part memoir, part travelogue, *The Black Mzungu* takes a candid and refreshing approach to issues of acceptance vs rejection, colonialism vs freedom, consumerism vs minimalism and love vs sacrifice.

Nur’s accounts have sparked a dynamic global dialogue in what is surely a difficult time for the nation.

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