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loyal as a book."  
— Ernest Hemingway*

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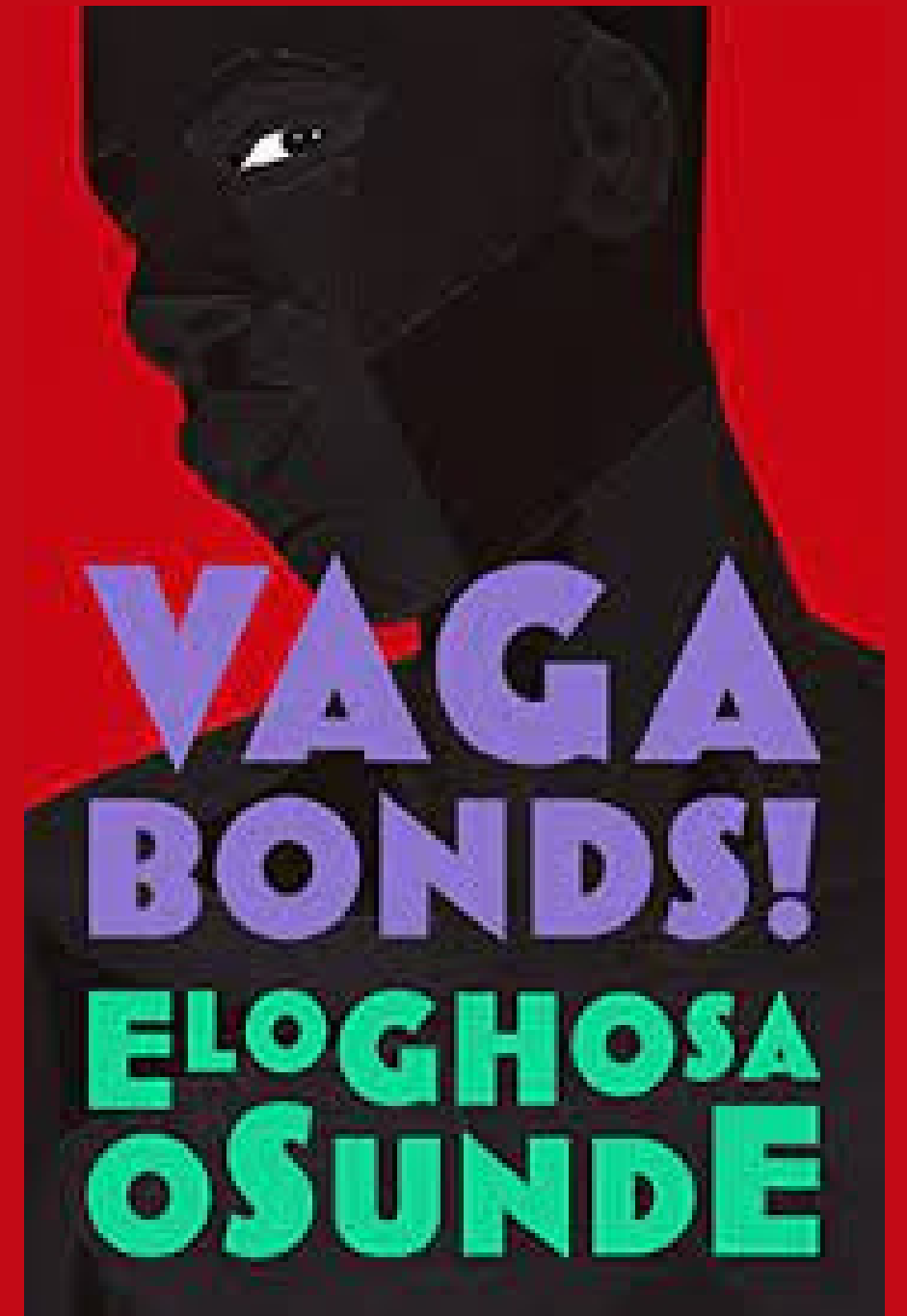
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*June 2023*  
*Book of the Month*

**VAGABONDS!**  
**ELOGHOSA OSUNDE**



*Fiction*



# About Vagabonds!

**"Vagabonds" by Eloghosa Osunde is a riveting novel that weaves together the lives of four compelling characters, each grappling with their own desires, dreams, and inner conflicts. Set in contemporary Nigeria, the story follows Yejide, a young woman seeking independence; Ese, a brilliant artist on a journey of self-discovery; Fineboy, a charismatic hustler with grand ambitions; and Osas, a disillusioned doctor searching for meaning. As their paths intertwine and their lives intersect, they face personal and societal challenges that test their resilience, strength, and commitment to their own identities.**



**Eloghosa Osunde is an acclaimed Nigerian author known for her powerful storytelling and exploration of contemporary Nigerian society, delving into themes of identity, human rights, and personal freedoms.**

**With her captivating prose and keen insight into human emotions, Osunde's work resonates deeply with readers. Her latest novel, "Vagabonds," solidifies her place as a thought-provoking storyteller, shedding light on the human experience and the pursuit of individual and collective rights.**



# What Other People Said

"A powerful debut novel about the power of love and stories to save people shunned by society for being themselves." - Kirkus Review

"The vagabond is a uniquely Nigerian spirit, which she brings to life as mind, body, spirit and even blood- Los Angeles Times



"A groundbreaking work that challenges conventions and pushes boundaries. 'Vagabonds' is a triumph of empathy, shedding light on the lives of those who are often overlooked or silenced. Osonde's writing is powerful, visceral, and profoundly moving." - Bookworm's Delight





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# Discussion Questions

- *How do the characters in "Vagabonds" navigate their personal freedoms and the restrictions imposed on them by society? In what ways do their struggles reflect larger issues of human rights and individual autonomy?*
- *The novel explores themes of gender, sexuality, and societal expectations. How do the characters challenge traditional norms and navigate their own identities in a society that may not fully accept them? How does this relate to the broader struggle for LGBTQ+ rights and inclusivity?*
- *"Vagabonds" delves into the socioeconomic disparities and inequalities present in Nigeria. Discuss the impact of these disparities on the characters' lives and the broader implications for human rights, social justice, and economic equality.*



# Questions For Panelist

- In "Vagabonds," Osunde challenges societal norms and addresses pressing issues related to human rights and social justice. How does the novel invite readers to reflect on these issues and inspire conversations about creating a more inclusive and equitable society?
- "Vagabonds" delves into the experiences of marginalized individuals, including the queer community and the economically disadvantaged. How best can we as a society support the issues highlighted; by the people who face systemic inequalities in their lives?



# Beyond the Book | Championing Equality: Pride, Power, and Progress



Extremist groups are using every trick in the book to put lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people back in the closet. Their latest move? Pressuring our corporate allies with fear tactics, harassment and intimidation

Across this region, the criminalization of same-sex sexual practices and relationships, legislation targeting LGBTI people, and cultural and religious traditions continue to force LGBTI people to flee.

Many flee to Kenya because of its geographical proximity. However, national legislation in Kenya criminalizes same-sex sexual relations, and abuse of the rights of LGBTI people occurs. We emphasise that all are free and all are equal.

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# Lets Jam



"If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your revolution,"

~ Emma Goldman

We love a good time so we had to create an amazing playlist filled with inspiring artists to go with our awesome April/May read! Check it out by scanning the QR code or visiting our YouTube page. Have a song to add to the playlist? Let us know and we will include it!



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