

South Sudan: A New History for a New Nation By Douglas H. Johnson Often considered remote and isolated from the rest of Africa and usually associated with the violence of slavery and civil war South Sudan has been an arena for a complex mixing of peoples languages and beliefs. The nation's diversity is both its strength and a challenge as its people attempt to overcome the legacy of decades of war to build a new economic political and national future. Most recent studies of South Sudan's history have a foreshortened sense of the past focusing on current political issues the recently ended civil war or the ongoing conflicts within the country and along its border with Sudan. This brief but substantial overview of South Sudan's *longue durée* by one of the world's foremost experts on the region answers the need for a current accessible book on this important country. Drawing on recent advances in the archaeology of the Nile Valley new fieldwork as well as classic ethnography and local and foreign archives Johnson recovers South Sudan's place in African history and challenges the stereotypes imposed on its peoples. South Sudan: A New History for a New Nation This book has given me a comprehensive understanding of Sudan history, I found this book to be informative as it touches on many issues that are effecting South Sudan political and tribal dynamics. As a South Sudanese this book touches the very essence of South Sudan 224 pages This is a very short read so it fast forwards in time a lot with each chapter, This is a decent book to introduce oneself to the history of S[1]

Africa's newest nation has a long history. Sudan. 224 pages

