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Oprah Winfrey honors Nigerian Jesuit

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Oprah Winfrey has named U.S. educated Nigerian Jesuit Fr. Uwem Akpan as her 63rd

influential book club selection. Uwem Akpan said he was humbled to learn his debut collection of short stories had caught Oprah's eye.

Oprah said that Akpan's 2008 collection, *Say You're One Of Them* "left [her] stunned and profoundly moved".

This is the first short story selection Oprah has chosen as a book club selection. The five short stories give voice to an African child growing up in the face of incredible adversity.

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