

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](#) [1]. 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.

Read an excerpt from the story "[An Ex-Mas Feast.](#)" [2]

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