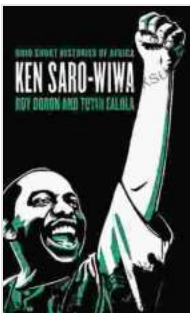


# Ken Saro-Wiwa: A Life of Courage and Sacrifice in the Fight Against Environmental Degradation in Nigeria

Ken Saro-Wiwa was a Nigerian writer, environmental activist, and television producer. He was a leader of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP), a non-violent group that campaigned for the rights of the Ogoni people in the Niger Delta. Saro-Wiwa was executed by the Nigerian government in 1995 after being falsely accused of murder. His death sparked international outrage and led to the creation of the Ken Saro-Wiwa Foundation, which continues to work for environmental justice and human rights in Nigeria.



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## Early life and career

Ken Saro-Wiwa was born on October 10, 1941, in Bori, Nigeria. He was the son of a schoolteacher and a farmer. Saro-Wiwa attended Government

College in Umuahia, where he excelled in his studies. He went on to study English at the University of Ibadan, graduating in 1966. After graduating from university, Saro-Wiwa worked as a teacher and a journalist. He also wrote several plays and novels, including *Sozaboy* (1985) and *A Month and a Day* (1986).

## **Environmental activism**

In the early 1990s, Saro-Wiwa became increasingly involved in environmental activism. He was particularly concerned about the environmental degradation caused by the oil industry in the Niger Delta. The Niger Delta is a region of Nigeria that is home to a large number of oil wells. The oil industry has caused widespread pollution in the region, which has had a devastating impact on the health and livelihoods of the local people.

In 1993, Saro-Wiwa founded MOSOP. MOSOP is a non-violent group that campaigns for the rights of the Ogoni people, including the right to a clean and healthy environment. MOSOP has organized protests, boycotts, and other forms of non-violent resistance against the oil industry.

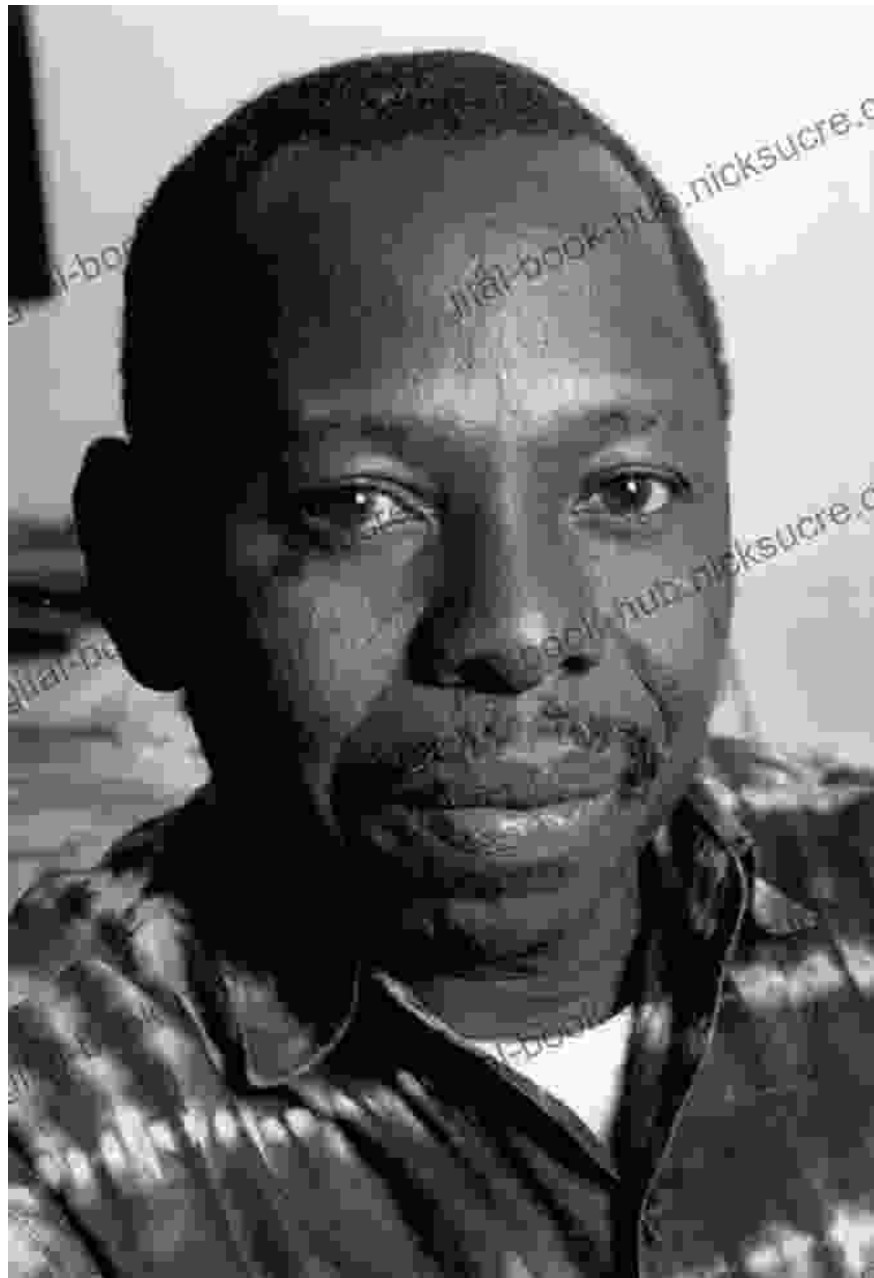
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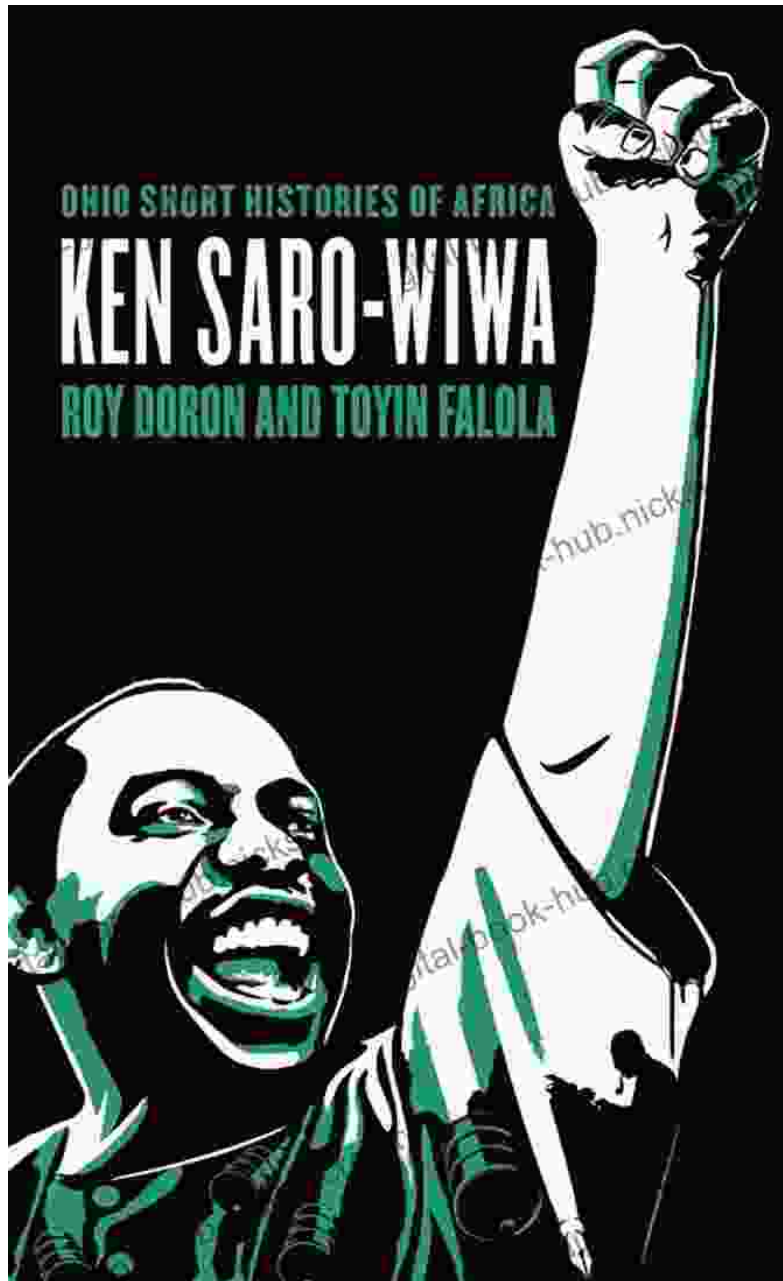
In 1994, Saro-Wiwa and several other MOSOP leaders were arrested by the Nigerian government and charged with murder. The charges were widely seen as politically motivated, and Saro-Wiwa and the other MOSOP leaders were denied a fair trial. In 1995, Saro-Wiwa and eight other MOSOP leaders were executed by hanging. Their deaths sparked international outrage and led to the creation of the Ken Saro-Wiwa Foundation, which continues to work for environmental justice and human rights in Nigeria.

## Legacy

Ken Saro-Wiwa was a courageous and principled man who dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of the Ogoni people and for environmental justice. His death was a tragedy, but his legacy continues to inspire people around the world who are fighting for a more just and sustainable world.

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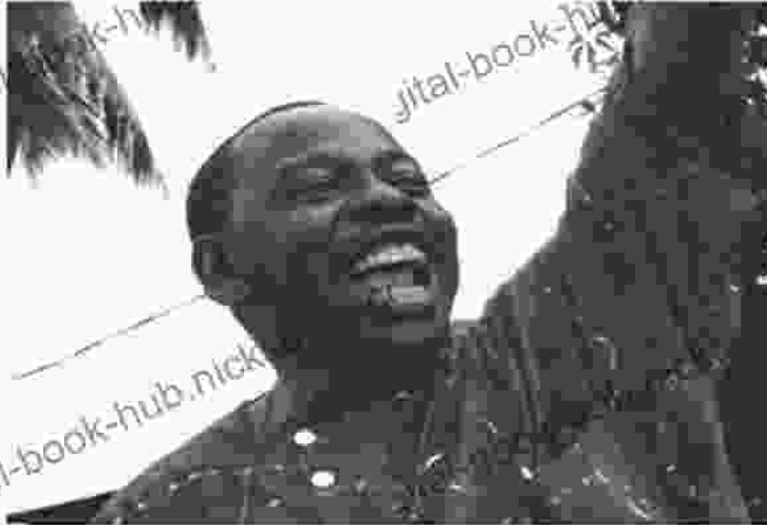


MOSOP protest

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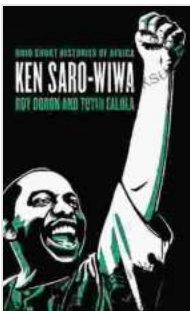
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