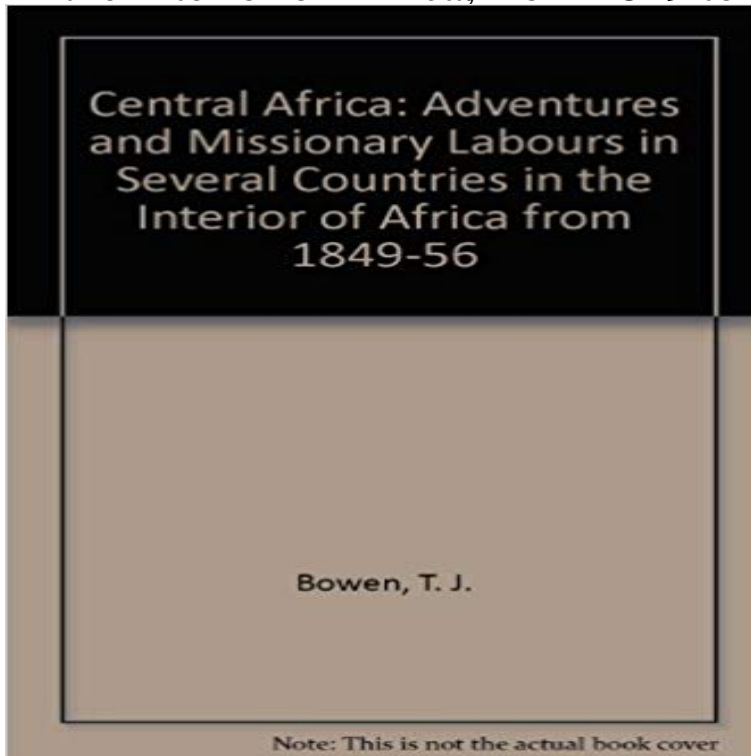


Central Africa: Adventures and Missionary Labors in Several Countries in the Interior of Africa, from 1849 to 1856



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the chiefs volunteered their people to assist me; but I found this plan so uncertain...

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