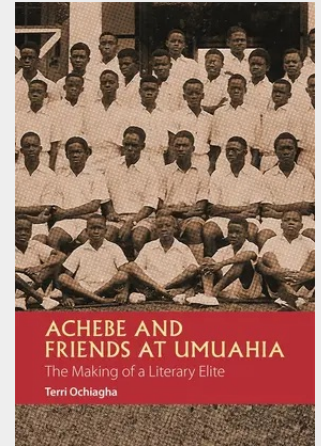


Achebe and Friends at Umuahia - The Making of a Literary Elite

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