



## Themes and Topics in *I Do Not Come To You By Chance*

*I Do Not Come To You By Chance* by Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani is a rich book full of topics which stimulate discussion and inquiry. Here are just a few selections centered around different topics or themes in the book.

### Personal Development

#### **Coming of Age:**

- Initial look at Kingsley in the environment of his family: Chapter 1
- Kingsley changing after initial entry into 419: pg. 177-192
- A look at Kingsley toward the end of the book (After Cash Daddy/"master of destiny") Pg. 391+

#### **Education:**

This book describes education in a number of ways. It prompts such questions as: Is education the answer to success? What should one consider success? In today's economy, will education lead to job-security? What kinds of choices do individuals need to make about their education?

- Tradition of education in Kingsley's family: Prologue
- Kingsley's father's view on education and Kingsley's initial view: pg. 19-20 (all of chapter 1)
- Cash Daddy's views on success and Kingsley reconsidering his father's education versus success (monetary): Pg. 144-154
- Kingsley runs into old university friend who is shocked at his limited education: Pg. 284-289
- Godfrey wants to quit his education- Kingsley's reaction: Pg. 375-377
- Kingsley's plans for education: pg. 398-400

#### **Love:**

- Kingsley's first description of Ola: Pg. 27-32
- Pressures on their romance: pg. 37-44 & 47-56 & 91-94
- Kingsley and Cash Daddy's discussion on love: 259-262
- Kingsley and Ola running into one another: 297-306

### Money

#### **Internet Crime:**

- Kingsley's initial reaction to working on 419 with Cash Daddy: Pg 148-154
- Beginning of Kingsley's work in 419: pg. 178-192
- Kingsley's initial twinge of conscience: pg. 182
- Series of letters showing scam: pg. Pg. 201+
- Kingsley helps Azuka reply to someone who knew it was a 419 scam: Pg 238-242
- Azuka disappears: Pg. 354-365
- Meeting with a mugu: pg. 229-237 & 244-248

**Money (solving problems):**

- Cash Daddy to Kingsley “Your attitude is not money-friendly at all. If you continue talking like this, soon, whenever money sees you coming into a room, it will just jump out through the window.”: Pg 185
- Kingsley’s sister fails exams: Pg. 242

**Family****Family**

- Kingsley’s mother’s reaction to 419: Pg. 198-200 & 219-223
- Kingsley’s mother satisfied with Kingsley’s actions: pg.392-400

**Responsibility:**

- Responsibility to earn money and take over job of ensuring younger sibling’s success: Pg. 34+
- Kingsley beginning to take care of his family’s needs: Pg. 193+
- Family responsibility as an excuse for actions: Pg. 376+

**Culture & Society****Globalism:**

- Perspective of America (Cash Daddy describes America to Kingsley): pg 184
- Mr. Winterbottom’s perspective of Nigeria: 244-248
- Kingsley’s interaction with American mugu: pg. 270-281

**Contrasts:**

- Poverty: pg 105-107
- Wealth: pg 109-114,

**Igbo Culture:**

- Funeral: pg. 170-173
- Wedding: pg. 337-343

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