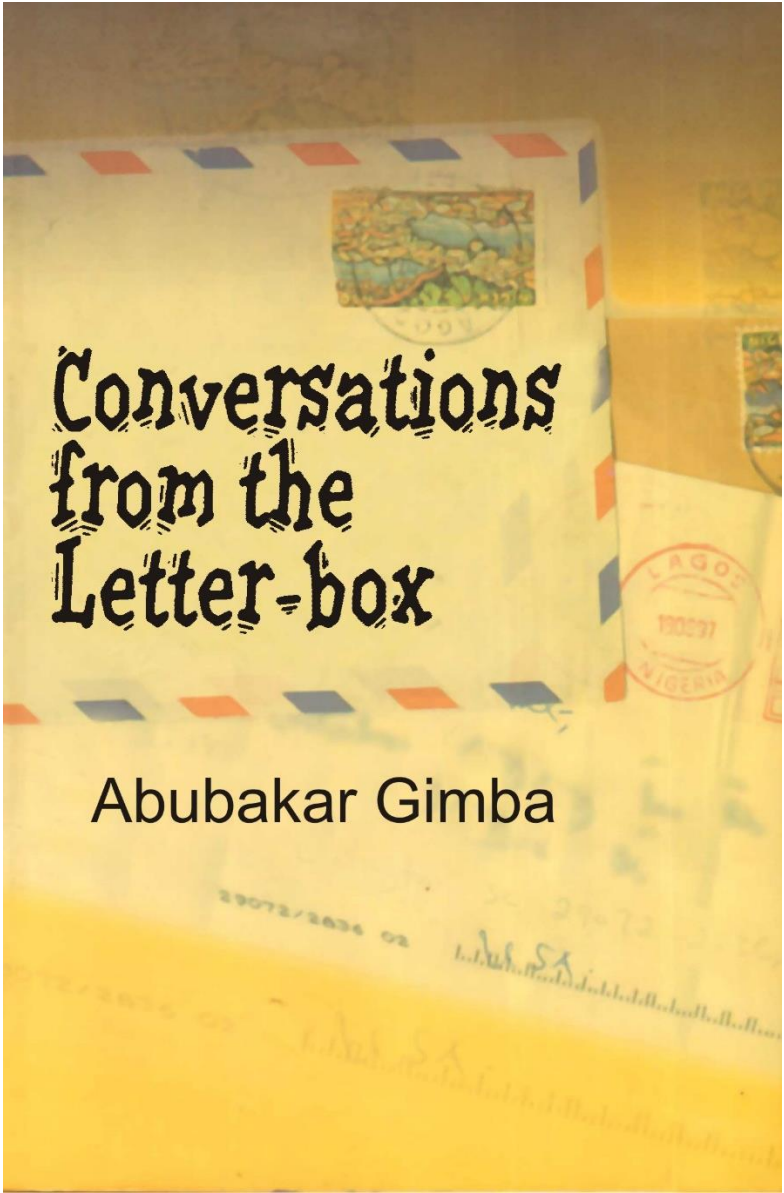




Conversations from the Letter-box

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These letters, although presented on different occasions to some determined audiences, are volumed to air the anomalies in our private and public lives and also in government policies and politics alike. As the saying 'Charity begins at home'. Gimba exemplifies this in *Coversations from the Letter -box* as the letters are directly to his son, daughter, brother, mother, father and also his religious heads, all of whom are the microcosms of our society and the world at large.

It however nudges our insensitivity to national consciousness, and urges the need for all and sundry's contributions to national development.

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Dedication

The nation knew him as its President,
I knew him as a schoolmate, classmate, room-mate and team-mate.
Now remembered as a leader,
beneath whose humble, ordinary mien was an extraordinary
character: Umaru Musa Yar'Adua.
May Allaah forgive him all his errors.

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