# Sudan and Southern Sudan: The Evolution of Africa's Major Nations

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Sudan and Southern Sudan are two of Africa's most important countries. With a combined population of over 50 million people, they are the third and fourth largest countries in Africa, respectively. Sudan is also the largest country in the Arab world. Both countries have a long and complex history, and their relationship has been marked by both cooperation and conflict.



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Sudan was first unified in the 19th century under the rule of the Mahdi, a charismatic religious leader who led a successful revolt against the British. However, the Mahdist state was short-lived, and Sudan was eventually reconquered by the British in 1898. Sudan remained under British rule until 1956, when it gained independence.

Southern Sudan has a different history from Northern Sudan. The region was first settled by the Dinka people, who are a Nilotic ethnic group. The Dinka were later joined by other Nilotic groups, such as the Nuer and the Shilluk. Southern Sudan was never fully conquered by the British, and it remained a relatively autonomous region until the 1950s.

In 1956, Sudan gained independence from Britain. However, the country was soon plunged into a civil war between the Arab-dominated north and the African-dominated south. The war lasted for over 20 years, and resulted in the deaths of over 2 million people. In 2005, the war ended with the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The CPA created a semi-autonomous government for Southern Sudan, and it also provided for a referendum on independence in 2011.

In 2011, Southern Sudan voted to become an independent country. The new country was named the Republic of South Sudan. South Sudan is now the youngest country in Africa, and it faces many challenges as it builds a new nation.

Sudan and Southern Sudan are two of the most important countries in Africa. Their relationship has been marked by both cooperation and conflict, and their future is uncertain. However, both countries have the potential to be major players in the region, and they will undoubtedly continue to play a significant role in African affairs.

Sudan and Southern Sudan are two of Africa's most fascinating and important countries. Their history is complex and their future is uncertain, but they both have the potential to be major players in the region. Sudan and Southern Sudan: The Evolution of Africa's Major Nations is a

comprehensive and engaging account of the history, politics, and culture of these two countries. The book provides a detailed overview of the region's complex history, from the pre-colonial era to the present day. It also examines the political and economic challenges facing Sudan and Southern Sudan, and explores the prospects for peace and stability in the region.

Sudan and Southern Sudan: The Evolution of Africa's Major Nations is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the history and politics of Africa. It is a valuable resource for scholars, students, and policymakers alike.



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