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Yékini practices Senegalese wrestling as a martial art, but is he underestimating the political and economic stakes of the country's top sport?

Wrestling far outstrips soccer as Senegal's most popular sport. This book tells of the fight between three genius wrestlers vying for the title "King of the Ring": Tyson, Yékini, and Balla Gaye 2. Each embodies a specific aspect of Senegalese wrestling. Hailing from a small island where wrestling began, Yékini represents pure tradition and resists media, politics, and financial systems, much to his sponsors' chagrin.

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