

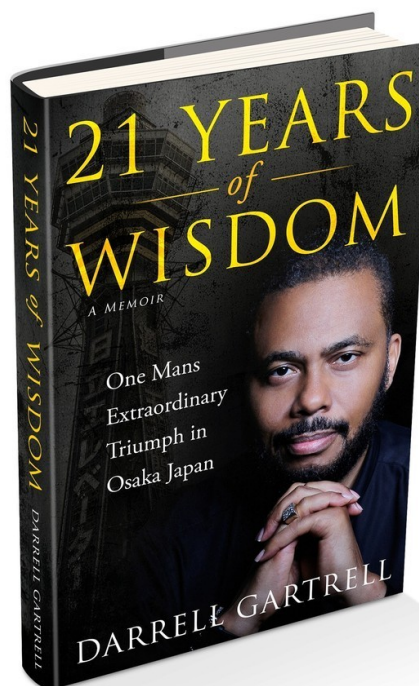
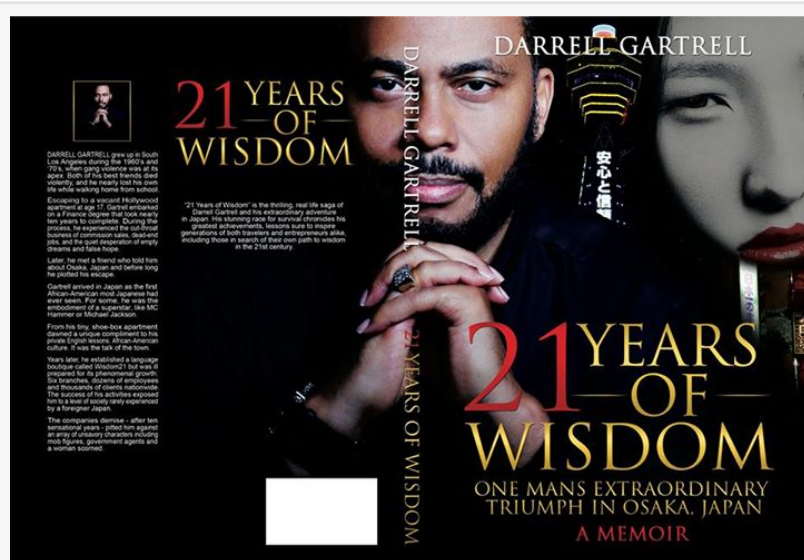
# African-American Thrives in Osaka, Japan

*"21 Years of Wisdom" The true-life memoir of Asian intrigue, cultural adulation and the strength of the human spirit can now be shared on Kickstarter*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Author, journalist, and global business entrepreneur Darrell Gartrell announced the launch of a Kickstarter campaign to finance the completion of a memoir that traces an unlikely but compelling life story, with appeal to everyone from the underclass youth of his native Los Angeles, to the entrepreneurs of Silicon Valley and across the Pacific to the people he holds so dear in Japan.

From the deadly streets of Los Angeles to celebrity success in the Far East, "21 Years of Wisdom — One Man's Extraordinary Triumph in Osaka, Japan," Darrell's firsthand account of the life-changing events that forever altered his path with the establishment of Wisdom21, a first of its kind, [multi-cultural ESL school](#) with six locations across Japan. But success courted danger and the enemies of progress. The story chronicles the writer's fascinating rise of meteoric accomplishment to a ruinous fall from grace. His highway to hell and back is a testament to the tenacity of the human spirit and provides a roadmap of knowledge for those on their own journey of enlightenment.



Darrell's years in Japan living as a Gaijin opens a reader's eyes to a world rarely seen by outsiders. The country is part modern, part traditional; a place steeped in history but immersed in a shiny new exterior which belies the strict adherence to protocol and systematic rhythm of life. It is that convergence of worlds that creates the backdrop for Darrell's riveting and revealing story of persistence and resilience, success and failure, life and love in "21 Years of Wisdom."

The Kickstarter campaign is designed to [fund the completion of the memoir](#), which is destined to be the basis of a screenplay that chronicle the life-changing events that forever altered his path.

Now, you have a chance to help Darrell share his story and inspire others by visiting <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1807961530/21-years-of-wisdom-an-extraordinary-triumph-in-osa> and pledging your support.

About: Darrell Gartrell ([www.darrellgartrell.com](http://www.darrellgartrell.com)) grew up in Los Angeles and traveled to Osaka, Japan during an era where Japanese people had seen very few Africans – let alone African Americans. He began a business, teaching English language and culture classes. At its height, there were six different teaching centers. Changing times ended the business, and Gartrell has returned home to the United States. He is writing a book about his experiences with running a business abroad.

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