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time, central Africa was, effectively, a blank canvas for Europeans,

unknown and devoid of visual representations. While previous works have concentrated on exploring the stereotyped nature of printed imagery of Africa, this study examines the actual production process of images and the books in whic