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Architecture

The City and Its Architectural Heritage Addis Ababa : La Ville
et son Patrimoine Architectural / Fasil Giorghis & Denis
Gerard

Improved and Enlarged Edition=Edition Amelioree Et
Augmentee

Addis Ababa: Shama Books, 2019

400p.

Includes Bibliography

9789994463800

English, French

\$ 150.00/ HB

2040gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749889>

Biography

Growing Into Ethiopia and Its Melodies : Ali Birra In His Own
Words / Surafel Gelgelo

Ethiopia: Taher Mohammed Ali Tabet, 2019

x, 158p.

9789994474608

\$ 35.00 / PB

256gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749890>

Lucy's People : An Ethiopian Memoir / Mesfin Tadesse & Ianet Bastyan

Australia: Yerada Lij, 2020

288p.

9780648828709

\$ 40.00 / PB

252gm.

"Lucy's People: An Ethiopian Memoir" is the true story of Mesfin: UN scholarship student, civil and construction engineer and survivor of the brutal communist Derg, 1974 to 1991. Born into a military family of patriots who resisted Mussolini's 1935 invasion, he holds his head high throughout random arrest, torture and forcible military conscription. As a teenager, he serves in missions impossible at the Eritrean warfront. At home, he is breadwinner for a dozen; however, youth is in constant danger, so he flees to Kenya.

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Sift Through Life : Ilu Abba Boor in the Limelight, 100 Diverse Stories / Tadel Teferra (TT Dhaaba)

Addis Ababa: Finfinne, 2019

xv, 309p.

9789994471357

\$ 35.00 / PB

276gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749892>

Cookbooks

Let's Eat Enebla : My Ethiopian Recipes / Sari ordberg
Second Edition

Addis Ababa: Shama Books, 2019

34p.

9789994463947

\$ 25.00 / PB
88gm.

“Let’s eat, Enebla, My Favorite Ethiopian Recipes,” is one of my favorite Ethiopian cookbooks. Unique in today’s “303 Best recipe”-genre massolithic cookscape, Enebla is short, sweet, artistically laid out and contains cooking wisdom gems. The up-and-down vertical shape alone bespeaks a certain “IDGAF” with respect to normalizing processes, as this could by no means be called a “standard format.” At 21 recipes it packs wallop but doesn’t overwhelm with redundancy (as many modern tomes either cover too much ground “the whole kitchen sink” or reiterate versions of the same recipe ad infinitum). The recipes span basics like gomen and shuro wat as well as classics like spiced beef and less well known to Westerners staples such as Ambush spiced bread and Duro chicken bread. Mekelesha powder is featured frequently as is pine cone or temeze. There is a nice section on hand washing and coffee rituals and apparently the author Sari Nordberg-Tafassa has lived in Ethiopia since 1976 and married an Ethiopian gentleman.

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History

Emperor Menelik II : The Military Strategist and Diplomat who Changed the Course of History / Tilahun Tassew
Ethiopia: Kuraz Printing Press PLC, 2020
184p.
\$ 35.00 / PB
270gm.

This history book, in English, deals with the military and diplomatic battles of Menelik the Second, Emperor of Ethiopia.
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Century Travellers – A Far Country : Travels in Ethiopia /
Philip Marsden-Smedley

London, UK: Arrow Books, 1990

210p.

009984690X

\$ 16.00 / PB

206gm.

Despite its present-day sufferings, Ethiopia is the background to one of the richest and most historical of African cultures. It still exerts a powerful fascination, as Philip Marsden-Smedley discovered when he set out on a journey of exploration, which he records in this book.

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Religion – Christianity

Visiting Ethiopian Churches : Understanding the Paintings of
Eight Frequently Visited Churches of Ethiopia / Dawit Teferi
Ambessie

Addis Ababa: Nightjar Tours, 2019

X, 247p.

\$ 40.00 / PB

350gm.

This work analyses the paintings of eight frequently visited churches which feature prominently in the Ethiopian tourism industry. These are the churches of Yimrhane Kirstos and Lalibela in Lasta, Abrha we Asbha and Aksum Maryam Tsion in Tigrai, Debre Sina Maryam on the northern shore of Lake Tana, Narga Sillasse and Ura Kidane Mihret in Lake Tana and Debre Birhan Sillasse in Gondar. With the exception of most of the rock churches of Lalibela, paintings are an integral part of the churches under review. In five of them, namely Debre Sina Maryam, Narga Sillasse, Debre Birhan Sillasse, the old Aksum Maryam Tsion and Ura Kidane Mihret, the paintings are their prime attractions. Without the murals they would not have

been able to draw international tourists. This study highlights that for centuries Christianity and Christian art has been an important component of Ethiopian culture. This can be noticed even in the daily life of the people. In this casual photo of children at th4 Blue Nile Falls, it can be seen that pendant or neck cross is one of the earliest possessions of Christian children.

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A Symposium on Ethnic Diversity, Violence and Conflict Resolution in Ethiopia : Ethiopian Review of Cultures, Addis Ababa, Special Issue Vol. XVI, 2017-2018
Addis Ababa: Capuchin Franciscan Institute of Philosophy and Theology, 2018
385p.

Ethiopian Review of Cultures, Addis Ababa, Special Issue Vol. XVI, 2017-2018

\$ 70.00 / PB

594gm.

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Politics

The Conflict in Yemen and Its Shadow on the Horn of Africa /
Desta Kahsay

Addis Ababa: Shama Books, 2020

172p.

9789994463565

\$ 35.00 / PB

174gm.

This book explores the changes and continuities of dynamics in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa region based on lessons learnt from the conflict in Yemen. The author asserts that the conflict in Yemen is non sectarian manifestation of political rivalry among states, and that genuine

And all-inclusive dialogue is the only way out to bring peace and stability in the region. He also points out multiple reasons why it is important to be seriously considered by all stake holders, including Ethiopia.

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