



Book Review

“Ethiopian Transitions at Home and Abroad” by Kebede Haile

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I have read Ato Kebede Haile’s recent book entitled *Ethiopian Transitions at Home and Abroad* that was published in August 2015. Here is my personal review.

Ethiopian Transitions at Home and Abroad by Kebede Haile covers a wide range of topics about Ethiopia and its people. From the current state of the government to the instability that Ethiopian people face, in this complex world of the 21st century. The book reveals how much the U.S. sugarcoats the type of government Ethiopia really is. Even if you were to look up Ethiopia you see the stuff the government does to its own people and how inhumane actions and genocide are.

On a brighter side Mr. Haile takes a newcomer's experience of how being late is like a normal thing for Ethiopian people even if the newcomer just came back from Ethiopia. Not only is it annoying but many things can be avoided to decrease how late people can be; I heard it is called “የሀብት ቀጠሮ”. Maybe by setting the time late or starting before people come. It's even a joking matter between Ethiopian kids these days for instance, if the graduation party or wedding starts at 6 then add another 2 hours and that's the time were coming, when friends want to know what time their friends are coming. But baby steps now can lead to a better change in the future.

Furthermore in *Ethiopian Transitions at Home and Abroad*, more Ethiopian women are going to many Middle Eastern countries to seek more money to send to their family back home called remittances. Many of these women get sold into human trafficking or even worse get killed/suicide from rough treatment from their master. Mr. Haile explains how many of these women go without any knowledge to an alien country but has courage to get a good job and send remittances back home. Mr. Haile himself gave Fatima, a female maid from Ethiopia, advice when she goes to Dubai and she was very pleased by him and thanked him very much. It shows these women have no experience beforehand and are sent to a country not knowing the outcome of what will happen once they get there.

The author conveys many topics in this book that give you a whole new perspective as an Ethiopian and what we can do as a whole to make life, abroad and at home, easier and more efficient. If many people read this book it can relate to anyone in some way and have a positive effect on the person/persons. The book is very informal and the transitioning of different topics keeps you interested. It displays reality in a narrative form and is worth reading.

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