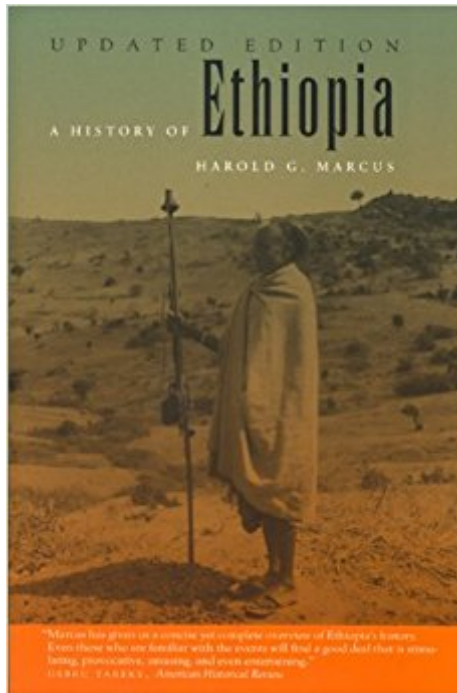




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Marcus (history, Michigan State Univ.) has authored several books on Ethiopia, most recently Haile Selassie: The Formative Years 1892-1936 (Univ. of California Pr., 1986). This one, which was eight years in the writing, is his most ambitious because it attempts to cover the entire history of Ethiopia from prehistoric times to the fall of the Mengistu government in 1991, although all but the first 80 pages deal with Ethiopia since its reunification under Menelik in 1889. Marcus views Ethiopian history as a series of cyclical expansions from its component parts to empire and back again; he argues that the idea of the greater Ethiopian nation will always cause the state to reunify despite its current disintegration. Whether or not one agrees with his thesis, this book is such a readable and up-to-date overview of a long and complex history that it is recommended for both academic and large public libraries. Paul H. Thomas, Hoover Inst. Lib., Stanford, Cal. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Harold Marcus has written a highly readable book."--Bahru Zewde, "African History

This is a thorough and excellent history although I do wish it had spent more time on the early

Golden age rather than skipping through the good times. I wish the maps had been throughout the book rather than in the back but with a book like this you can't be picky. Once you are familiarized with the names (which some may already be,) it is an excellent overview, with an emphasis on the recent centuries. It is hard to find a cheap and thorough history of Ethiopia and this was well worth it.

Marcus' "A History of Ethiopia" is a great overview of Ethiopia's history. It is focused more on the modern era, especially the 20th century. It does get confusing occasionally while reading due to some Ethiopians have very similar names to others, as well as Marcus' use of the nobility's titles, which can add to the confusion. Overall I loved the book, and would highly recommend it to those wanting an introduction and overview of Ethiopian history. I also recommend Marcus' other books, especially his biography of Haile Selassie.

great

I think is a very comprehensive description of Ethiopia and include allkind of details abou economy, social movements, ethnicity, colonial tensions and religius aspects.

good history

Very concise review of ethiopian history which should be read every person who wants to know about ethiopian history or students of african ethiopian history

Read by me and some of my grandchildren. We have a new member of our family from Ethiopia.The author is Harold G. Marcus. I'm keeping it in my library.

When you have a go at history comprehensively, you soon find that it is vast, deep, and murky. Marcus in this single volume bravely undertakes a comprehensive history of Ethiopia (aka Abyssinia). The reading of it is inevitably a bit of a difficult slog, even for readers with long attention spans accustomed to intellectually challenging texts. There is an analog here with physical-fitness philosophy: no pain, no gain. Recommendation: do a little mental sweating and learn much from this book.

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