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What is a beautiful garden to southern Ethiopian farmers? Anchored in the author's perceptual approach to the people, plants, land, and food, *The Edible Gardens of Ethiopia* opens a window into the simple beauty and ecological vitality of an ensete garden. The ensete plant is only one among the many "unloved" crops that are marginalized and pushed close to disappearance by the advance of farming modernization and monocultural thinking. And yet its human companions, caught in a symbiotic and sensuous dialogue with the plant, still relate to each exemplar as having individual appearance, sensibility, charisma, and taste, as an epiphany of beauty and prosperity, and even believe that the plant can feel pain. Here a different story is recounted of these human-plant communities, one of reciprocal love at times practiced in an act of secrecy. The plot unfolds from the subversive and tasteful dimensions of gardening for subsistence and cooking in the garden of ensete through reflections on the cultural and edible dimensions of biodiversity to embrace hunger and beauty as absorbing aesthetic experiences in small-scale agriculture. Through this story, the reader will enter the material and spiritual world of ensete and contemplate it as a modest yet inspiring example of hope in rapidly deteriorating landscapes. Based on prolonged engagement with this "virtuous" plant of southwestern Ethiopia, this book provides a nuanced reading of the ensete *ventricosum* (avant-)garden and explores how the life in tiny, diverse, and womanly plots offers alternative visions of nature, food policy, and conservation efforts.

The present volume deals with hitherto unexplored issues on the interaction of morphology and syntax. These selected and invited papers mainly concern Cushitic and Chadic languages, the least-described members of the Afroasiatic family. Three papers in the volume explore one or more typological characteristics across an entire language family or branch, while others focus on one or two languages within a family and the implications of their structures for the family, the phylum, or linguistic typology as a whole. The diversity of topics addressed within the present volume reflects the great diversity of language structures and functions within the Afroasiatic phylum.

Although Amharic is the national language of Ethiopia and English its international language, until publication of this book in hardcover there was no concise Amharic-English, English-Amharic dictionary. Students of Amharic as well as visitors to Ethiopia and foreign workers will benefit from this concise dictionary with phonetic transcriptions that allow for its use by those unfamiliar with Amharic script.

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The written word has taught a way of being. Since the written version of language is visible and permanent, many of our attitudes to and normative assumptions about language - and human communication in general - derive from our experiences of written language. In recent years, scholars from such disciplines as history, anthropology, education and linguistics have joined forces to readdress issues surrounding the problems of the relationship between oral and written language. The lessons to be learnt are fascinating and imply that many of the assumptions we hold concerning language and the human condition are neither "natural"

nor universal; rather, they build on highly specific norms and attitudes introduced through a certain literate tradition. Furthermore, these norms have come to dominate many modern social institutions such as schools, the legal system and bureaucracies of various kinds that influence and determine our lives. The present volume analyzes in detail the impact of written language on a broad range of issues that relate to human development in both an ontogenetic and a phylogenetic perspective, together with the relationship of written language to oral and literate practices. The articles cover empirical studies as well as theoretical analyses of literate practices in diverse settings.

While debating Sir Winston on the House of Commons, Lady Astor says, Sir Winston, if I were your wife, I should poison your tea. Sir Winston replies, Madam, if I were your husband, I would drink it. In 1066, a Battle of Hastings ensued in England, eventually causing two languages to merge and form modern English. In *The Jokes on Me*, English language aficionado Jim Purdy provides an entertaining tutorial of jokes, explanations, and associated vocabulary based on this historical transition. Purdy bases most of his jokes on sex, politics, and religion, depending on the unexpected as he leads serious students of languages to the other side of English. While including jokes not intended for the easily offended, Purdy relies on the experiences he acquired during his frequent travels throughout Europe as he shares jokes as diverse as the world around us. Purdy spares no one from his humorous jabs, including Lady Astor and Sir Winston, the Lone Ranger, and the Pope. *The Jokes on Me* is a step-by-step guide that will encourage both novice and experienced students of languages to gain a new appreciation of the American sense of humor while simultaneously enhancing their vocabulary and linguistics abilities.

The subject matter of this 1924 reading book was collected in Addis Ababa from literate Amharas and was translated as literally as possible. "13000+ English - Amharic Amharic - English Vocabulary" - is a list of more than 13000 words translated from English to Amharic, as well as translated from Amharic to English. Easy to use - great for tourists and English speakers interested in learning Amharic. As well as Amharic speakers interested in learning English.

This large, 2-volume work presents more than 50 authoritative articles by leading specialists on a wide variety of ancient, medieval, and modern languages and dialects of the greater Near East and Africa, from a variety of language families. The articles are concise descriptive narratives presenting the basics of the phonology of the languages and dialects, with an emphasis on the phonological processes operative in them. A major goal of the work is a definite statement on the language and/or dialect in question with regard to genetics, typology, and/or universal elements. Of interest to general linguists as well as those specializing in Afro-Asiatic languages.

Colloquial Amharic is the essential guide to learning this beautiful language. Specially written by an experienced teacher for self-study or class use, the course offers you a step-by-step approach to written and spoken Amharic. No prior knowledge of the language is required. Colloquial Amharic is: * interactive - with lots of exercises for regular practice * clear - with concise grammar notes * practical - with useful vocabulary and pronunciation guide * complete - includes answer key and special reference section. Two 60 minute cassettes are also available to help you with listening and pronunciation skills.

With the demographic explosion of young people in major African cities, we are witnessing the emergence of youth languages and new speech forms. In search of well-being, these young people, plagued by poverty, social injustice, unemployment and idleness, invent linguistic codes that allow them to find themselves. The linguistic and sociolinguistic description of these youth languages is the object of this volume. The contributions inform on the statutes and functions of the youth languages of Africa, their forms and

structures, their representations, and envisage perspectives and prospective didactics. Avec l'explosion démographique des jeunes dans les grandes villes africaines, on assiste, à une émergence de langues et de parlers jeunes. En quête de bien-être, ces jeunes, en proie à la pauvreté, aux injustices sociales, au chômage et à l'oisiveté, inventent des codes linguistiques leur permettant de se retrouver. C'est la description linguistique et sociolinguistique de ces parlers, qui fait l'objet de ce collectif. Les contributions informent à cet effet sur les statuts et fonctions des parlers et langues jeunes d'Afrique, leurs formes et structures, les représentations entretenues à leur égard, et envisage des perspectives et prospectives didactiques.

Drawing on nine case studies, this book offers a comparative ethnography of the contested powers that shape democratization in Ethiopia. Focusing on the competitive 2005 elections, the authors analyze how customary leaders, political parties and state officials confronted each other during election time.

Dictionaries can be something of a personal matter; people become very attached to their favorite. In the above context Endale Zenawi's dictionary is archetypal; this is a much used and loved dictionary. The first edition had been out of print since 1975. Simon Wallenberg's Second 2007 edition of this invaluable reference book is bound to be welcome. The editors of Simon Wallenberg have included a brand new introduction to the Amharic language and a history of the Ethiopian People. Cultural notes have been added along with useful information on contemporary Ethiopia. A section on the Rastafarian religion has been added. The new edition has been expanded with over 660 pages of definitions making this dictionary the most comprehensive on the Amharic language. True to form, the Simon Wallenberg's editors have carried forward Endale Zenawi's work and have lived up to their tradition of creating some of the most widely used and respected dictionaries and reference books in the world. Definitions continue to be organized around the "core" meanings that is, "the one that represents the most literal use that the word has in ordinary modern Amharic usage. The dictionary is ideal for person looking for a quick answer while on a business trip as well for journalists and writers for whom it makes the perfect desktop companion. Portable, compact, and affordable, this Amharic Dictionary is ideal for school, the office, and lower university level The dictionary has been revised and updated to cover all the latest vocabulary. Words are tools for life and the Wallenberg dictionaries make them work for you. Acclaimed by Amharic Academics, Wallenberg Dictionaries has led the way in bilingual lexicography for many years. They have proved to be reliable dictionaries and have been compiled for a large number of languages.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th Language and Technology Conference: Challenges for Computer Science and Linguistics, LTC 2009, held in Poznan, Poland, in November 2009. The 52 revised and in many cases substantially extended papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 103 submissions. The contributions are organized in topical sections on speech processing, computational morphology/lexicography, parsing, computational semantics, dialogue modeling and processing, digital language resources, WordNet, document processing, information processing, and machine translation.

This title was first published in 2000: Comprising over one-third of the land area of Israel, the Negev is home to more than 400,000

residents representing one of the most unusual ethnic mixes in the world. Immigrants from many regions and countries: North Africa, Ethiopia, the Middle East, India, Europe, North and South America, and the Republics of the former Soviet Union, now reside in the Negev along with indigenous Bedouin Arabs and Jews born in Israel. *Transitions* is a dedication to the Negev people, brought together by Richard Isralowitz of Ben Gurion University, Israel and Jonathan Friedlander of the University of California, Los Angeles. It documents a year in the lives of three groups of people through carefully selected and expertly written chapters contributed by Israeli scholars familiar with issues of immigration and immigrant absorption, regional development, health, education, as well as racial and ethnic conflict concerning Russian, Ethiopian and Bedouin people of Israel's arid southern region. The chapters are juxtaposed with the vivid and provocative colour and black and white images of photographer Ron Kelley who focuses on the process of assimilation, within the broader context of Israeli society, revealing complications of nationalism, ethnic rivalries and competition over limited resources, amidst a prevailing concern for national security. Prepared with support from the US/Israel Binational Education Foundation (Fulbright Scholars Program) and the Israel Council of Higher Education, *Transitions* is an extraordinary and unique study of people, their environment and interaction.

And Still Plays the Abyssinian Damsel on Her Dulcimer is a novel based on Ethiopian history and legends. The story has thirteen chapters representing the thirteen months in the Ethiopian calendar. The narrator, a professor at an Ethiopian University, flies from Mumbai to Addis Ababa, and then to his destination. He is haunted by the Abyssinian damsel whom the English poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge saw in a dream and described in his poem "Kubla Khan." The Abyssinian damsel tells the story of Ethiopia from prehistoric to modern times, revealing herself as one who visited King Solomon together with the Queen of Sheba. The Rift Valley of Ethiopia, where three-million-year-old human fossils have been discovered, is considered the birthplace of *Homo sapiens*. A myriad of legends like the Serpent Kings and Queen Gudit intertwine with Ethiopia's history. Reviewing the novel, Barbara Biehler wrote, "A fine writing style and tells a great story."

Dark Star Safari is Paul Theroux's now classic account of a journey from Cairo to Cape Town. Travelling across bush and desert, down rivers and across lakes, and through country after country, Theroux visits some of the most beautiful landscapes on earth, and some of the most dangerous. It is a journey of discovery and of rediscovery -- of the unknown and the unexpected, but also of people and places he knew as a young and optimistic teacher forty years before. Safari in Swahili simply means "journey", and this is the ultimate safari. It is Theroux in his element -- a trip where chance encounter is everything, where departure and arrival times are an irrelevance, and where contentment can be found balancing on the top of a truck in the middle of nowhere. Praise for Paul Theroux: 'Theroux's work remains the standard by which other travel writing must be judged' Observer 'One needs energy to keep up with the extraordinary, productive restlessness of Paul Theroux ... [He is] the most gifted, most prodigal writer of his generation' Jonathan Raban 'Always a

terrific teller of tales and conjurer of exotic locales, he writes lean prose that lopes along at a compelling pace. Sunday Times Paul Theroux's books include *Dark Star Safari*, *Ghost Train to the Eastern Star*, *Riding the Iron Rooster*, *The Great Railway Bazaar*, *The Elephanta Suite*, *A Dead Hand*, *The Tao of Travel* and *The Lower River*. *The Mosquito Coast* and *Dr Slaughter* have both been made into successful films. Paul Theroux divides his time between Cape Cod and the Hawaiian islands.

In the streets of Addis Ababa in 1977, shop-front posters illustrate Uncle Sam being strangled by an Ethiopian revolutionary, parliamentary leaders are executed, student protesters are gunned down, and Christian mission converts are targeted as imperialistic sympathizers. Into this world arrives sixteen-year-old Tim Bascom, whose missionary parents have brought their family from a small town in Kansas straight into Colonel Mengistu's Marxist "Red Terror." *Running to the Fire* focuses on the turbulent year the Bascom family experienced upon traveling into revolutionary Ethiopia. The teenage Bascom finds a paradoxical exhilaration in living so close to constant danger. At boarding school in Addis Ababa, where dorm parents demand morning devotions and forbid dancing, Bascom bonds with other youth due to a shared sense of threat. He falls in love for the first time, but the young couple is soon separated by the politics that affect all their lives. Across the country, missionaries are being held under house arrest while communist cadres seize their hospitals and schools. A friend's father is imprisoned as a suspected CIA agent; another is killed by raiding Somalis. The volume examines the motives for lexical borrowing from English during the last century, the processes involved in the penetration of English vocabulary into new environments, and the extent of its integration into twelve languages representing several language families. Many of these absorbing languages are studied here for the first time.

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The Argobba are an ethnic and religious minority in southeastern Wallo and northeastern Sawa. Despite living in harsh environments and menace from more dominant ethnic groups, they have for centuries maintained their agricultural activity, trader and weaver identity, and religious unity. At present they are undergoing rapid cultural change, and are caught up in a tension between encapsulation and the struggle for the survival of Argobba cultural tradition and political position in what once was a strategic location. This book presents a perceptive historical and cultural analysis of change and continuity, looks at how the Argobba define and redefine their agricultural and commercial ways of living as a response to threats from Oromo migration, Amhara settler penetration and Adal aggression, and examines the past and present condition of Argobba social and economic transformation in north-central Ethiopia.

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business traveller, or about to take up a daring challenge in adventure tourism; you may be studying to teach or even looking forward to a holiday—if you'd like to get up and running with Amharic, this rewarding course will take you from complete beginner to confidently putting your language skills to use in a wide range of everyday situations. Accompanying audio material is available to purchase separately on two CDs or in MP3 format, or comes included in the great value Colloquial Amharic paperback and CDS complete course. Recorded by native speakers, the audio material complements the book and will help develop your listening and pronunciation skills. For the eBook and MP3 pack, please find instructions on how to access the supplementary content for this title in the Prelims section.

For over a quarter of a century Siegbert Uhlig has been involved in Ethiopian Studies. As wide as the scope of his interests and contributions to Ethiopian Studies has been, so versatile is the thematic range of the 36 articles in this anthology. The essays in fields such as philology, history, linguistics, anthropology and arts were written by the ethiopianists from Ethiopia, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the USA. The Festschrift also includes an account of Ethiopian Studies in Hamburg, and a selected bibliography of Siegbert Uhlig's publications. An index to the contributions of the collection will be made available on the internet.

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