

HALF A KNIFE

An Amhara Resistance Writer's Reckoning

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Library request sheet

Bibliographic details, catalogue summary, suggested subject headings, and ordering information for Half a Knife.

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Bibliographic details

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Contents	A prologue and 18 chapters; five appendices; a cast of characters; an index; a timeline of Ethiopian political events, 1991–2026
Illustrations	Photographs and charts
Language	English. An Amharic edition follows.
Category	Political memoir · Testimony · Ethiopian history and politics
Audience	General adult; undergraduate and graduate courses in African studies, peace and conflict studies, media and disinformation, and life writing

Catalogue summary

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A documented memoir of the Amhara political movement in Ethiopia, written by a participant. An engineer and former university dean, writing for seven years under the pen name Neakutoleab, records the years from his first dissenting Facebook posts to his withdrawal from public writing in 2023: the rise of a new Amhara political consciousness, the Gondar uprising of 2016, the diaspora campaign for United States House Resolution 128, the June 2019 assassinations in Bahir Dar and the disinformation that surrounded them, the Mai-Kadra massacre of November 2020, and the wars in Tigray and the Amhara region. Drawing on a dated archive of more than three thousand of his own posts and essays, on survivor testimony, and on human-rights reporting, the author examines how a people's struggle for survival was shaped — and misdirected — by the contest to control its story, and records his own errors alongside the record of others'.

Short summary

A participant's documented memoir of the Amhara movement in Ethiopia — from the Gondar uprising and diaspora advocacy in Washington to the Bahir Dar assassinations, the Mai-Kadra massacre, and the wars in Tigray and the Amhara region — drawn from the author's dated archive of over three thousand contemporaneous posts, essays, and letters.

Suggested subject headings

Proposed for cataloguing convenience. Verify each against current LCSH before use; they are not asserted here as established headings.

- Amhara (African people) — Ethiopia — Politics and government
- Ethiopia — Politics and government — 1991–
- Ethiopia — History — 21st century
- Tigray War, 2020–
- Political activists — Ethiopia — Biography
- Ethiopians — Migrations and diaspora
- Disinformation — Political aspects — Ethiopia
- Social media — Political aspects — Ethiopia

Genre terms

Autobiographies. Personal narratives, Ethiopian.

Author

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Ordering and contact

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