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Two talented photographers focus on the Horn of Africa--an "ark" that shelters an astonishing variety of landscapes and human societies. Starting with the Christian Amharas of Lalibela and Axum and the Falashas of Lake Tana, they complete an arc that takes them to the seacoast of Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia, as far south as Lamu in Kenya, and finally to the remote peoples of the Southeast who still engage in stick fighting, body painting, scarification and the wearing of lip plates. Other handsome peoples they depict include the desert-dwelling Afar, Beja and Rashaida, the Somali nomads of Ogaden and the ecstatic Oromo (formerly Galla) pilgrims of the Bale Mountains. As in Beckwith and Fisher's previous, award-winning books (Maasai and Nomads of the Niger), their magnificent color photos (240 of them here) are the glory of this beautifully designed volume. Hancock's (Ethiopia) useful if uninspired text covers indigenous societies, cultures, crafts, religions, sacred places, dances, and cycles of life and death.

Beckwith and Fisher's visually stunning pictorials of African cultures (they have worked separately on earlier books about the Masai and Fulani) combine beautiful photos of people and objects with easy-to-read explanatory texts sprinkled with charming line drawings. Joining forces here, with the literary assistance of journalist Hancock, they focus on probably the least understood and most "exotic" African region. Each chapter covers a different people among Ethiopia's remarkably diverse cultures: Coptic Christians, Falasha Jews, Somali Moslems, and traditional animists. Lacking an index and extensive bibliography, the book's value as a research tool is limited, yet as visual documentation of little-known cultures and art forms it is strongly recommended.

After seeing this book in the hands of friends, I am glad to finally have it in my special book collections. In this book photographers Beckwith and Fisher have truely captured the fierce, exotic, and natural beauty of the people of Ethiopia and the surrounding area. Indeed, Hancock covers the history of this mystic land dating back to early pre-christian era. Anyone with a sincere interest to learn the people and cultures of Ethiopia should have this amazing book in their possession!

A land now wracked by famine and war, the region of Ethiopia and the surrounding countries which make up the Horn of Africa, have a rich and diverse cultural history. The coastal areas have been in close contact with the outside world for centuries, linked by trade with Arabia, China and India. Ethiopia itself is situated in more remote highlands and has enjoyed protection from foreign influences, for an even longer time. The are archaic forms of Christianity and Judaism, pastoralist groups, hunter-gatherers and farmers and they have lived undisturbed for hundreds of years. Until the twentieth century, Ethiopia was the only African country to have successfully avoided Western imperialism.

And here is a book of superb photographs of the land and its different peoples by Carol Beckwith and Angela Fisher. The text by Graham Hancock is unusually helpful giving the historical background so necessary to take in these startling photos. A wonderful book, beautifully designed, published by Abrams, it is well worth its published price of \$75.00 to anyone interested in Africa.

If you're considering a trip to the Motherland, definitely buy this book! The pictoral essay translates a million cultural norms and customs for the Westerner/Asian. These images are "provocatively considerate" of the ancient peoples of Eastern Africa, which is unusual. These images also transport you back to a time when (in my opinion) Mankind lived simpler, easier lives.

As a repeat visitor to beautiful Ethiopia, and a pretty darn good photographer, the last thing I want my friends to do is to pick up this book before they see MY pictures. My best ones are drab next to this fabulous work of Fisher and Beckwith. So many books on Ethiopia cover either just the north, with it's religious architecture and history, or just the south with its beautiful tribal people only recently touched by the encroachment of modernity. But this book covers it all, and stunningly so. If you can afford only one book of glorious photography on tribal Africa, make it this one. There is a reason for the consistent 5-star ratings.

The region of Ethiopia and its surrounding countries - the Horn of Africa - is known today as a land of famine and war, but it is also the last secret kingdom of the world, a land of mystery and fierce beauty. Cut off by soaring mountain ranges, burning lava deserts, unexplored wildernesses, and an isolated Indian Ocean coastline, the Horn of Africa is a great Ark that has, for centuries, sheltered an astonishing variety of societies. From the sophisticated cultures of the Christian highlands and the Islamic coast to the proud nomads of the Ogaden desert and the primitive tribes of the last wildernesses of the continient, the region is a true microcosm of Africa and a time capsule in which we can see many of the stages of the development of modern culture.

The journey begins in the highlands of Ethiopa with thousand-year-old Christian ceremonies that take place each year in the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela. To the north lies the city of Axum, held by many to be the birthplace of the Queen of Sheba and the last resting place of the Ark of the Covenant.

Around the fortress city of Gondar, with its treasure houses of Christian art, live the Falasha - Ethiopian Jews, whose origins remain unknown. Down in the low-lying deserts of the Rift Valley, where temperatures often climb to 120 degrees in the shade, are the warlike Afar, whose young men play the fastest and most dangerous ball game in the world.

Along the Islamic coast, running from the Red Sea port of Massawa to Mogadishu and the Indian Ocean island of Lamu, the pace of life relaxes, providing a cool breathing space the journey takes us back into the deserts of Somalia. Here, nomads still follow the old patriarchal laws - an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and one hundred camels for the life of a man.

In the savannahs, valleys, and mountains beyond, and along the banks of the Omo River in the far southwest of Ethiopia live a variety of peoples who delight in the creation of elaborate hairstyles, highly expressive body paintings, and intricate scarification. Many of their initiation rites and ceremonies have been photographed for the first time and are published here.

American photographer Carol Beckwith and Australian photographer Angela Fisher discovered their common pursuit upon their chance meeting in Kenya in 1978: to understand and depict the richness of African culture and traditions through photographs. Beginning in 1970, Fisher researched the sociological role of jewelry design, body ornamentation, and styles for fourteen years while living with various African tribes. The research culminated in the internationally acclaimed Africa Adorned (Abrams, 1984) and led to Fisher's career as a jewelry designer. Carol Beckwith published the acclaimed Maasai (Abrams, 1980), which won the Anisfield-Wolf Award and was published in three languages and four countries, after living with the Maasai of Kenya and Tanzania for two years. Beckwith's second book, Nomads of Niger (Abrams, 1983), was based upon three years of field research living and speaking with the Wodaabe nomads and was broadcast as a television film in 1988 by National Geographic.

In 1991 Beckwith and Fisher won the Anisfield-Wolf Award, the Institute of Human Origins prize, and The Golden Hand of Lucy for their first joint project, African Ark: People and Ancient Cultures of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa (Abrams, 1991). The photo-documentary entailed five years of travel

through Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia with the assistance of savvy, native guides. Fisher explains that the Horn of Africa "is like a microcosm of the entire continent, with peoples of all different life styles and spiritual beliefs, including Islam, Christianity, Animism and Judaism."

Beckwith and Fisher initiated and associate-produced a documentary film on the Surma people entitled The Painter and the Fighter. Their stunning photographs have been featured in periodicals such as National Geographic, Time, LIFE, People, and The New York Times. Their most recent joint publication, the two-volume African Ceremonies (Abrams, 1999), issues from ten years of research, travel through 26 countries, and the capture of more than 90 ceremonies on film. The project was conceived in 1978 from a mutual desire to study the powerful, and often disappearing, ceremonies that occur throughout Africa from birth until death. During an interview with CNN, Beckwith said, "Angela and I feel when we come back to the Western world that we've really lost the important rituals that teach us so many things. We really hope that our book will rekindle an awareness of these values as we all move into the millenium."

Beckwith was raised in Boston and studied painting and photography at the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts. Upon winning a traveling fellowship, Beckwith studied fine arts in New Guinea and Japan. She moved to Africa in 1974 to be immersed in the cultures that inspired her artwork. Fisher was born in Adelaide, Australia in 1947. She received a degree in social studies from Adelaide University in 1967 and worked as a social worker from 1968-1970. When exploring Africa as a tourist in 1970, Fisher was captivated by the copious body ornamentation that she observed. She stayed. Beckwith and Fisher are based in London when they are not shooting for their upcoming projects.

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