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From Library Journal

This narrative offers a rich, descriptive account of the author's study of Ethiopian music and culture from 1973 to 1975. Shelemay's study of the sacred music of Beta Israel and Ethiopian Christian musical traditions emanates from numerous ethnographic sources, including field notes, journals, correspondence, and memory. Those who enjoy reading tales of perseverance will appreciate learning of the author's struggles as she, her husband, and other members of the Adenite Jewish community in Addis Ababa adjusted to the Ethiopian revolution's immediate impact. The author presents extraordinary personal experiences that shaped her research process and makes reading this text pleasurable.

- *LaDonne Roberts, Mississippi State Univ. Lib., Mississippi State*

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Review

"An engrossing first-person narrative." -- Notes

From the Back Cover

'The author's experience with the Beta Israel, the Falashas of Ethiopia, in the early 1970s may be the last in-situ scholarly account we can expect, because the revolution and civil war prevented subsequent access to them... One would not have expected ethnomusicological research to have been quite so exciting nor the scholarly implications of the findings to be so provoking and critical in understanding the social evolution of a population. Highly recommended for both undergraduate and graduate collections in ethnomusicology, anthropology, African, and Judiac studies.'-L.D. Loeb, Choice

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