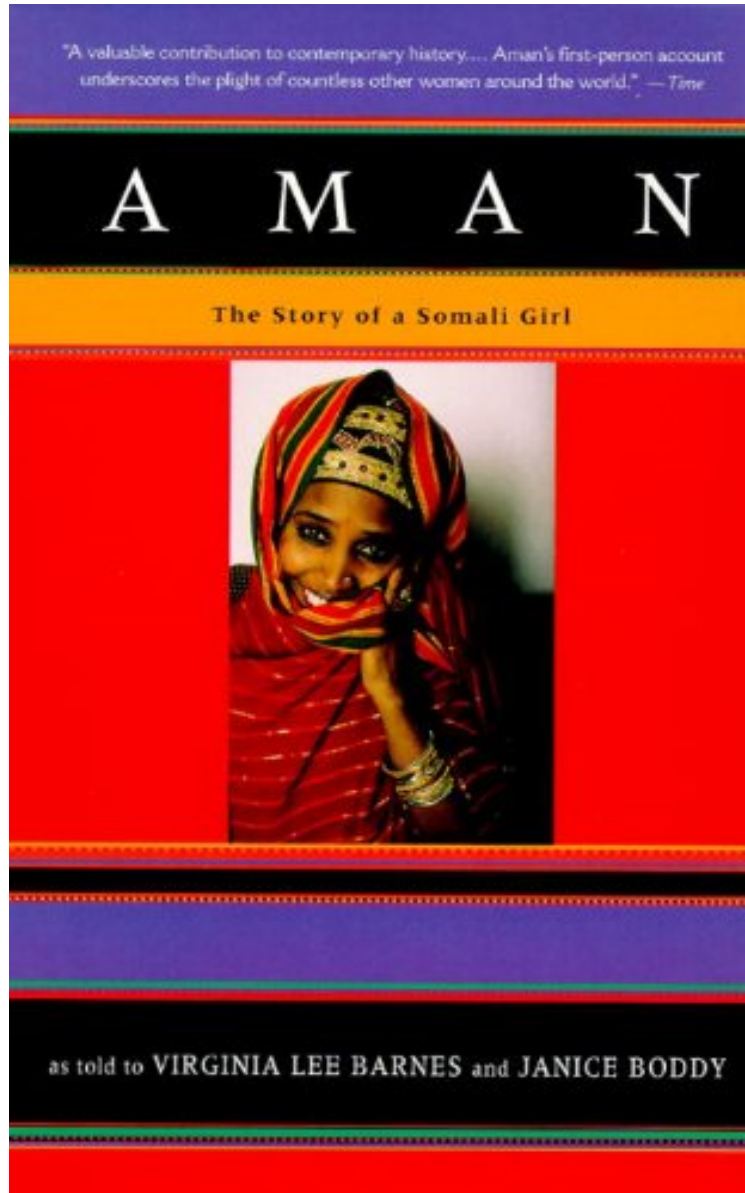


[Download ebook] Aman: The Story of a Somali Girl

## Aman: The Story of a Somali Girl

Von Vintage

audiobook / \*ebooks / Download PDF / ePub / DOC



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

Produktinformation -Verkaufsrang: #1493718 in eBooksVerffentlicht am: 2010-03-24Erscheinungsdatum: 2010-03-24File Name: B003IN4AMK | File size: 31.Mb

**Von Vintage : Aman: The Story of a Somali Girl** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Aman: The Story of a Somali Girl:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A book that distorts the whole truth of somali womenVon abdiniasir@usa.netNot a good start for anyone working with Somali people as the book distorts the whole truth of how Somalis treat "their" women.This was a girl who at her young age,

fell in love with an Italian boy and slept with many different men mostly Italian settlers while roaming around Mogadishu's red lights. The book does not give even a bird's eye view point of what life a Somali woman has in Somalia and the way she is treated in her community. Readers should consult with more other books or observe the Somali community in their country.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The enlightening life experience of ONE Somali girl-childVon Ein KundeI read this book because I am studying Psychology and it is the focus of a personality assessment piece I am to present. I found 'Aman' to be an easy read, but a pleasurable one. For those who choose to criticise her story, I would put to you that Aman did not presume to explain her story as that of EVERY Somali woman, but of her own life experience. Furthermore, I have been educated in the fact that not EVERY Somali woman is as dependent on her husband as I once presumed. I thank Aman for teaching ME a thing or two.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interesting!Von Ein KundeI read the book a few years ago while Somali refugees started coming to my country, Finland. I found the people and their traditions in the book quite male centered - but at the same time it helped me to understand Somali people's difficulties to adapt to a totally different society in a Nordic Democracy where family ties have no economic meaning because welfare society substitutes for them.

KurzbeschreibungThis is the extraordinary first-person account of a young woman's coming of age in Somalia and her struggles against the obligations and strictures of family and society.By the time she is nine, Aman has undergone a ritual circumcision ceremony; at eleven, her innocent romance with a white boy leads to a murder; at thirteen she is given away in an arranged marriage to a stranger.Aman eventually runs away to Mogadishu, where her beauty and rebellious spirit leads her to the decadent demimonde of white colonialists.Hers is a world in which women are both chattel and freewheeling entrepreneurs, subject to the caprices of male relatives, yet keenly aware of the loopholes that lead to freedom.Aman is an astonishing history, opening a window onto traditional Somali life and the universal quest for female self-awareness.From the Trade Paperback edition.From Kirkus sA lyrical first-hand account of a complex and charismatic modern-day African heroine. ``Aman" (a pseudonym meaning ``trustworthy" in Arabic) is a gifted narrator who recounted her tumultuous life first to anthropologist Barnes, who died in 1990 before the project was completed, and then to Barnes's designated successor, Boddy (Cultural Anthropology/Univ. of Toronto). Though herself illiterate, like many Somalis, Aman treats speaking as an art. Whether recounting her experiences as a brave nine-year-old Muslim girl in a nomadic village taking pride in her ritual clitoridectomy (a practice she defends in a milder form), as a rebellious adolescent bride, or, after fleeing her husband, as a resourceful teenage prostitute on the streets of Mogadishu, she is possessed of a strong will and a quick wit. But her story is even more compelling as seen against the cultural, political and religious backdrop of Somalia, where, as Boddy writes, girls are the country's ``most vulnerable citizen[s]." Aman loves her land, but Somali girls, she says, need to receive more respect: ``They should get love and a little freedom--otherwise the daughters will suffer like I did." Aman offers colorful accounts of daily life in a society based on pastoral nomadism and anchored by a camel economy, and recounts fleeing Somalia first for Kenya, later Tanzania, after the Siyaad Barreled military coup of 1969. Aman's story spans a period of great social and political transition for Somalia in the 1950s (she was born in 1952) and 1960s. However, it is not until Boddy's afterword that specific dates and background data are presented. This somewhat awkward construction alienates readers by abruptly switching them from Aman's intimate journey to an anthropological catalog of information. Nonetheless, a unique and rich account of life in a fascinating and troubled land. -- Copyright 1994, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.From Library JournalThough it could have been sensationalized, this is in fact an intimate look at the girlhood of a 20th-century Somali. At eight, Aman was circumcised; at 13, she was married to an older man who attempted to deflower her with a knife. By 17 she had been raped, been divorced twice, borne two children, and lost one. Repeatedly, she ran from a culture that she both respected yet found too restrictive. To survive, she used men, marriage, and entrepreneurial skills, defining her motivation simply: "I wanted to get money so I could help my mama." Editors Barnes (deceased) and Boddy (cultural anthropology, Univ. of Toronto) present more than a tale of survival. Theirs is an honest, objective look at a society that, while often in today's headlines, is little understood outside of Africa. They also show Somalia's intricate patrilineal kinship and social structures. The excellent foreword and afterword by Boddy set Aman's story in Somalia's historical and contemporary social context. Recommended for anthropology, African studies, and women's studies collections.Linda V. Carlisle, Southern Illinois Univ., EdwardsvilleCopyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.