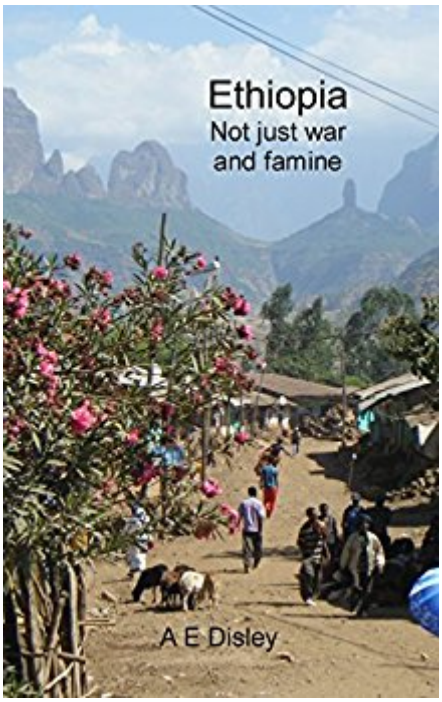
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this is one of the best travel writers. Better than Paul Theroux. The subject, Ethiopia, is very interesting. It is, however, 90 % observation, little action, and deliberately no evaluation or judgment of economy, culture, politics. It is what you see as a very adventurous traveler, and does not go beyond that. So it is not an analysis of the country but a very well written travel report.

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