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*“Books for Understanding: Somalia” Bibliography
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NEW YORK (February 6, 2007) — Somalia, wracked by conflict for 16 years, is the subject of the latest scholarly bibliography from the Association of American University Presses. The world’s spotlight turned to Somalia as government forces, backed by the Ethiopian military, regained control of the capital Mogadishu; an event followed quickly by U.S. strikes on suspected Al Qaeda sites in the country. Somalia also holds an important place in contemporary thinking about international intervention.

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Examples of books included on the list:

- *A Modern History of the Somali: Nation and State in the Horn of Africa*
by I. M. Lewis (Ohio University Press, 2002);
- *“Here is Hell”: Canada’s Engagement in Somalia*
by Grant Dawson (University of British Columbia Press, 2006);
- *The Horn of Africa as Common Homeland*
by Leenco Lata (Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2004);
- *Unraveling Somalia: Race, Class, and the Legacy of Slavery*
by Catherine Besteman (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1999).

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