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  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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