

Call Me American Critical Reviews

“Absolutely remarkable and always as compelling as a novel... An essential immigrant story, one that is enlightening and immediate.”

—**Booklist**

“His survival against all odds story is an inspiring statement to his incredible determination and strength of character.”

—**Outside Online**

“Iftin’s account of his journey does not mince words or attempt to soften the worst atrocities he and his family experienced. Loyal and grateful to his mother, he shows particular sensitivity to the injustices suffered by women in Somalia. Told simply and well, Iftin’s story explains the incredible bravery and hope necessary to live in the crosshairs of war and to find a way out.”

—**Jane Constantineau, *The New York Journal of Books***

“Riveting... [Abdi Nor Iftin] had to endure famine, war, a precarious life as a refugee, and a visa-rejecting bureaucracy before a green-card lottery win, in 2014, enabled him to emigrate. His narrative is both panoramic and particular, full of irreverent asides, and suffused with appreciation for the humanity of others.”

—***The New Yorker***

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“[A] wrenching yet hopeful autobiography... Iftin’s extraordinary saga is not just a journey of self-advancement but a quest to break free from ethnic and sectarian hatreds.”

—***Publishers Weekly* (Starred Review)**

“A searing memoir...that impressively remains upbeat, highly inspiring, and always educational.”

—***Kirkus* (Starred Review)**

***Call Me American* was a finalist for the New England Bookseller’s Association book award.**

Kirkus Reviews named *Call Me American: The Extraordinary True Story of a Young Somali Immigrant (Adapted for Young Adults)* a Best Young Adult Book Selection for 2020.

