

PRESS STATEMENT

Fidessa Literary and Littmann Books Announce Cooperation to Expand Access to Ethiopian Literature

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Fidessa Literary is pleased to announce a new cooperation with Littmann Books, an independent Addis Ababa bookstore and publishing house known for its enduring commitment to readers, writers, and the life of books.

For more than a decade, Littmann has served as a welcoming literary home where people come to browse, linger, and discover new voices. Fidessa Literary shares this belief in literature as a living cultural practice that thrives through community, curiosity, and continued access.

This cooperation marks an important step in strengthening pathways between Ethiopian writing and international readership. By working together, Fidessa Literary and Littmann aim to widen visibility for Ethiopian authors, expand international distribution channels, and develop a long-term pathway for Ethiopian literary authors to reach a global readership.

Anton, publisher at Fidessa Literary, said: "This cooperation offers talented Amharic literary authors a clear, well structured, and achievable pathway toward English translations of their books and an international readership. It strengthens their authorship and supports the vitality and visibility of the Amharic language and local culture. Our aim is to bring Ethiopian stories to the world stage without compromising their integrity by presenting traditional Ethiopian art and culture globally in its most authentic form."

Anwar, owner of Littmann Books, said: "For more than a decade, Littmann has been a small, messy haven where writers and book lovers come to linger among physical books, reminding us every day that books are more than business. This cooperation opens a real pathway for Ethiopian writers to be seen and read by wider audiences, including the growing international community in Addis, strengthening cultural exchange and giving our literature the visibility it deserves."

ABOUT FIDESSA LITERARY

Fidessa Literary is a boutique, independent publisher devoted to literary fiction and poetry, with a distinctive focus on translation as a craft rather than assimilation. Its editorial ethos is direct: keep literature unarmored, unguarded, true; rendition, not erasure, championing work that rewards attentive reading.

ABOUT LITTMANN BOOKS

Littmann Books is an independent bookstore and publishing house in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, committed to cultivating reading culture and supporting Ethiopian writers through access, community, and the enduring presence of books.

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