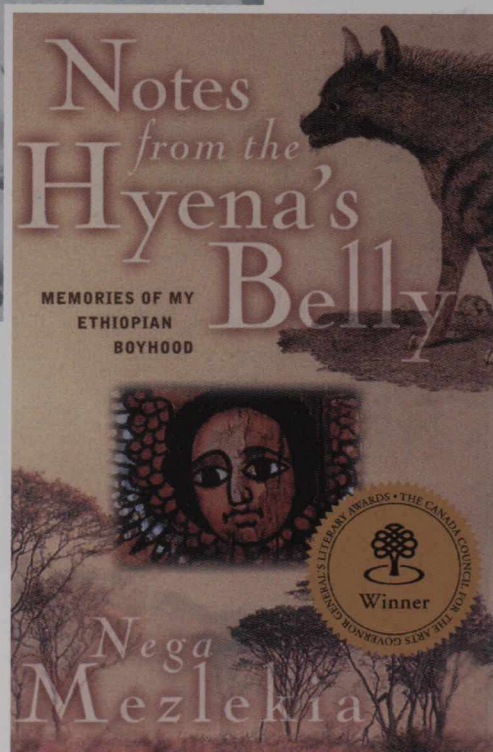


Ethiopian-Canadian writer Nega Mezlekia, winner of the 2000 Governor General's Literary Award for Non-fiction



their mark while educating, entertaining, inspiring and enlightening Canadians with new perspectives.

Nega Mezlekia was the recipient of the 2000 Governor General's Literary Award for Non-fiction. His memoir, *Notes from the Hyena's Belly*—an elegant mix of the political and the cultural—is a bittersweet account of his youth in Ethiopia, setting the innocence of childhood against a backdrop of

turmoil and horror.

Mr. Mezlekia came to Canada as a refugee in 1985 and completed two university degrees before turning his efforts to writing. In 1995, he received an Explorations grant from the Canada Council for the Arts—

a good investment, given the result, for *Notes from the Hyena's Belly* is a hauntingly beautiful book that has touched many hearts and minds the world over.

Originally from Burkina Faso, Angèle Bassolé Ouédraogo is an up-and-coming French-language poet, journalist and academic. Her first book of poetry, *Burkina Blues*, was published in 2000 with a foreword by notable writer and journalist Abdourahman Waberi. Her next book, *Du silence à la parole : Poètes africaines francophones*, is a study of Franco-African women poets and is due for publication this year.

Tololwa M. Mollel is a Tanzanian-born storyteller and dramatist, and the author of over 15 children's books. His style combines a unique and engaging synthesis of the stories of his homeland with an academic knowledge of African drama to create stories that can be appreciated by children (and the not so young) from any cultural background. Mr. Mollel's books have received numerous awards and honours, including the Governor General's Award for *The Orphan Boy* (1991), the Writers Guild of Alberta Award for Children's Literature for *Big Boy* (1995) and the American Booksellers Association Pick of the Lists for *The Flying Tortoise* (1995). More recently, Mr. Mollel received the African Studies Association 2000 Children's Africana Award for *My Rows and Piles of Coins* (2000). His books have been published in Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as in Canada. 🍁