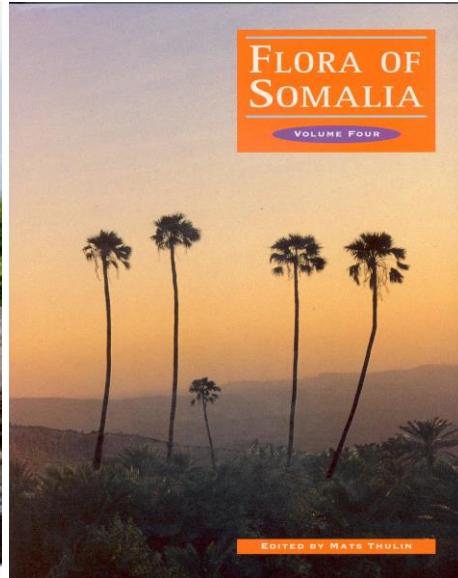


MY TOWN



I was born in a town in the south, near Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, four hours by bus. My town is called Afgoye. It is small and beautiful. There are a lot of trees and it isn't crowded like Mogadishu. The weather in Afgoye is better than Mogadishu. It's cool and sunny in the winter and warm in summer and it rains all year except in the summer. People from Mogadishu come for holidays. I lived in a small and quiet area in Afgoye, called Lafole, and not many people live there. Most people in that area are from different cities and towns in Somalia, and most of them are from the north. There is a big college in my area and the people who lived in my area are workers and students in that college. The expensive area in my town is called Hawa-Taka, and the cheapest area in my town is called Deh. The main jobs in my town are business and teaching. There are primary, secondary and special religious schools that the children go to in the afternoon. I went to primary school then I left it because of the problems. There are small shops in my area usually for fruit and vegetables. Sporting activities that the people do in my area are football and running.

Ramla
Hassan