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## Getting Somalia Wrong?: Faith, War and Hope in a Shattered State (Paperback)

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ZED BOOKS LTD, United Kingdom, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Somalia is a failed state, representing a threat to itself, its neighbours and the wider world. In recent years, it has become notorious for the piracy off its coast and the rise of Islamic extremism, opening it up as a new southern front in the war on terror. At least that is how it is inevitably portrayed by politicians and in the media. Mary Harper presents the first comprehensive account of the chaos into which the country has descended and the United States renewed involvement there. In doing so, Harper argues that viewing Somalia through the prism of al-Qaeda risks further destabilizing the country and the entire Horn of Africa, while also showing that though the country may be a failed state, it is far from being a failed society. In reality, alternative forms of business, justice, education and local politics have survived and even flourished. Provocative in its analysis, Harper shows that until the international community starts to get it right the consequences will be devastating, not just for Somalia, but for the world.

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