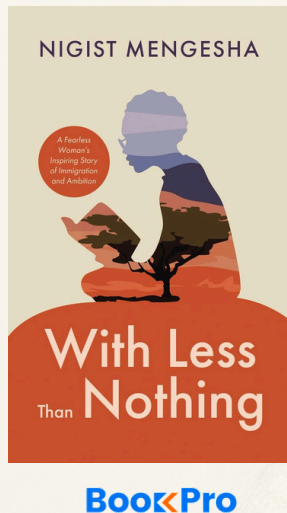


WITH LESS THAN NOTHING



A FEARLESS WOMAN'S INSPIRING STORY OF IMMIGRATION AND AMBITION.

Born in a remote village near Gondar, Ethiopia, Nigist Mengesha grew up dreaming of reaching the Holy Land of Israel. After years of failed attempts, she made the painful decision to leave her husband and four children behind, embarking alone and penniless on a journey filled with danger and uncertainty.

In Israel, she faced the harsh reality of being a Black, poor, immigrant woman in a predominantly white society. Through resilience and determination, Nigist overcame deep discrimination and social exclusion to become a leading advocate for immigrant rights and anti-racist education. Her inspiring memoir is a testament to courage, identity, and the power of transformation.



BOOK REVIEW



Isaac Herzog
President of Israel

With Less Than Nothing, which outlines Nigist Mengesha's life story, is at once a guide to making dreams come true, a glowing example of self-development while maintaining family tradition, and the epitome of what it means to be courageous. It is unimaginable how a girl who never had the chance to graduate the eighth grade in Ethiopia, turned herself into a Doctor of Education in Sussex and an international social entrepreneur. The reality she depicts is truly beyond imagination.



Varda Shiffer Sebba

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Nigist Mengesha shows us, women, how courage, ingenuity, and resourcefulness can help us take control over our own lives. During her incredible journey she treated immense difficulties as challenges, as tests of character and resilience. I met Nigist during the course of her journey and was in awe at her ability to focus on what was important and cast aside what she thought were minor obstacles; she was determined to improve the prospects of her community, and fight for a future of dignity and success for its younger members. This book is a testament of a woman who never gave up hope, a must read for all of us who are in search of optimism.



Dr. Nigist Mengesha is a social entrepreneur, community leader, writer and founder of multiple organizations promoting the education and empowerment of Ethiopian immigrants in Israel. She served as CEO of national non-profit organizations: Director of ENP Ethiopian National Projects, the FIDEL Association for education and social integration for Ethiopian immigrants. The Head of Education division at Rosh HaAyin Municipality, building over 20 years of leadership in social change and advocacy.