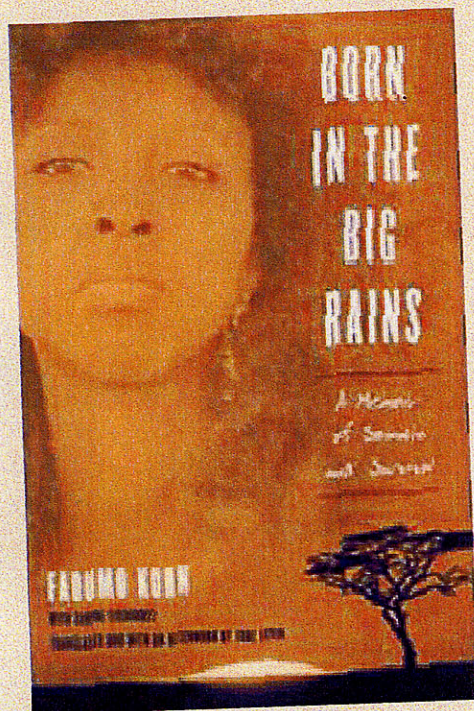


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Fadumo Korn

with English edition translator

Tobe Levin



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Discussing and Signing:

Born in the Big Rains: A Memoir of Somalia and Survival

International spokesperson against female genital mutilation (FGM) Fadumo Korn joins translator and activist Tobe Levin to read and discuss this powerful memoir. At age seven, Fadumo, a member of a Somali tribe, was forced to undergo female circumcision, in which her clitoris and labia minora were removed with crude utensils and her vagina sewn up. When chronic pain and serious joint deterioration set in, she was sent to convalesce with her wealthy uncle in Mogadishu. There, she entered a world of luxury underpinned by political instability and cruelty in a country gearing for rebellion. As her symptoms worsened, she journeyed to Germany, where she received not only therapy but also love and acceptance from the most unlikely of places.

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