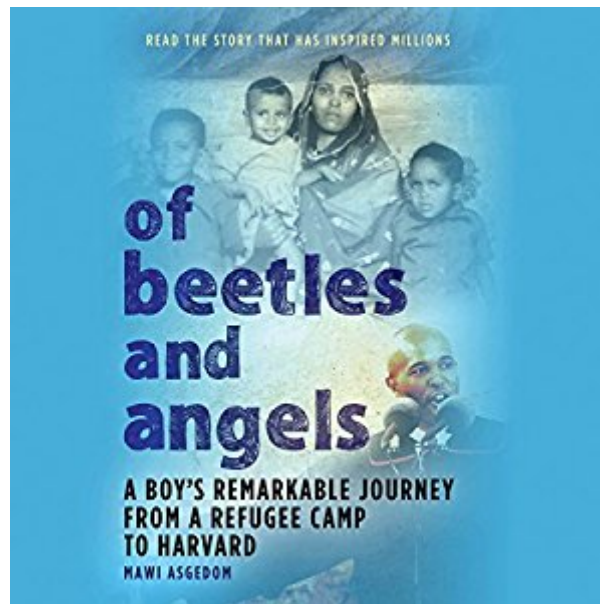


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# Of Beetles And Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey From A Refugee Camp To Harvard



## Synopsis

Now in an audio edition, this acclaimed memoir tells the unforgettable story of a young boy's journey from a refugee camp in Sudan to Chicago, where his family survived on welfare. Mawi followed his father's advice to "treat people...as though they were angels sent from heaven" and realized his dream of a full-tuition scholarship to Harvard University. Updated with 14 black-and-white photos and a new epilogue.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an outstanding story of a young man with great achievements. He takes us through a life of trial survived only by kindness. I was at tears at points throughout this story, and i reccomend this book to anybody who wants to read an amazing epic of a refugee who makes the best of life and graduates and accomplishes great things at harvard. The wide array of emotions that this book drives you to feel all at once, is almost too much to handle at certain climactic points. One of the greatest stories i have read in years, and i recommend this to anyone. This story in fact, reminds me of that great best-selling book The Color of Water.

The book by Mawi Asgedom is a story of the author's journey from war torn Ethiopia to Harvard University. It is also a story about Mawi's father, Haileab. Haileab was determined to give his children a better life. He could not hand that life to his children and so he motivated and inspired them. He gave up everything-his job, his dignity, his respect, his country, his friends, and more so that his children might have a better life. The impact of this father is visually represented in the book in that all of his words are in capital letters. My entire family has read this book. We spent several

hours discussing it together. Mawi is a great storyteller. He made us laugh and he made us think. I have given at least 15 of Mawi's books to friends and relatives to read. One friend and her husband were so moved by the book that they went and visited the organization, World Relief, in Wheaton, IL to find out what they could do to help refugees. They gave their Christmas bonus to helping several families. Everyone should read this book, adults and children in fourth grade and older, refugees and especially everyone that has contact with people of another culture. I give this excellent, insightful book the highest recommendation.

This book is a tribute to what can be accomplished with hard work, kindness and generosity. My heart and mind were engaged instantly by his story. I highly recommend this book and I encourage you to purchase a copy not only for yourself but to give as a gift. This is a story you will want to share.

I have had the pleasure to hear the author speak in person and have now read his book. I am personally very inspired by what this young man has accomplished already in his young life. Every now and then I am lucky enough to read a book that I want to share with others, this is one of those books. I will be giving to friends and family as gifts.

Of Beetles & Angels I think the book, Of Beetles & Angels is a good book for reading, and so I recommend it for teachers that teach reading, and read it to students, because students from other regions can learn that people that are not from America can go far in their studies and have a successful life. This book is about a family that lived well in Ethiopia, but then the father had some problems, and they moved to America. America wasn't like Ethiopia; they had a little trouble when they got here, but with time life treats them better. Selamawi the main character get support from his parents to learn. Selamawi learns English and studies very hard and because of that he goes to study at Harvard. I'm Hispanic I'm from Baja California, Mexico I go to Roosevelt High School and I read this book in my English class.

Selamawi "Mawi" Asgedom tells of his journey from an Ethiopian/Eritrean refugee to a Harvard graduate in his poignant memoir, Of Beetles and Angels. Driven by his family's tireless encouragement, this miracle man faced the challenges of leaving a culture, a homeland, and a way of life behind. Finding angels in the most unlikely places, Mawi reteaches the reader the golden rule through his and his family's acceptance of others, and genuine willingness to help those in need.

was moved by the recounting of the Asgedoms' trials and triumphs. This is truly an example of what family should mean; encouraging one another, pushing each other to do their best, and most strikingly, the cohesion that American families sometimes lack. Reading more like a collection of short stories than a work of non-fiction, *Of Beetles and Angels* captures the reader's attention, emotions, and heart throughout. Reviewed by CandaceK

This book caused me to reflect upon the many angels that have helped me throughout my most fortunate life -- from my mother to a jazz musician. Mawi has a way of communicating that places the reader right in the midst of his life at any given moment, allowing us to see, hear and FEEL what he did through his amazing experiences. I encourage all to read his book and check out his website ...

Back in June, I went to a leadership conference as a representative of my school, and one of the speakers this conference had was Mawi Asgedom. I found him to be one of the most remarkable, captivating storytellers I've ever known, and I immediately bought his book the next day. Mawi is a remarkable man, and it is hard for anyone to not be inspired by his story.

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