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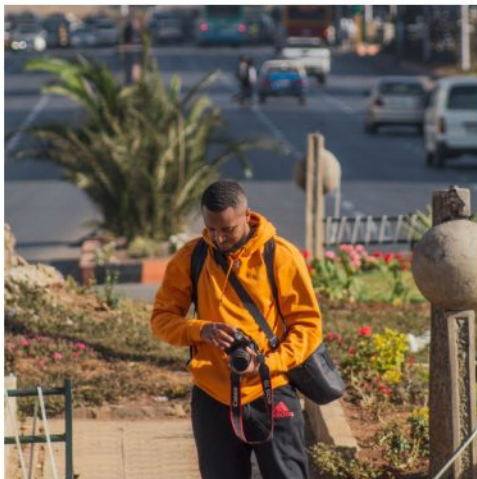
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Photography, It's an escape, a hobby,
and a distraction for me. when am
done with a photo session and open
Lightroom to spice it up, THAT'S MY
HAPPY PLACE.

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Who is
DAWIT

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MY full name is Dawit Abebe Feleke, am a photographer and a junior film maker currently based in ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA. born in winter of 1998, November. Barely remember my kindergarten years but elementary and junior high were my ,lets say, vantage points for character build.

I was a kid who took a "NO" as a challenge and gets punished for it. But then well I grew up and started the so called responsibility and everything got boring. graduated from high school went to med school was abroad for a while and now am here. long story short.

HOW IT STARTED

I remember getting my first smartphone at the age of 14 , when I was an eight grade student. it was HTC my touch 3g. was so excited well because I could play games on it that was all at the time. i don't have a vivid memory about it but I remember discovering how to change the depth of field you know focusing on things flowers, insects....Changing the ISO and so on. i don't know how exactly but that fascinated me more than the games and I started upgrading my phones just for the sole purpose of the camera specs. i guess that was the beginning. I can't find my early photos because they were lost when I changed phones and also there was almost zero access to cloud storage.





OUT OF ALL YOUR PHOTOS, WHICH ONE IS YOUR FAVORITE?

I took this photo 3 years ago on an ADWA parade. taking photos on ADWA ceremonies was in my bucket list. since then I been to two Adwa ceremonies and each of them were a delight. Okay "THE" photo It was this guy on a horse dressed as an ADWA warrior. I was in front of the crowd when I saw him, he stood out of the crowd surrounded by people carrying and waving flags.

used my opportunity and SNAPED! It came out great. It's my favorite because I almost gave up, the sun was burning like hell I just walked from PIAZZA to ADWA BRIDGE. i was on the brink of turning off my camera and heading home. And it just happened. got my energy and took some more pictures.

WHOSE WORK HAS INFLUENCED YOU MOST?

A youtuber who goes by the name PETER McKinnon. Discovered him 7 years ago, he is an amazing YouTuber, photo and videographer. he is motivating plus gives me so many tips.

WHATS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF BEING A PHOTOGRAPHER?

During street photography sessions there are many challenges. People might not be willing, some consider you as a thief(I don't know how or why) and the police! I have no idea why taking pictures of the public is illegal, but I almost got in to jail for it

WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY IN ADDIS?

ADDIS is soo ambient and chaotic, its just the ideal place to take pictures. a person who likes to pursue in street photography came to the perfect place. It's so diverse, easy to capture different moments.

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I KNOW MOST ETHIOPIAN PARENTS WON'T AGREE TO THIS BUT, WHAT THE HELL. SO GUYS DON'T LOOSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SAKE OF OTHER'S OPINION. TAKING RISKS SHAPES YOUR FUTURE.SO SHAPE IT AS YOU ONCE DREAMT IT TO BE. DON'T RESTRICT YOURSELF. YOUR ACTIONS CHANGE THE DREAMS TO GOAL AND ACHIVEMENTS.



BOOKS YOU MOST DEFINITELY SHOULD READ IN YOUR 20S

BEAMLAK MELESSE BEKELE

{ENCOUNTER HUMAN}

As a 24-year-old woman trying to find my way in the world, all I could say is I wish I had known what was coming. Four years into it and looking back there are a number of things I wish I had known before entering my 20s. There is a mixed opinion however that the innocence of childhood and the relevance of magic and whimsical existence in the early ages is unarguably important. Although we all come from different walks of life our experiences intersect. We feel the same range of emotions with variances in degree. Essentially, walking through a similar human experience. The encounters I have had through my 20s might be subjective. However, through conversations with friends and peers in my circle I have realized they are largely similar.

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The early 20s is characterized by a high degree of uncertainty, a cluelessness almost of your place or role in the world, and you become extremely aware of time and its swift passage. I can sum up my early 20s, as a period of unanswered questions. There might be several ways that one could get access to these answers, such as through mentors, personal experience, lectures (if you are a psychology student), and other ways. However, these may not be accessible to everyone. So here are 3 books I think you should most definitely read in your 20s.

Emotional Education by The school of Life

Books are a window to understanding oneself and the world. What better way is there to understand oneself than to work at increasing one's emotional intelligence. Understanding the reasons and retracing the causes for the emotions we experience is key. Not only does it help increase our self-awareness but it also helps us in understanding other people better.

"Those who wounded us were not superior, impressive beings who knew our special weaknesses and justly targeted them. They were themselves highly frantic, damaged creatures trying their best to cope with the litany of private sorrows to which every life condemns us."

- Emotional Education by The School of Life



What Happened to you?

by Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey

Need I say more Oprah Co-authored the book. But in Summary, We experience our present through the lens of the past. To wipe the dirt off our windshield and see clearly the road that is our life, we need to understand how our past experiences have shaped who are and how we interpret our external environments. This book has helped me identify patterns and be more careful in interpreting certain external stimuli.

"So many phenomena of everyday life are directly linked to this process of the brain making sense of the world by creating associations and making memories. This is why asking "What happened to you?" is so important in understanding what's going on with you now."

***- What happened to you? by
Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey***

The Defining Decade **by Meg Jay**

Finding a mentor for your career, I believe is much easier than finding one that can help you get a sense of how you must lead your life. Some lessons in life can only be better understood in retrospect. That is why books like this can be handy when you're experiencing something for the first time. I have loved this book for the reasons that it has given me a hit on what pitfalls to avoid, what things to focus on, and lessons to take from people who were once in their 20s.

"Our twenties can be like living beyond time. When we graduate from school, we leave behind the only lives we have ever known, ones that have been neatly packaged in semester-sized chunks with goals nestled within. Suddenly, life opens up and the syllabi are gone. There are days and weeks and months and years, but no clear way to know when or why anyone thing should happen. It can be a disorienting, cave-like existence.

As one twentysomething astutely put it, "The twentysomething years are a whole new way of thinking about time. There's this big chunk of time and a whole bunch of stuff that needs to happen somehow"

-The Defining Decade by Meg Jay.





THE 5 BEST MOBILE GAMES OF ALL TIME

Ever since mobile phones were invented and have evolved into an essential part of our lives, gaming has become an integral part of the mobile gaming landscape.

We've gotten so used to watching our fellow mass transit riders staring down at their phone as they do one of three things - mess around with some apps, chat with friends & family, or pass the time with their favorite mobile game of choice. It's easy to get addicted to and overwhelmed by the flood of games littered across the App Store and Google Play storefronts nowadays - there's a flood of copycat games and a long list of titles that do the bare minimum on a visual/mechanical level.

TEMPLE RUN (SERIES)

Temple Run is considered the OG of endless runners. Before the mobile gaming market got flooded with original and licensed titles within that genre, Imangi Studios' marquee mobile time killer captured everyone's imagination. The Indiana Jones vibes have always been strong here - running for as long as you can while evading a massive creature, collecting coins, and utilizing slick maneuvers to stay alive brings out everyone's heroic archaeologist spirit.





SUBWAY SURFERS

Since we're on the topic of iconic endless runners, we have to mention the signature city runner known as Subway Surfers. The young graffiti artists featured in this game are tasked with surviving as long as they can while they navigate every inch of the big city they inhabit. The game's bright and bubbly exterior makes it a lot more approachable for all the younger gamers out there, which is part of the reason why it still holds a decent spot within the top game's rankings across the App Store and Google Play storefronts. Now, where's our hoverboard? In

ANGRY BIRDS (SERIES)

Slingshotting birds into random structures full of evil pigs sounds like an intense fever dream, right? Thankfully, you don't have to be under the influence of anything to properly experience that weird scenario. The mainline Angry Birds series encapsulates that casual puzzler approach to mobile gaming and has remained a widely recognizable staple ever since it first flew onto mobile devices. Now excuse us while we tend to our bird flinging, pg smashing activities.





FRUIT NINJA (SERIES)

Slicing up all sorts of fruits with the tip of your fingers elicits a special type of enjoyment we never even knew existed before Fruit Ninja became a thing. There's so much fun to be had as you swipe across your mobile screen as fast as possible and utilizing a varied array of powerups to cut down every piece of fruit that comes your way. Both the first game and its sequel have a penchant for sending players into a mode of zen when it comes to pulling off huge combos via fruit slashing.

CANDY CRUSH (SERIES)

Candy Crush and its many follow-ups will forever be considered as the definitive match-three mobile puzzler experience. All those yummy sweet treats and sodas are at your fingertips as you match them within a vast collection of challenging puzzle scenarios. If there's one game that you're likely to see your grandparents still play on the regular, it's most likely a Candy Crush game. It's hard to step away from this mobile puzzler once you've started ascending to the highest levels of puzzle difficulty.



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BY AMILY

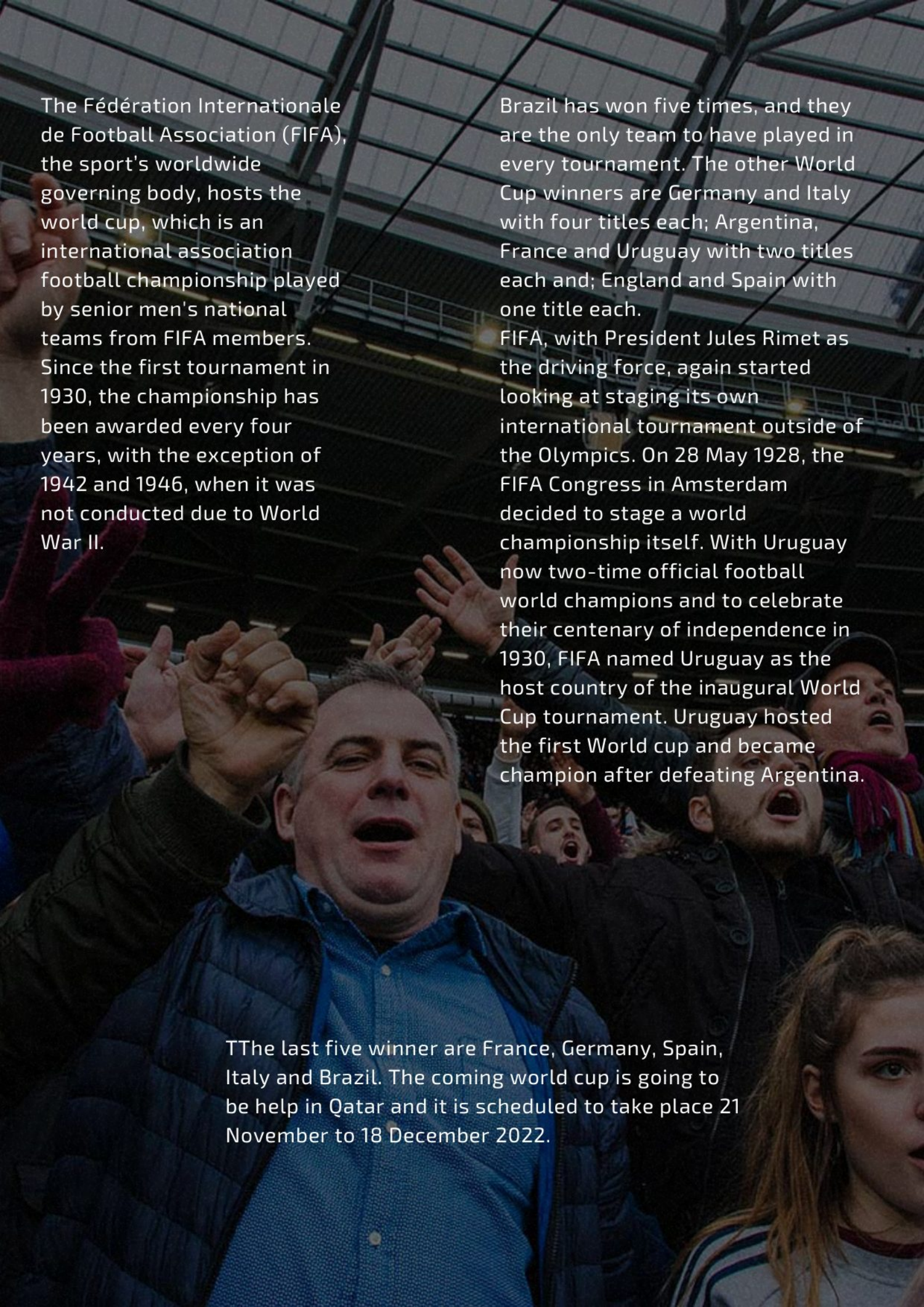


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WORLD CUP



Last minute
miracles,
devastating loses,
unexplainable joy,
incredible wins, and
thrilling
occurrences.
The one event that
holds all this
together the FIFA
World Cup.

A photograph of a large crowd of football fans in a stadium, cheering and raising their hands. The fans are wearing various jackets and scarves, and the stadium's metal structure is visible in the background.

The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the sport's worldwide governing body, hosts the world cup, which is an international association football championship played by senior men's national teams from FIFA members. Since the first tournament in 1930, the championship has been awarded every four years, with the exception of 1942 and 1946, when it was not conducted due to World War II.

Brazil has won five times, and they are the only team to have played in every tournament. The other World Cup winners are Germany and Italy with four titles each; Argentina, France and Uruguay with two titles each and; England and Spain with one title each. FIFA, with President Jules Rimet as the driving force, again started looking at staging its own international tournament outside of the Olympics. On 28 May 1928, the FIFA Congress in Amsterdam decided to stage a world championship itself. With Uruguay now two-time official football world champions and to celebrate their centenary of independence in 1930, FIFA named Uruguay as the host country of the inaugural World Cup tournament. Uruguay hosted the first World cup and became champion after defeating Argentina.

The last five winners are France, Germany, Spain, Italy and Brazil. The coming world cup is going to be held in Qatar and it is scheduled to take place from 21 November to 18 December 2022.

DRIPPING WITH LONGING

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T H E L E T T E R



Today, I received a telegram,
written on it that you are deceased,
so I am writing you back this,
incase you might want to know what you missed,
although I am hurting for you didn't die in peace,
though I know nothing how your life ceased to exist,
but I can write...how you used to hold my wrist,
how I miss your smile,
how I grieve for you reading your file,
how your love made me frail,
how I waited for yours once in a while mail,
I can tell you if you ever will receive this...
that your children drew your face,
that we're still warm from your embrace,
the mails you sent are put with so much grace,
your kids still make a mess.
Let me write you...how you are and will be loved,
that your brood tell stories 'how you marveled...'
Although after this letter, I will never be better,
still you should read this...
forget the fact that you can't, skip the truth that you
have left.

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