

**Sahan Literary Forum & Carleton University's Institute of African Studies and
Department of English
*Present***



NADIFA MOHAMED
AUTHOR OF *BLACK MAMBA BOY*

Black Mamba Boy (2010) is a stunning debut novel set in 1930s Horn of Africa and Middle East and based on the story of Nadifa Mohamed's father, Jama. The book is both the real-life account of the young Jama's life growing up alone in the streets of Aden, Yemen, and a work of fiction.

Jama's story inspires hope, courage and the importance of resilience in the face of hardship. Nadifa's lecture will shed light on Somali history of migration, and will reflect on the connection between young Jama's experiences and the struggles of many first and second generation Somalis in the Diaspora.

Black Mamba Boy won the Betty Trask Award, is short-listed for John Llewellyn Rhys Prize for young writers and was long-listed for Guardian First Book Award and the Orange Prize.

When: Thursday, March 17, 2011

Time: 6:00 PM

WHERE: Carleton University, 208 Tory Building

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