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Reviews

VOLKER MATTHIES, *The Siege of Magdala. The British Empire against the Emperor of Ethiopia*, transl. by STEVEN RENDALL, Princeton: Markus Wiener Publishers, 2012, 209 pp., 2 maps, 44 ill. Price: Hardcover: US-\$ 88.95 (ISBN: 978-1-55876-551-5), Paperback: US-\$ 28.95 (ISBN: 978-1-55876-552-8).

The German version of the same book was already reviewed in the last volume of *Aethiopia*. This review closed with the remark, that Matthies' book "is the first ever full account of the Mäqdäla campaign in German and thus, seen from a German point of view, one wishes the book a wide readership, hoping for a better understanding of the *savage wars of peace* among the German-reading audience." Thanks to the efforts of the Princeton-based publishing house and the careful translation of Professor Steven Rendall, the German view, on a largely British-studied topic has now been made available in English for a wider audience. Added to the translation is a foreword by the distinguished Ethiopianist scholar Prof. Dr. Richard Pankhurst (pp. xv-xvii).

The outline of the book has been slightly reformed, which has some advantages. The richly illustrated book has received a more handy overview on the illustrations used (ix-xiii; page, caption and source are given in the chronological order of their appearance). Regrettably though, the archival treasures from the "Wallraf-Richartz-Museum" (Köln), whose original photographs of the Napier-expedition formed a large part of the illustrative content of the German version has not been used for the English edition.

For a more comprehensive review of the book, cp. *Aethiopia* 14 (2011, pp. 296-301).

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