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Local Author Hudda Ibrahim Releases Book about Somalis in Saint Cloud

Saint Cloud, Minnesota- Hudda Ibrahim has been an active member of the Saint Cloud community since 2006, and on June 11 she will celebrate the release of her debut book, *From Somalia to Snow*. Hudda's roots in Saint Cloud vary from a small-business owner to a position on the diversity vice chair and teaching at St. Cloud College, but her journey to Saint Cloud began like so many: as a refugee from Somalia.

Saint Cloud is home to more than eight thousands of Somalis, and Hudda wrote *From Somali to Snow* to better introduce the Somali population to Saint Cloud readers, not only providing an introduction to Somali culture in general, but zeroing in on some of the specific challenges Somalis in Saint Cloud face with multiple interviews from Saint Cloud residents.

Hudda explains, "*From Somalia to Snow*" brings unity and helps our community understand each other better."

Mayor Dave Kleis agrees with his endorsement: "The Somali experience is similar to the experiences of other immigrant and refugee groups. They, too, want to live the American Dream. I highly recommend this book to educational institutions, the business community, health-care departments, and anyone who works and continues to build for community."

Hudda will be celebrating the release of *From Somalia to Snow* at the St. Cloud Technical & Community College Library on Wednesday, July, 12th. The event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase at \$23.95.

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