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Impress on them while still young

There can be no better stage to introduce the core concepts of what it means to be a global citizen than at early childhood. The Booktalk Africa children's story books are an exciting way to help young children explore the essential skills kids need to enrich their lives and help them thrive in a more-inclusive and ever-changing world.

Look out for the SDG logo in each of the listings for the key issue the story-book seeks to address.





A Wonderful World of Children's Books

It is said that a child who reads will be an adult who thinks. We at Booktalk Africa are committed to creating inspired, imaginative, enjoyable child-focused, parent friendly, value-based content that will take young readers on the journey through adventures and experiences.

In addition to the **Rugendo Rhino Series** mystery storybooks, we have added two other series to our children's list:

Safari Adventure Series

This series is a collection of leveled books with exciting life skills adventure stories. The series promotes a 'love of reading' and boosts the reader's confidence while increasing comprehension and fluency.

Hippo Series

This series introduces children to the wonderful world of reading through memorable characters that are fun and easy to relate with. The books tackle every day issues like Character, Health and Hygiene, Environment, Child rights, Living in Peace, Safety and Technology.

Our books are designed to spark the curiosity of young minds and to encourage them to seek more out of books as their love of reading grows.

Enjoy.

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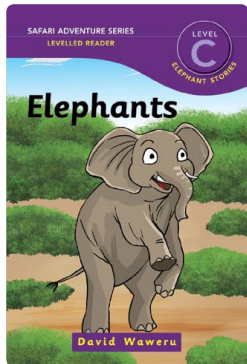
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Never far from adventure



Safari Adventure Series

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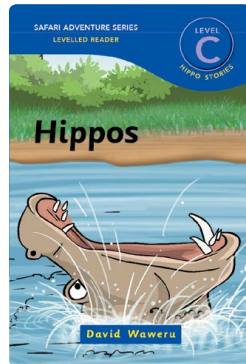


Elephants

David Waweru

Elephants are strong animals. Also find out just how gentle and kind they can be.

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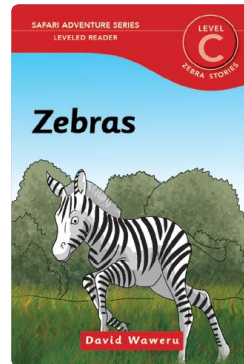


Hippos

David Waweru

Hippos are brave animals. Also find out just how friendly and caring they can be.

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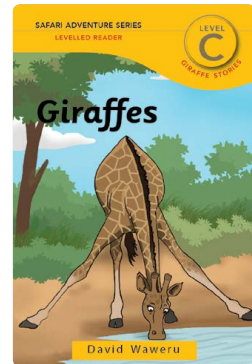


Zebras

David Waweru

Zebras look out for one another. Also find out just how bold and joyful they can be.

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Giraffes

David Waweru

Giraffes are the tallest animals in the world. They are also beautiful and elegant.

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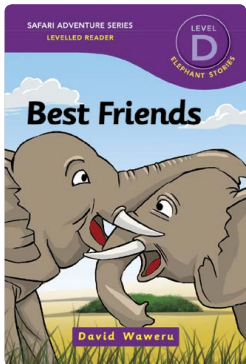
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Safari Adventure Series

Level D



Best Friends

David Waweru

Elephants make best friends.

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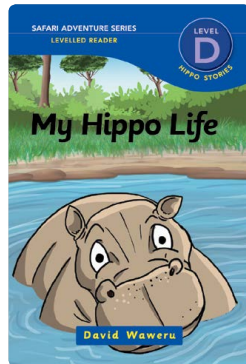
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My Hippo Life

David Waweru

Hippos can be very lazy animals.
But they are also very active.
And they like having fun.

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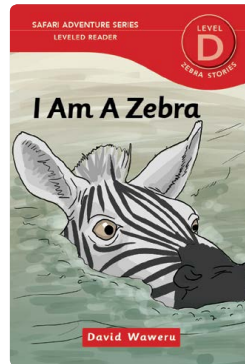
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I Am A Zebra

David Waweru

Zebras look out for one another.
Also find out just how bold and
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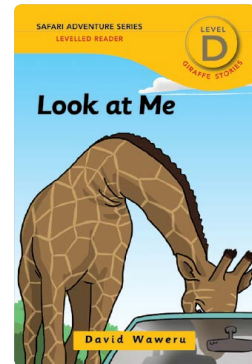
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Look At Me

David Waweru

Giraffes are kind, friendly and
beautiful. They are so good to
look at!

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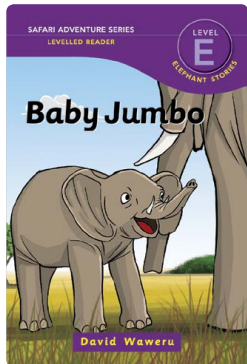
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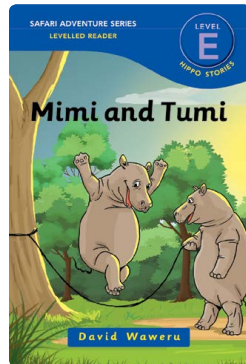


Baby Jumbo

David Waweru

Baby Jumbo likes to play. He plays with his friends. His dad keeps him safe.

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Mimi and Tumi

David Waweru

Mimi and Tumi are good friends. They enjoy playing together.

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In Need of Help

David Waweru

Zebras look out for one another. Also find out just how bold and joyful they can be.

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Shingo Is Afraid

David Waweru

Shingo is a young giraffe. She is alone and afraid. Lewa the lion wants to eat her. Fuju the buffalo comes to her rescue.

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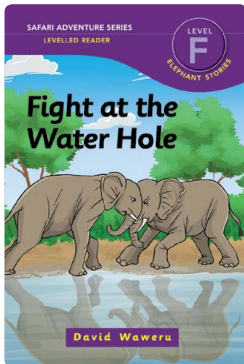
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Safari Adventure Series

Level F



Fight At the Water Hole

David Waweru

Malkia and Tembo fight over water. Then they learn that it is best to share.

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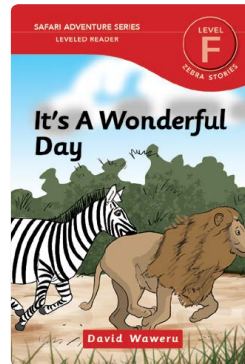


Playtime

David Waweru

Meet the hippo family. They enjoy play time together.

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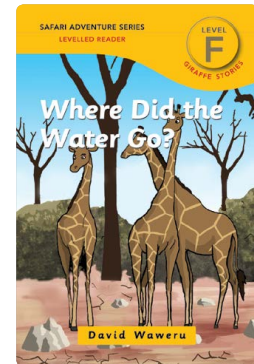


It's A Wonderful Day

David Waweru

Domo shows lazy Tindi he can be active and happy.

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Where Did the Water Go?

David Waweru

The water is running low. The animals are getting thirsty. Where will they get water? Will Shingo help?

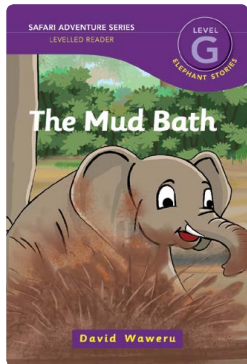
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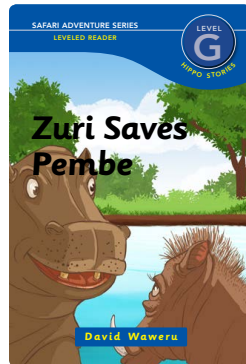


The Mud Bath

David Waweru

Zuri doesn't like to bathe. He likes to play. He makes a bad decision. Then he learns that it is important to obey.

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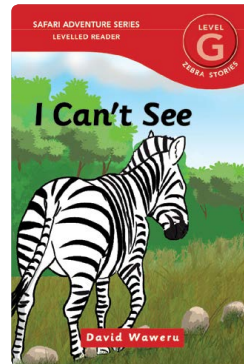


Zuri Saves Pembe

David Waweru

Pembe is in danger. She learns to listen to advice.

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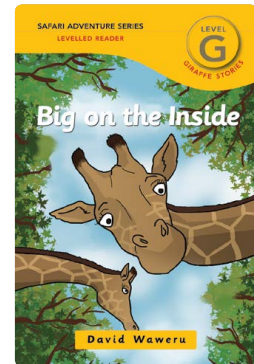


I Can't See

David Waweru

Kipo the zebra is blind. She makes the best of her situation. She even takes herself to school. She's not afraid of making new friends.

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Big on the Inside

David Waweru

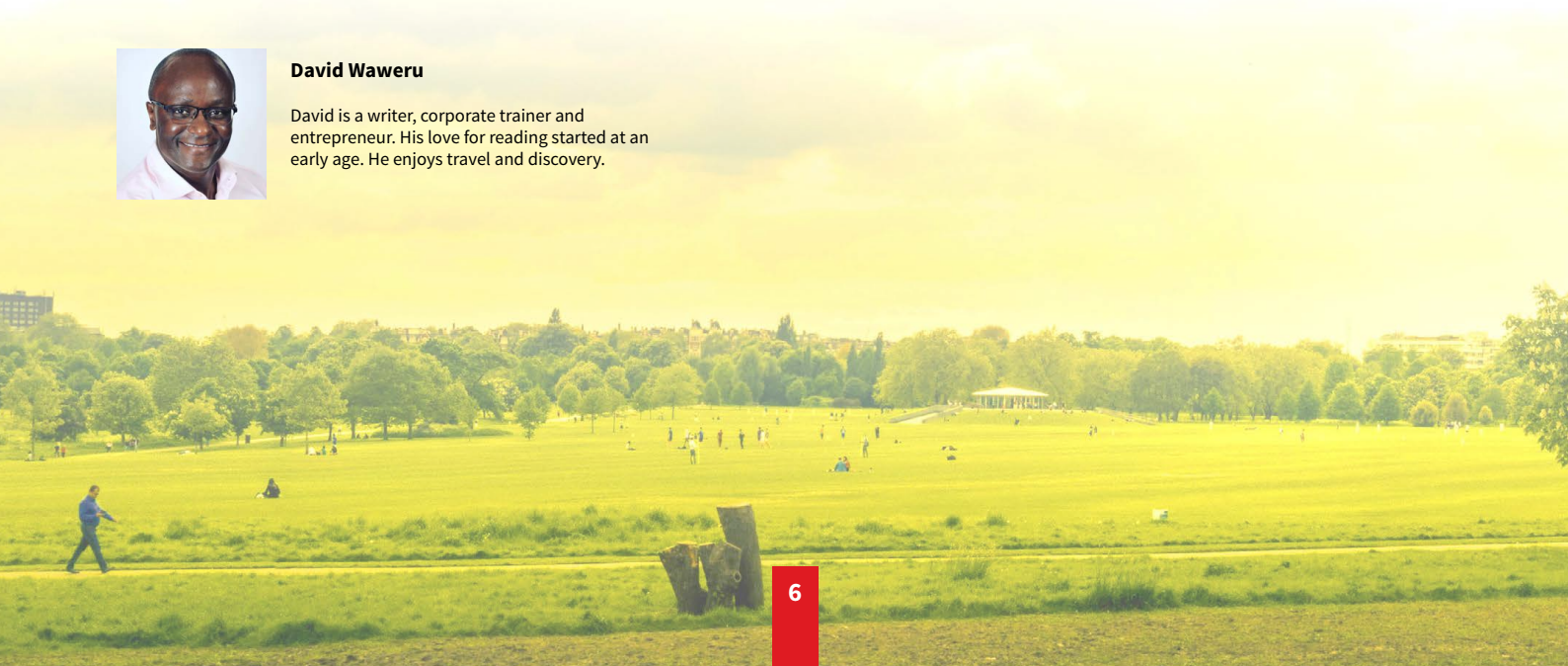
Limi and Pepe are big and strong. They bully Polo the tortoise. Can Polo's inner strength stand up to these bullies?

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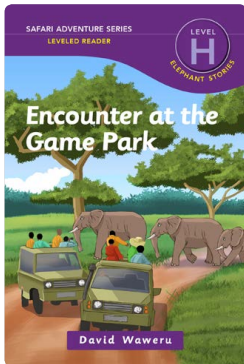
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Safari Adventure Series

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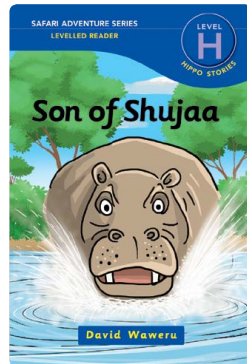


Encounter at the Game Park

David Waweru

Hamisi and Tembo the elephant clash at the game park. Will they resolve it?

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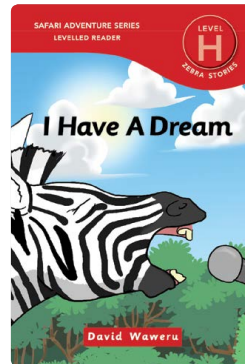


Son of Shujaa

David Waweru

A selfish farmer denies the animals water. The animals face danger. Courageous Kiboko comes to their rescue.

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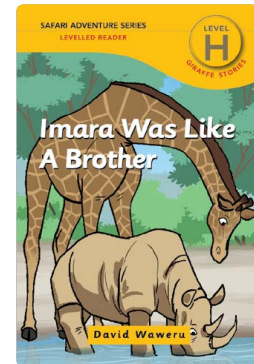


I Have A Dream

David Waweru

Kena wants to be a singer but he is afraid. He enters the school competition. Will he do what it takes to achieve his dream?

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Imara Was Like A Brother

David Waweru

Shingo and Imara are good friends. While drinking water together, they hear gunshots. Imara disappears. What happened? The giraffes show Shingo what true friendship is in difficult times.

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Hippo Series

Health & Hygiene



My Raincoat
Rebecca Nandwa

It is a cold day. Bunny invites Birdie to a game of football. Bunny decides to remove his warm clothes. What happens to him?

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Happy Birthday Birdie
Rebecca Nandwa

It is Birdie's birthday. Birdie loves sweet things. She has a lot of sweets for her birthday. What lessons does Birdie learn from Bunny?

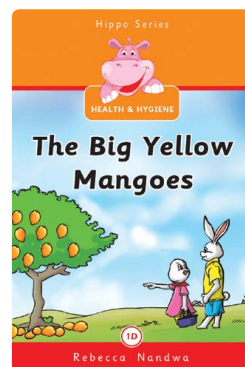
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The Red Handkerchief
Rebecca Nandwa

Bunny has a cold. No one wants to get close to him at school. Birdie finds Bunny alone. He looks sad. Will Birdie help Bunny?

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The Big Yellow Mangoes
Rebecca Nandwa

Birdie has a mango tree. She invites Bunny to pick ripe mangoes from the tree. Bunny is excited. He eats the mangoes without washing them first. What happens?

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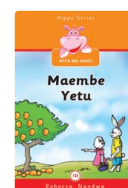
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Pongezi Badi
Rebecca Nandwa



Hanchifu Nyekundu
Rebecca Nandwa



Maembe Yetu
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Rebecca Nandwa

Rebecca Nandwa has vast experience in editing and writing creative works in both English and Kiswahili—for readers of all ages. She is the winner of Jomo Kenyatta Literature Award (2013) Kiswahili Children's Category and a nominee for the same prize in 2015. She has also worked as an editor and writer with leading media houses in Kenya besides having a stint at teaching in high schools. She has Bachelor of Education from Kenyatta University and done Counselling courses with Amani Institute.



Hippo Series

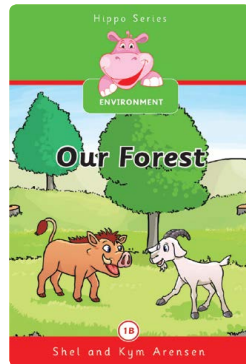
Environment



The Nasty Plastic Bags
Shel and Kym Arensen

Meno learns that each person can make a big difference in cleaning up the environment.

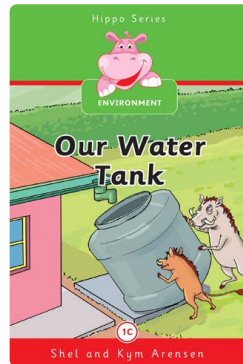
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Our Forest
Shel and Kym Arensen

After seeing what cutting down trees does to the environment, Meno and Pembe learn the importance of planting trees.

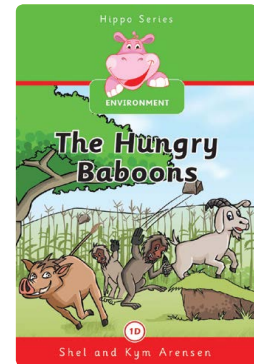
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Our Water Tank
Shel and Kym Arensen

Dirty river water makes Meno sick. Meno and Pembe join with others in their community to build a large sand filter and get water tanks.

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The Hungry Baboons
Shel and Kym Arensen

When baboons eat the maize in the field, Meno and Pembe work together with the neighbours to solve the problem.

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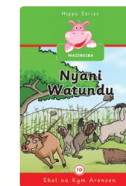
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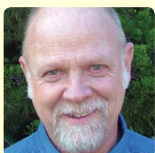
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Nyani Watundu
Shel and Kym Arensen



Shel Arensen

Shel Arensen has lived among the indigenous communities in Kenya for a long time as a missionary and has worked for fourteen years as editor of a Christian magazine. He enjoys playing rugby, collecting seashells, watching birds and taking photos. He still lives in Kenya with his wife Kym.



Hippo Series

Child Rights

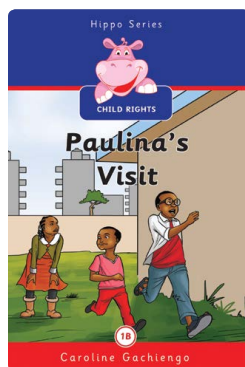


Papa Will Be Here Soon

Caroline Gachiengo

Paulina's father always picks her from school on time. But not on this day. All the children leave and Paulina finds herself alone. What happened to her father? Did something go wrong?

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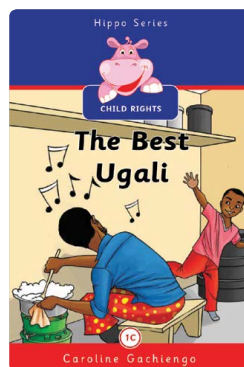


Paulina's Visit

Caroline Gachiengo

Pauline and Biko are friends. Paulina visits Biko. They both learn that they do things differently in their homes.

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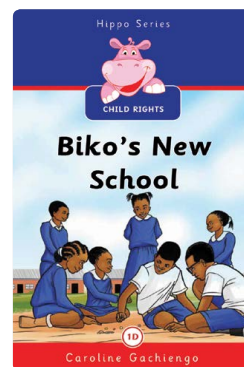


The Best Ugali

Caroline Gachiengo

Biko, his brother Tela, and their father are at home. They are all doing different things. And they are all hungry. It is getting late and Mama has not arrived from work yet. Can Papa cook? Will he?

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Biko's New School

Caroline Gachiengo

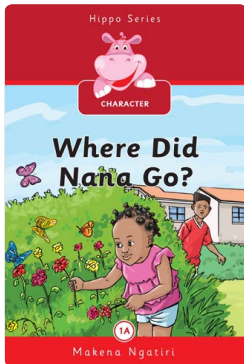
Biko goes to a new school. Everything seems to be going wrong. Biko feels lonely and left out. Is he different from the other children? Will he find a friend?

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Caroline Gachiengo

Carol Gachiengo is a journalist and lawyer. She remembers, as though it were yesterday, the first book she read as a child. "It was like discovering magic and time travel all at the same time," she recalls. "Writing for children is incredibly fulfilling because it allows me to unleash a greater level of creativity and just have fun with it. It's also an opportunity to bring a little magic into a child's life."



Where Did Nana Go? Makena Ngatiri

On a walk with his little sister, Sifa learns that being RESPONSIBLE means he should not forget what he needs to do.

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Trouble in the Play- ground Makena Ngatiri

Sifa and Haki find out that SELF-CONTROL will keep them out of trouble.

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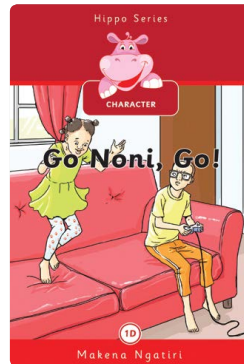
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Go Noni, Go! Makena Ngatiri

Haki learns that doing things CHEERFULLY makes even hard things easier to do.

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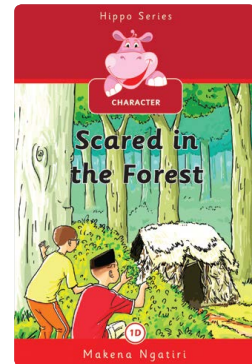
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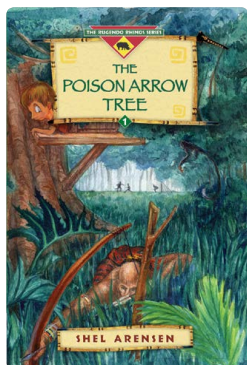
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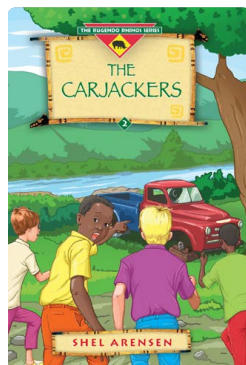
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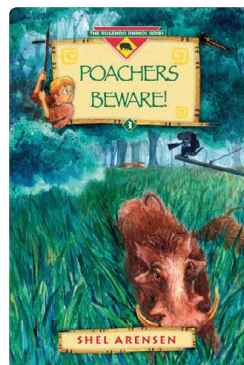
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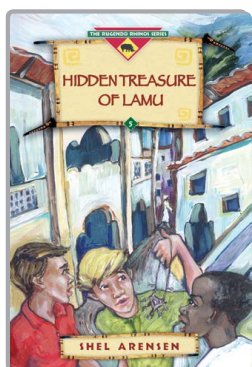
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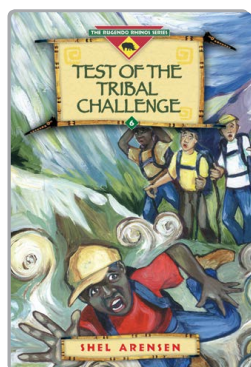


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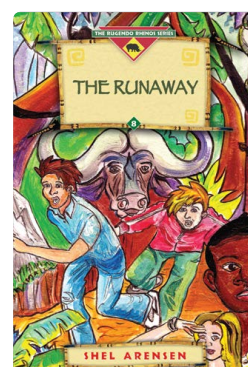


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The Rugendo Rhino boys leave their school in the highlands of Kenya and cross the ocean to Pemba Island, off the coast of Tanzania. While swimming and searching for shells, they find much of the coral reef has been destroyed by dynamite fishing. They hear a legend that Captain Kidd, a pirate from centuries earlier, hid a treasure on a nearby island. They start searching for the pirate's treasure, and help rescue the reef from destruction.

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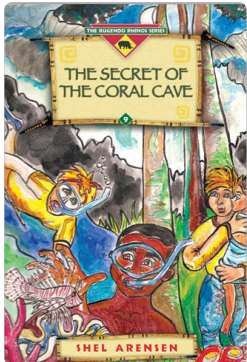


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When a new boy comes to the school at Rugendo, he gets homesick and runs away from school. The Rhinos and the teachers search for the runaway boy without success. As they search in the forest, Dean is separated from the rest of the Rhinos and loses his way. He stumbles on the runaway boy and persuades him to return to school. But finding their way back is not easy! Will they overcome the odds and get back home again?

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The Rugendo Rhinos Club boys are on vacation with their families in Mombasa. They make friends with Salim, whose father is a fisherman. A few days later, Salim's sister disappears. Was she kidnapped? The boys believe she will be trafficked to the Middle East and sold as a slave. They stumble onto a coral cave near the beach where the traffickers hide their victims – along with some ivory. Will they catch the traffickers?

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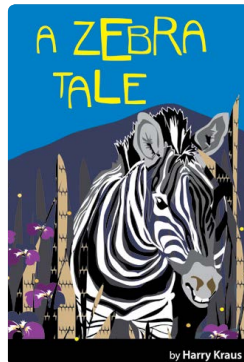
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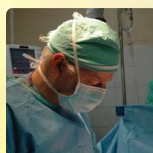
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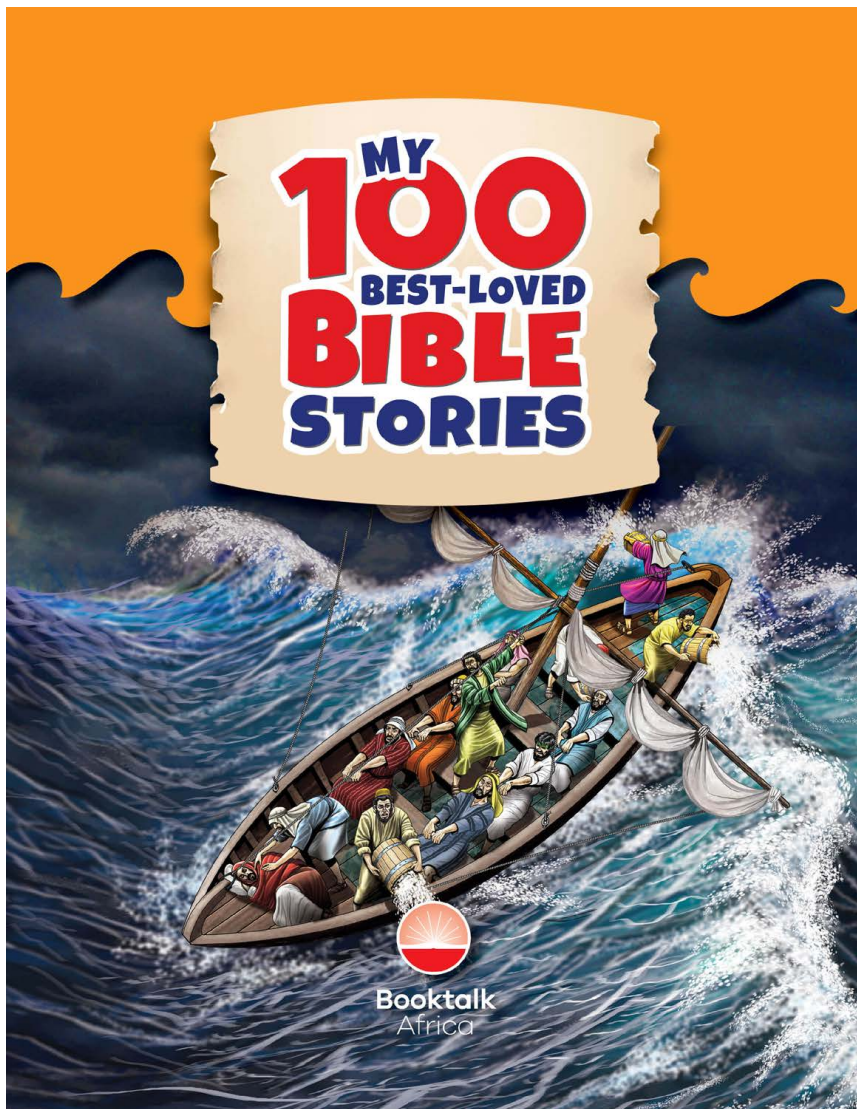


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71. The Rich Fool Luke 12:13-21

A large crowd of people was listening to Jesus. One of the people pushed his way to where Jesus was.

"Jesus," he said, "my father just died. He left some things for us. Please order my brother to give me a fair share."

Jesus looked at the man thoughtfully. "Mister," he replied, "it's not my business to get into a family dispute. Be careful and guard yourself from greed."

The man looked stunned, so Jesus told this story.

"There was a rich man who had a farm. The farm grew a very good crop of

food. His stores were full to overflowing. He had no place to store all his grain. So he thought to himself,

"I'll tear down my stores. I'll build bigger ones. I'll put all my grain in new, bigger stores. Then I'll have enough good grain to last me many years. So I'll just rest, eat, drink, and enjoy life!"

But God said to the man, "Foolish man! You'll die tonight. Then who will get all the grain in your stores?"

Jesus paused and looked at the man. Then he looked at the man and said, "What happens to anyone who stores things only for himself? To God is not rich."



Talk About It

1. What did Jesus say we should do?
2. What is the rich man in the story like?
3. What should this man be doing?

72. Parable of the Sower Matthew 13:1-23

It was a beautiful day by the Sea of Galilee. The gentle blue waves rolled in the sunshine. The birds trilled their pretty songs. Jesus went down to the lake to teach. Many people wanted to get near Jesus. He rowed a boat a little off the shore. The people stood on the beach and listened. The boat was a perfect place to teach from. Everyone could see and hear.

When Jesus spoke to people, he often used stories to capture and explain his lessons. On this day, he told one of his stories.

"Listen to this," Jesus said. "Once a farmer went out to sow his seed. As he scattered the seed around him, some fell on the path. The birds flew down and gobbled it up."

"Some seeds fell on rocky places. Yes, it sprang up and grew quickly. But the soil was shallow. The sun beat hard on the little plants, and they withered and died."

"Then there was seed that fell among thorns. Although the seed grew, the thorns choked the plants out. These could not bear fruit."

"More seed fell on good soil. These seeds caught good root and grew strong. They produced a good, good harvest."

"Use your ears to listen well," Jesus said. "Use your head to figure out the meaning of this."

Later, the disciples came to him. "What does this mean?" they asked.

Jesus explained it to them. "The farmer is a teacher and the seed is God's word. Some people are like the seed on a path. As soon as they hear the word, the devil comes and makes them forget."

"Others are like seed on a rocky place. They hear and receive the word happily. But as soon as anyone teases them or mocks them, they stop believing!"

"Still others, like seed among the thorns, hear the word. But they spend so much time worrying about how they can get rich, that they don't have any time for God. Their faith never grows into anything useful."

"But some people are like seed sown in good soil. They hear God's word and believe it with all their heart. Their faith is deep-rooted and strong. Their good life is a blessing to many."



Talk About It

1. The grounds in the story represent people's hearts. Think about your heart.
2. What qualities make a heart like the good soil in the story?
3. Are you open to obey God's word?



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