Books about Africa for Kids

**Picture Books**

Aardema, Verna. *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain.* A herdsman brings rain to the drought stricken plain.


Cunnane, Kelly. *Deep in the Sahara.* In Mauritania, an Arab girl wants to wear a malafa.

Cunnane, Kelly. *For You are a Kenyan Child.* A boy visits friends in his village instead of doing his chores.

Daly, Niki. *Pretty Salma.* A Little Red Riding Hood story from Africa.

Diakite, Penka. *I Lost My Tooth in Africa.* The tooth fairy visits a young girl in Mali.


Haley, Gail. *A Story, a Story.* Ananse, the spider man, steals stories from the sky god.

Hoffman, Mary. *Boundless Grace.* Grace visits her father and his new family in an African village.

Isadora, Rachel. *Old Mikamba had a Farm.* A variation of the “Old MacDonald” song with African animals.


Medearis, Angela. *Too Much Talk.* A stubborn king and his talkative throne!


Onyefulu, Ifeoma. *A Triangle for Adaora.* Ugo and Adaora set out to find a triangle in their village.

Stock, Catherine. *Where are You Going, Manyoni?* Manyoni walks to her village school in Zimbabwe.

Wilson, Max. *Halala Means Welcome.* Interested in learning some Zulu words?

**Juvenile Fiction**


Alexander, Lloyd. *The Fortune-Tellers.* A Cameroon carpenter goes to a fortuneteller and finds the predictions come true in unusual ways.

Barasch, Lynne. *First Come the Zebra.* A Masai and a Kikuyu boy discover they have a lot in common.

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Kurtz, Jane. *In the Small, Small Night.*
Kofi can’t sleep without hearing these Ghanaian folktale.

Akimbo develops a plan to capture a ring of elephant poachers.

Naidoo, Beverly. *Burn My Heart.*
A friendship is challenged during a revolt in 1950’s Kenya.

Park, Linda Sue. *A Long Walk to Water.*
In 1985 Salva walks across southern Sudan in search of safety.

Quirk, Katie. *A Girl Called Problem.*
In 1967 Tanzania, Shida and her female cousins are allowed to attend school.

Rockcliff, Mara. *My Heart Will Not Sit Down.*
In 1931 Cameroon, Kedi learns of the U.S. Great Depression.

Schrier, Jeffrey. *On the Wings of Eagles.*
A Jewish Ethiopian boy recounts the story of Israel’s 1991 airlift rescue of his threatened people.

The king must choose a wife.

**Nonfiction**


J 398.2 LES. *How Many Spots Does a Leopard Have? And Other Tales.*


J 552.312 LEA. *The Snows of Kilimanjaro.*


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