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Am I Small? Mimi Ni Mdogo?: Children's Picture Book English-Swahili (Bilingual Edition) (World Children's Book 41)



Synopsis

Bilingual Children's Book English-Swahili
Am I small? - Tamia is not sure and keeps asking various animals that she meets on her journey. Eventually she finds the surprising answer...

Reviews
"immensely enjoyable" - ForeWord Clarion Reviews
"for children who enjoy lingering over pages full of magical creatures and whimsical details [...] told in simple and engaging words and imaginative pictures."
"Kirkus Reviews"
"a fantastic book that has enchanted me"
"Customer Review"
"We are in love with this book! [...] As an artist, I love love LOVE the art in this book, I think its not only beautiful, but perfect for children. My son spent a lot of time just studying every colorful page. We read it twice in the first sitting because he was so happy! He's not yet 1, so getting him to sit still for story time is tough, and this book was such a hit he sat through it with nothing but a big smile and lots of pointing to the stuff he liked on the pages. I highly recommend this book :) Get it get it get it!"
"Customer Review"
"Written in a very simple way but with a profound message for both adults and kids."
"Customer Review"
"I LOVED it. Lots of repetition to help 'lil ones get used to structure and words! Many different words being used to help them improve their vocabulary (or pick the best word!). Most importantly, it sends a good message about how being unique and different is good. I STRONGLY suggest you check this book out!"
"ESLCarissa.blogspot.com"
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Customer Reviews

I was excited to buy this book for my son, whose first language is Swahili. We were both very disappointed to learn that the protagonist is a white child! Why exactly would a book in Swahili -- an African language -- feature a white child? While there are undoubtedly white people who speak Swahili, the vast majority of Swahili speakers are non-white. How disappointing!The book itself is cute, telling a story in both English and Swahili. But I really just cannot get past the use of a white child as the main character.

To the other person in the reviews who stated it shouldn't be a white protagonist- this book has been translated into many languages. German, Kiswahili, and more. It is not just a book for Kiswahili speakers. There are many versions of it. The character was white before it was translated into Kiswahili.

The book is amazingly drawn. So beautiful! I am only starting to learn kiswahili so for me text is useful too. Pictures are unconventional, showing a big fantasy of an artist, someone may like them totally like me, someone may not so much.

Charming. I was able to read it with my limited knowledge of Swahili. One's Weltanschauung

depends on everything being relative.

Clever, engaging - size is relative! :)

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