

Seeds Of Change: Wangari's Gift To The World

A paperback picture book based on the true story of Wangari Maathai, an environmental and political activist in Kenya and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down, and she knows that soon all the trees will be destroyed. So Wangari decides to do something--and starts by planting nine seedlings in her own backyard. And as they grow, so do her plans . . . This true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is a shining example of how one woman's passion, vision, and determination inspired great change. Includes an author's note.

This is the story of Jane Addams, the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, who transformed a poor neighborhood in Chicago by opening up her house as a community center. This title has Common Core connections.

This is the inspiring story of Wangari Maathai, women's rights activist and one of the first environmental warriors. Overcoming great obstacles, Wangari began the Green Belt Movement in Kenya in the 1960s, which focused on planting trees, environmental conservation and women's rights. She inspired thousands across Africa to plant 30 million trees in 30 years, saving many from hunger and poverty. Her remarkable story of courage and determination shows how just one person can change the world. The story shows children how desertification works: how land is

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eroded and degraded when trees aren't there to hold the soil in place so it's not taken away by winds and heavy rain. It explains how all living things are dependent on each other and if trees are taken away, then you not only lessen the fertility of the soil, but you lose the animals that live there and then the animals that rely on those animals for food and so on. As well as explaining important green issues, the book also talks about Wangari's fight for human rights and shows how important it is to stand up for what you believe. The gripping narrative non-fiction text by Gwendolyn Hooks, winner of the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work for Children, hooks readers from the start. Vibrant illustrations from print-maker Margaux Carpentier, one of the featured artists in Taschen's The Illustrator: 100 Best from around the World, vividly evoke Wangari's amazing life story. The consultant, Dr Jane Irungu, grew up in Kenya, but is now a Professor at the University of Oklahoma. She was inspired by Wangari when she was growing up and went on to get a PhD just as Wangari did. 'Carpentier's saturated geometric illustrations emphasize the bold impact of Maathai's actions', Publishers Weekly, May 2021

*RECIPIENT OF THE PURA BELPRÉ HONOR * A Today Show's Best Kids' Books of 2019 * Indie Next List Pick * Junior Library Guild Selection * "An appealing tribute and successful remedy to the lack of titles about the groundbreaking librarian...a must-have for all libraries." —School Library Journal (starred review) An inspiring picture book biography of storyteller, puppeteer, and New York City's first Puerto Rican librarian, who championed bilingual literature. When she came to America in*

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1921, Pura Belpré carried the cuentos folklóricos of her Puerto Rican homeland. Finding a new home at the New York Public Library as a bilingual assistant, she turned her popular retellings into libros and spread story seeds across the land. Today, these seeds have grown into a lush landscape as generations of children and storytellers continue to share her tales and celebrate Pura's legacy. Brought to colorful life by Paola Escobar's elegant and exuberant illustrations and Anika Aldamuy Denise's lyrical text, this gorgeous book is perfect for the pioneers in your life. Informative backmatter and suggested further reading included. A Spanish-language edition, Sembrando historias: Pura Belpré: bibliotecaria y narradora de cuentos, is also available. "Anika Aldamuy Denise's intimate telling captures the magical, folk-tale feeling of Belpré's own stories. Her lyrical text, sprinkled like fairy dust with Spanish words, begs to be read aloud, while Paola Escobar's stylishly detailed and warmly expressive illustrations capture the joy of sharing stories."
—New York Times Book Review

Giant Steps to Change the World

A Celebration of Our Children

Planting the Trees of Kenya

How to Think Long Term in a Short-Term World

Mama Miti

Wangari Maathai

Born in a rural Kenyan village in 1940, Wangari Maathai was already an iconoclast as a child, determined to get an education even though most African girls then were

uneducated.

From the world of Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls comes a historical novel based on the life of Dr. Wangari Maathai, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning activist and environmentalist from Kenya. Wangari lives in the lush, green, land of rural Kenya where the soil is perfect for planting, the trees tower into the sky, and the streams are full of mysterious creatures. All day, she plays beneath her favorite fig tree, and at night she gathers around the fire with her family to listen to her mother's stories. Then Wangari grows up and goes away to school, and things start changing at home. Farmers chop down the trees. Landslides bury the stream. The soil becomes overworked and dry, and nothing will grow. People go hungry. After all her studies, Dr. Wangari Maathai realizes there is a simple solution to these problems: plant a forest full of trees. Dr. Wangari Maathai Plants a Forest is the story of environmentalist and activist Dr. Wangari Maathai, who became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. It's also a story about the importance of making your voice heard, and using that voice to protect the natural world. This historical fiction chapter book includes additional text on Dr. Wangari Maathai's lasting legacy, as well as educational activities designed to encourage caring for the planet and believing in the power of one. About the Rebel Girls Chapter Book Series Meet extraordinary real-life heroines in the Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls chapter book series! Introducing stories based on the lives of extraordinary women

in global history, each stunningly designed chapter book features beautiful illustrations from a female artist as well as bonus activities in the backmatter to encourage kids to explore the various fields in which each of these women thrived. The perfect gift to inspire any young reader!

Watercolor illustrations and lyrical prose combine to tell the remarkable true story of Wangari Maathai, the winner of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize, who changed the fate of her village in the highlands of Kenya by teaching her people how to care for it. 15,000 first printing.

“Trees are living symbols of peace and hope.” -Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace laureate Wangari Maathai changed the way the world thinks about nature, ecology, freedom, and democracy, inspiring radical efforts that continue to this day. This simply told story begins with Green Belt Movement founder Wangari Maathai’s childhood at the foot of Mount Kenya where, as the oldest child in her family, her responsibility was to stay home and help her mother. When the chance to go to school presented itself, she seized it with both hands. She traveled to the US to study, where she saw that even in the land of the free, black people were not welcome. Returning home, Wangari was determined to help her people and her country. She recognized that deforestation and urbanization was at the root of her country’s troubles. Her courage and confidence carried her through adversity to found a movement for peace, reconciliation, and healing. Aurélia Fronty’s beautiful

illustrations show readers the color and diversity of Wangari's Africa—the green trees and the flowering trees full of birds, monkeys, and other animals; the roots that dig deep into the earth; and the people who work and live on the land.

Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia

Sparrow Girl

Planting Peace

Sharing the Approach and the Experience

Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré

Wisdom and Wonder from the World of Plants

Ming-Li looked up and tried to imagine the sky silent, empty of birds. It was a terrible thought. Her country's leader had called sparrows the enemy of the farmers--they were eating too much grain, he said. He announced a great "Sparrow War" to banish them from China, but Ming-Li did not want to chase the birds away. As the people of her village gathered with firecrackers and gongs to scatter the sparrows, Ming-Li held her ears and watched in dismay. The birds were falling from the trees, frightened to death! Ming-Li knew she had to do something -- even if she couldn't stop the noise. Quietly, she vowed to save as many sparrows as she could, one by one...

The inspiring true story of how one African woman began a movement to recycle the plastic bags that were polluting her community. Plastic bags are cheap and easy to use. But what happens when a bag breaks or is no longer needed? In Njau, Gambia, people simply dropped the bags and went on their way. One plastic bag became two. Then ten. Then a hundred. The

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bags accumulated in ugly heaps alongside roads. Water pooled in them, bringing mosquitoes and disease. Some bags were burned, leaving behind a terrible smell. Some were buried, but they strangled gardens. They killed livestock that tried to eat them. Something had to change. Isatou Ceesay was that change. She found a way to recycle the bags and transform her community. This inspirational true story shows how one person's actions really can make a difference in our world.

Want more free books like this? Download our app for free at <https://www.QuickRead.com/App> and get access to hundreds of free book and audiobook summaries. A guide for learning how to follow your intuition and knowing the warning signs of impending danger. True fear is a gift.

*You've probably felt a gut instinct at some point in your life. Many people do. The girl who got a bad vibe from her date the first night they met, the mom who felt something just didn't feel right about a potential babysitter, or even the woman in a parking lot who's solicited by a stranger who wants to help carry her groceries. We've all been in an uncomfortable situation, luckily, if you're reading this, your situation didn't turn deadly. Unfortunately, not everyone is as lucky, but there are ways to pinpoint impending danger. Throughout *The Gift of Fear*, Gavin de Becker explains the warning signs of someone who wishes to do you harm. Perhaps they don't take "no" for an answer or maybe they talk too much to hide their nerves and gain your trust. Keep reading to find out how criminals try to solicit their victims, discover how a person's body language can uncover their true intentions, and lastly, learn how to follow your gut and stay safe.*

"This tale is a sturdy one that is made even more emphatic by Davies's terse writing style. The text is heightened in every way by Carlin's outstanding mixed-media artwork." — Booklist

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(starred review) On a mean street in a mean, broken city, a young girl tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But the frail old woman says the thief can't have it without giving something in return: the promise. It is the beginning of a journey that will change the girl's life — and a chance to change the world, for good.

The Story of Wangari Maathai

A Sand County Almanac

The Most Beautiful Roof in the World

The Promise

Unbowed

Using Persona Dolls in the Classroom

With the help of her beloved grandmother, Tess learns some valuable lessons about plants and discover the wonders and joys of nature.

'This is the book our children's children will thank us for reading' — The Edge, U2
How can we be good ancestors? From the first seeds sown thousands of years ago, to the construction of the cities we still inhabit, to the scientific discoveries that have ensured our survival, we are the inheritors of countless gifts from the past. Today, in an age driven by the tyranny of the now, with 24/7 news, the latest tweet, and the buy-now button commanding our attention, we rarely stop to consider how our actions will affect future generations. With such frenetic short-termism at the root of contemporary crises, the call for long-term thinking grows

every day – but what is it, has it ever worked, and can we even do it? In *The Good Ancestor*, leading public philosopher Roman Krznaric argues that there is still hope. From the pyramids to the NHS, humankind has always had the innate ability to plan for posterity and take action that will resonate for decades, centuries, even millennia to come. If we want to become good ancestors, now is the time to recover and enrich this imaginative skill. *The Good Ancestor* reveals six profound ways in which we can all learn to think long-term, exploring how we can reawaken oft-neglected but uniquely human talents like “cathedral thinking” that expand our time horizons and sharpen our foresight. Drawing on radical solutions from around the world, Krznaric celebrates the innovators who are reinventing democracy, culture and economics so that we all have the chance to become good ancestors and create a better tomorrow.

****Winner of the 2015 Gelett Burgess Award for Best Intercultural Book**** ****Winner of the 2015 Silver Evergreen Medal for World Peace**** This true children's story is told by a little bonsai tree, called Miyajima, that lived with the same family in the Japanese city of Hiroshima for more than 300 years before being donated to the National Arboretum in Washington DC in 1976 as a gesture of friendship between America and Japan to celebrate the American Bicentennial. From the Book: "In 1625, when Japan was a land of samurai and castles, I was a tiny pine

seedling. A man called Itaro Yamaki picked me from the forest where I grew and took me home with him. For more than three hundred years, generations of the Yamaki family trimmed and pruned me into a beautiful bonsai tree. In 1945, our household survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. In 1976, I was donated to the National Arboretum in Washington D.C., where I still live today—the oldest and perhaps the wisest tree in the bonsai museum."

"A picture book biography of John Roy Lynch, one of the first African-Americans elected into the United States Congress"--Provided by publisher.

Jane Goodall's Life With the Chimps

The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch

The Good Ancestor

Peace Tree from Hiroshima

A Story About Jane Addams

Miss Maple's Seeds

"Nelson's pictures, a jaw-dropping union of African textiles collaged with oil paintings, brilliantly capture the villagers' clothing and the greening landscape...This is, in a word, stunning." –Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Nelson's (We Are the Ship) breathtaking portraits of Maathai often have a beatific quality; bright African textiles

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represent fields, mountains, and Maathai's beloved trees..Napoli (The Earth Shook) creates a vivid portrait of the community from which Maathai's tree-planting mission grows." –Publishers Weekly (starred review) "A beautiful introduction for children just learning about the Greenbelt Movement." –School Library Journal Anne Izard Storytellers' Choice Award CBC/NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book CCBC Choices (Cooperative Children's Book Council) California Collections NAACP Image Award Nominee Through artful prose and beautiful illustrations, Donna Jo Napoli and Kadir Nelson tell the true story of Wangari Muta Maathai, known as "Mama Miti," who in 1977 founded the Green Belt Movement, an African grassroots organization that has empowered many people to mobilize and combat deforestation, soil erosion, and environmental degradation. Today more than 30 million trees have been planted throughout Mama Miti's native Kenya, and in 2004 she became the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Wangari Muta Maathai has changed Kenya tree by tree—and with each page turned, children will realize their own ability to positively impact the future.

Seeds of ChangePlanting a Path to Peace

A young Vietnamese girl saves a lotus seed and carries it with her everywhere to remember a brave emperor and the homeland that she has to flee.

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This book traces out the life and career of Jane Goodall as a watcher of English fauna to her adult work as scholar of animal behavior in Africa.

The Story of Environmentalist Wangari Maathai

Wangari's Trees of Peace

The House That Jane Built

Seeds of Change

Njinga of Ndongo and Matamba

Life in the Ocean

Wangari Maathai, founder of The Green Belt Movement, tells its story including the philosophy behind it, its challenges, and objectives. Photographs and poetic text celebrate the beauty and diversity of African American children. On board pages.

A #1 New York Times Bestseller A Wall Street Journal Bestseller A USA Today Bestseller The creators of the New York Times bestselling picture books Rosie Revere, Engineer and Iggy Peck, Architect are back with a story about the power of curiosity in the hands of a child who is on a mission to use science to understand her world. Ada Twist, Scientist, from powerhouse team Andrea Beaty and David Roberts, is a celebration of STEM, perseverance, and passion. Like her classmates, builder Iggy and inventor Rosie, scientist Ada, a character of color, has a boundless imagination and has always been hopelessly curious. Why are there pointy

things stuck to a rose? Why are there hairs growing inside your nose? When her house fills with a horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada knows it's up to her to find the source. What would you do with a problem like this? Not afraid of failure, Ada embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, her experiments lead to even more stink and get her into trouble! Inspired by real-life makers such as Ada Lovelace and Marie Curie, Ada Twist, Scientist champions girl power and women scientists, and brings welcome diversity to picture books about girls in science. Touching on themes of never giving up and problem solving, Ada comes to learn that her questions might not always lead to answers, but rather to more questions. She may never find the source of the stink, but with a supportive family and the space to figure it out, she'll be able to feed her curiosity in the ways a young scientist should. Iggy Peck and Rosie Revere have earned their places among the most beloved children's characters, and they have inspired countless kids and adults to follow their dreams and passions. Now in her own charming and witty picture book, determined Ada Twist, with her boundless curiosity for science and love of the question "Why?," is destined to join these two favorites. The book is the perfect tool to remind both young girls and women that they have the intelligence and perseverance to achieve their dreams.

A boy finds a mysterious treasure in a junkpile and creates a monster to

guard it.

Annie Jump Cannon, Astronomer

True Stories of People Who Are Helping to Protect Our Planet

Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya (with audio recording)

The Lotus Seed

Dr. Wangari Maathai Plants a Forest

From world-renowned scientist Jane Goodall, as seen in the new National Geographic documentary Jane, comes a fascinating examination of the critical role that trees and plants play in our world. From world-renowned scientist Jane Goodall, as seen in the new National Geographic documentary Jane, comes a fascinating examination of the critical role that trees and plants play in our world. Seeds of Hope takes us from Goodall's home in England to her home-away-from-home in Africa, deep inside the Gombe forest, where she and the chimpanzees are enchanted by the fig and plum trees they encounter. She introduces us to botanists around the world, as well as places where hope for plants can be found, such as The Millennium Seed Bank. She shows us the secret world of plants with all their mysteries and potential for healing our bodies as well as Planet Earth. Looking at the world as an adventurer, scientist, and devotee of sustainable foods and gardening--and setting forth simple goals we can all take to protect the plants around us--Goodall delivers an enlightening story of the wonders we can find in our own backyards.

The well-known English zoologist describes her early interest in animals and how this led to her

study of chimpanzees at the Gombe Stream Reserve in Tanzania.

Presents a biography of the female astronomer, who developed a classification system for determining a star's spectrum while working as an assistant for Edward Pickering at Harvard.

Fans of Miss Rumphius will adore this gorgeous picture book which introduces the kind, nature-loving Miss Maple, who celebrates the miracle in each seed. Miss Maple gathers lost seeds that haven't yet found a place to sprout. She takes them on field trips to explore places to grow. In her cozy maple tree house, she nurtures them; keeping them safe and warm until it's time for them to find roots of their own, and grow into the magnificent plants they're destined to become. Eliza Wheeler's luminous paintings feature gorgeous landscapes, lush foliage and charming details. Her tender story celebrates the potential found in each seed—since even the grandest tree and most brilliant flower had to grow from the smallest of seeds. Celebrate every season with Miss Maple, from Earth Day to graduations to harvest festivals.

The Watcher

The Girl Who Buried Her Dreams in a Can

The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees

Kids Like Us

Exploring the Rainforest Canopy

A True Story

This inspiring entry in the "Story of" line of chapter-book biographies features Wangari Maathai, the first African woman, and environmentalist, to win a Nobel

Peace Prize. As a young girl in Kenya, Wangari was taught to respect nature. She grew up loving the land, plants, and animals that surrounded her -- from the giant mugumo trees her people, the Kikuyu, revered to the tiny tadpoles that swam in the river. Although most Kenyan girls were not educated, Wangari, curious and hardworking, was allowed to go to school. There, her mind sprouted like a seed. She excelled at science and went on to study in the United States. After returning home, Wangari blazed a trail across Kenya, using her knowledge and compassion to promote the rights of her countrywomen and to help save the land, one tree at a time. The Story of Environmentalist Wangari Maathai brings to life the empowering story of Wangari Maathai, the first African woman, and environmentalist, to win a Nobel Peace Prize. This chapter-book edition includes black-and-white illustrations as well as sidebars on related subjects, a timeline, a glossary, and recommended reading.

Describes the work of Meg Lowman in the rainforest canopy, an area unexplored until the last ten years and home to previously unknown species of plants and animals.

Sylvia Earle first lost her heart to the ocean as a young girl when she discovered the wonders of the Gulf of Mexico in her backyard. As an adult, she dives even deeper. Whether she's designing submersibles, swimming with the whales, or taking deep-water walks, Sylvia Earle has dedicated her life to learning more

about what she calls "the blue heart of the planet." With stunningly detailed pictures of the wonders of the sea, Life in the Ocean tells the story of Sylvia's growing passion and how her ocean exploration and advocacy have made her known around the world. This picture book biography also includes an informative author's note that will motivate young environmentalists. Life in the Ocean is one of The Washington Post's Best Kids Books of 2012

"On some days your dreams may seem too far away to realize... Listen to the whispers of those that came before..." People throughout history have taken giant steps toward improving the world—but even the smallest step makes a difference. A wonderful and inspiring gift, Giant Steps to Change the World encourages readers to follow in the footsteps of those who came before, to reject fears of inadequacy, and to ponder what they can contribute to society.

Seeds of Hope

Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet

A Little Bonsai with a Big Story

One Plastic Bag

Lessons from Mother Earth

A Memoir

In a land that has stood barren, parched by drought and ravaged by frosts since the Queen's death, the King sets his

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three daughters the task of making the kingdom bloom again, and discovers that sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest difference.

From rooster crow to bedtime, a Kenyan boy plays and visits neighbors all through his village, even though he is supposed to be watching his grandfather's cows.

Njinga of Ndongo and Matamba book follows the story of a renowned African legend named Queen Njinga and serves to teach the historical truth behind her inspirational story in a way that is relatable to today's kids.?

"A biography of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize winner and environmentalist Wangari Maathai, a female scientist who made a stand in the face of opposition to women's rights and her own Greenbelt Movement, an effort to restore Kenya's ecosystem by planting millions of trees"--Provided by publisher.

The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle

Heroes of the Environment

A True Story from Africa

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The Apple-pip Princess

Summary of "The Gift of Fear" by Gavin de Becker - Free book by QuickRead.com

Ada Twist, Scientist

An inspirational picture book autobiography from Oprah Winfrey's "All-Time Favorite Guest" This is the story of a little girl with big dreams. All the girl ever wanted was an education. But in Rhodesia, education for girls was nearly impossible. So she taught herself to read and write with her brother's schoolbooks and to count while watching cattle graze. When the girl became a young wife and mother, she wrote her goals on a scrap of paper and buried them in a can—an ancient ritual that reminded her that she couldn't give up on her dreams. She dreamed of going to America and earning one degree; then a second, even higher; and a third, the highest. And she hoped to bring education to all the girls and boys of her village. Would her dreams ever come true? Illustrated with Jan Spivey Gilchrist's graceful watercolors, Dr. Tererai Trent's true story of perseverance is sure to inspire readers of all ages.

This inspiring book presents the true stories of 12 people from across North America who have done great things for the environment. Heroes include a teenage girl who figured out how to remove an industrial pollutant from the Ohio River, a Mexican superstar wrestler who works to protect turtles and whales, and a teenage boy from Rhode Island who helped his community and his state develop effective e-waste

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recycling programs. Plenty of photographs and illustrations bring each compelling story vividly to life.

From bestselling author and illustrator Kate Pankhurst, descendent of Emmeline Pankhurst, comes another 'smart, informative, inclusive and accessible' book about trail-blazing women. This time, it's women who have helped protect our natural world from way before it was on a political agenda. Discover their untold stories. Tackle the plastic problem with Isatou Ceesay by recycling waste into beautiful objects. Marvel at the intelligence of chimpanzees with Jane Goodall. Learn why it's important to shop fair trade and cruelty-free with Anita Roddick and The Body Shop. Resist devastating deforestation and plant seeds of change with Wangari Maathai. We're in an age when young people like Greta Thunberg are calling for those in power to 'wake up' and take action. Written with hope and encouragement, this book shows that all actions, big and small, can be powerful in the fight against climate breakdown.

Storytelling with persona dolls (dolls that are given names, family histories, and other traits by teachers) is a powerful tool for teaching classroom and social skills, giving children words for and tools to manage their feelings, developing problem-solving and conflict-resolution skills, expanding children's comfort with difference, undoing stereotypes and biased information, and helping children learn to stand up against bias. This book presents to teachers of young children from toddlers through the primary grades methods for using persona dolls. Each of the "Kids Like Us" doll stories can

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serve as a way to help children deal with common problems, conflicts, and developmental issues. The author outlines five steps for using persona dolls: thinking, identifying feelings, discussing, putting themselves into the doll's place, and problem solving. Practical tips are provided for creating characters, inventing stories, and working with children in a group. Appendix A includes sample forms for getting started with persona dolls. Appendix B includes sample features for the dolls. Includes a resources list of dolls and doll-making supplies, stores, books, and Web sites. (GCP)

Shades of Black

Planting a Path to Peace

The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone

The Green Belt Movement

My Life with the Chimpanzees

For You Are a Kenyan Child