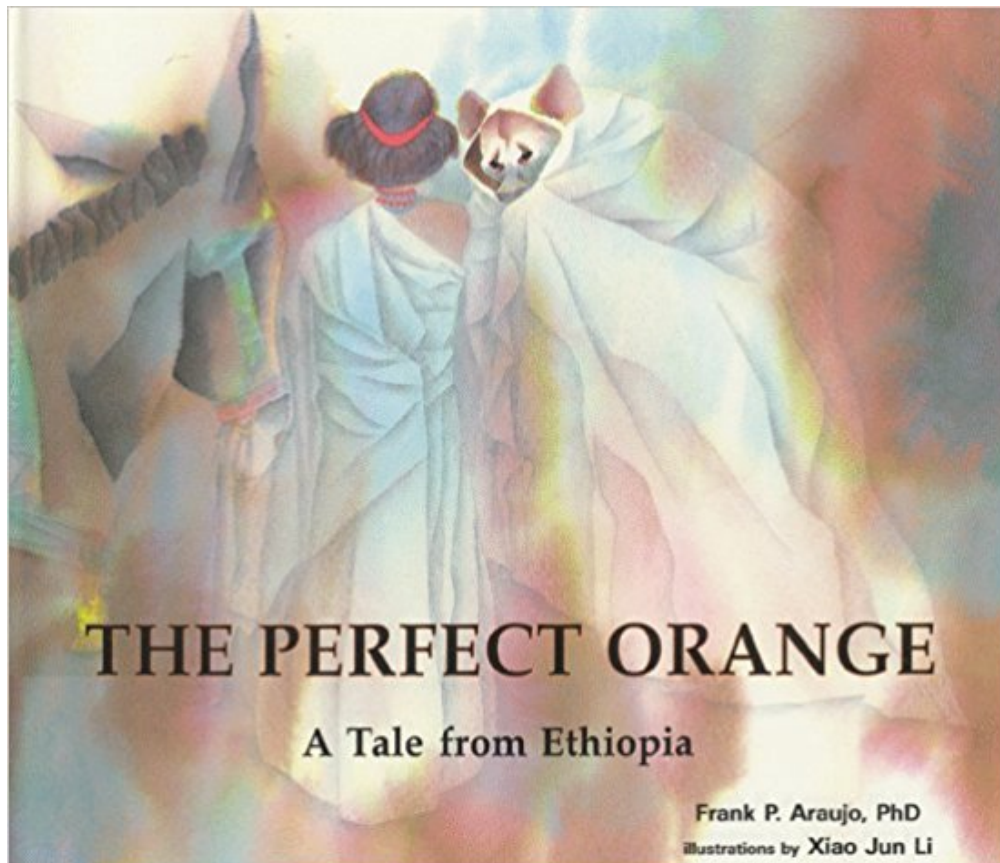




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The Perfect Orange: A Tale From Ethiopia (Toucan Tales Series ; Vol. 2)



Synopsis

Inspiring gentle folktale set in Ancient Ethiopia. Breathtaking watercolors dramatize ancient Ethiopia's contrasting pastoral charm and majesty. Illustrations are rich with Ethiopian details. Fa This story reinforces values of generosity and selflessness over greed and self-centeredness. Glossary of Ethiopian terms and pronunciations. (Ages 4-13) Honored as: (1) Smithsonian Institute "Let's Read Selection" and (2) PBS-TV "Storytime Selection" and (3) Time Magazine adaptation in Feb. 2012 issue of TIME FOR KIDS magazine (Grades 3-4 issue and Grades 5-6 issue).

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Customer Reviews

The author and illustrator of *Nekane, the Lami?a & the Bear* present the second volume in the Toucan Tales series of international folktales. Discovering a perfect orange in her Ethiopian mountain village, Tshai travels to the city to tender her prize to the great Nigus. When the girl passes the house of the Lord Hyena, the jeering animal scorns her silly gift. But the ruler himself is so moved that he tries to reward Tshai with riches. When she refuses, Nigus orders his Royal Chamberlain to follow her and give her a donkey whose saddle bags are filled with gold and jewels. The greedy hyena hastens to offer Nigus his bountiful lands and cattle. In return, the wise Nigus bestows on the crafty hyena "our most prized possession": one perfect orange. Li's watercolors contrast the cocoa-brown hues of the countryside and buildings with the stark white robes and brilliantly colored accessories of traditional Ethiopian dress; it's odd, however, that his Ethiopian

characters have such pink skin. Araujo, who came across this tale while working in the Harare region of Ethiopia, spices up his retelling by incorporating Amharic words and phrases. Ages 3-12. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 3?In this gentle story from Ethiopia, an orphan girl presents the Nigus (king) with a perfect orange and refuses payment. She does accept a donkey, however, unaware that its saddlebags are full of gold and precious jewels. Ato Jib, the Lord Hyena, mocks the child's simple gift, but when he sees the richness of her reward, he hurries to the Nigus to present all his lands and cattle?and receives the perfect orange in return. Araujo's straightforward style is well suited to the simplicity of the story. Although the occasional inserted pronunciations can be distracting, they are certainly useful, as is the glossary. Li's delicate watercolors mesh well with the text. The earth-toned illustrations sweep across the pages, and are touched with brighter colors and intricate details. The human characters are a little stiff, but the hyena, muffled in his white robe, sparkles with mischief. An author's note identifies the oral source of the tale. A pleasant offering by the author and illustrator of *Nekane*, the *Lamina*, and the *Bear* (Rayve, 1993).?Donna L. Scanlon, Lancaster County Library, PA Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gift for granddaughter.

I am of Ethiopian heritage and wanted to find some books to read to my daughter. Randomly came upon this book and I'm so glad I did. What a wonderful tale with a great message. I really enjoyed the illustrations, such wonderful colors that remind me of back home. Bravo Dr. Araujo!

This book is a perfect illustration on what a pure gift a child is and how innocent a child's heart can be. It teaches a few good life lessons and also incorporates a small amount of language from Ethiopia. We bought this book to introduce Ethiopia into our family for our small children while we wait to adopt a child from Ethiopia. This book is a must have for any child regardless of color, it is just a simple yet valuable story.

My daughter, who joined our family by way of Ethiopia, enjoys reading this book very much. It's a wonderful story and the illustrations are very different. They are drawn in a way that pulls you into the tale and conveys a sense of motion. Finally, the story has a terrific message.

My brother adopted a little boy from Ethiopia and so I was excited to find this story to buy him for him to read to his son. The tale is beautiful and has wonderful meaning. The illustrations are absolutely beautiful!

I read this book first to 2nd grade, then to 5th grade, both loved it. Its a great story. I had a 7th grader read it to the 3rd grade too!

Wonderful children's story.

My two girls and I love this story. A great moral tale about the difference between generosity and humility versus greed and arrogance. The illustrations are also beautiful.

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