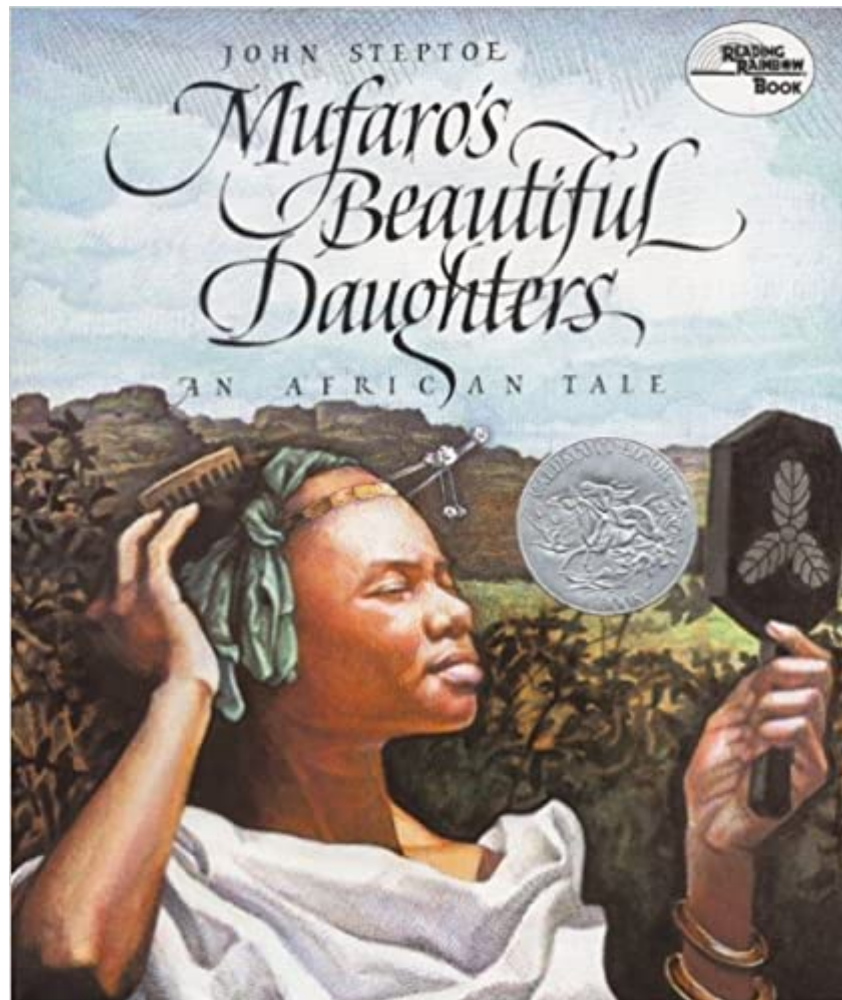




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Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters (Reading Rainbow Books)



Synopsis

A Caldecott Honor and Reading Rainbow book, this memorable retelling of Cinderella is perfect for introducing children to the fairy tale as well as the history, culture, and geography of the African nation of Zimbabwe. Inspired by a traditional African folktale, this is the story of Mufaro, who is proud of his two beautiful daughters. Nyasha is kind and considerate, but everyone "except Mufaro" knows that Manyara is selfish and bad-tempered. When the Great King decides to take a wife and invites the most worthy and beautiful daughters in the land to appear before him, Mufaro brings both of his daughters "but only one can be queen. Who will the king choose? Award-winning artist John Steptoe's rich cultural imagery of Africa earned him the Coretta Scott King Award for Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. The book also went on to win the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award. This stunning story is a timeless treasure that readers will enjoy for generations. Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration Caldecott Honor Reading Rainbow Book Boston Globe-Horn Book

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 3 An African villager named Mufaro had two daughters whom everyone agreed were beautiful. However, their dispositions were not alike: Manyara had a bad temper and was

selfish (although not in front of Mufaro); Nyasha was always kind and considerate both to people and to animals. When Mufaro receives word that the Great King is inviting all of the most worthy and beautiful women to appear before him so that he might choose a wife, Mufaro decides that both of his daughters should go. Manyara, believing herself more worthy and beautiful than her sister, sets out alone so that she can be presented to the king before her sister. What happens to each girl along the way depends on her response to the strange people whom she encounters. This folktale shows the traditional qualities, characterizations, and predictability. It is distinguished, however, by its colorful ink and watercolor illustrations of the costumes, artifacts, flora, and fauna of the Zimbabwe region. The expressive drawings of people and events enhance the story and serve to strengthen readers' familiarity with traditional African culture. A magnificently illustrated book, filled with rich textures and vibrant color, and a story that will satisfy young romantics as well as those with a strong sense of justice. Helen E. Williams, University of Maryland, College Park Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Mufaro was a happy man. Everyone agreed that his two daughters were very beautiful. Nyasha was kind and considerate as well as beautiful, but everyone -- except Mufaro -- knew that Manyara was selfish, badtempered, and spoiled. When the king decided to take a wife and invited "The Most Worthy and Beautiful Daughters in the Land" to appear before him, Mufaro declared proudly that only the king could choose between Nyasha and Manyara. Manyara, of course, didn't agree, and set out to make certain that she would be chosen. John Steptoe has created a memorable modern fable of pride going before a fall, in keeping with the moral of the folktale that was his inspiration. He has illustrated it with stunning paintings that glow with the beauty, warmth, and internal vision of the land and people of his ancestors.

One of my favorite childhood books! It came free of marks or any defects. The pictures were bright and the writing was clear. Can't ask for much more! We are thrilled to add this one to our collection of children's books!

Purchased this after my daughter discovered it in her class. We are always looking for great stories that feature characters that look like them. Its well written and has a great story.

Excellent service. Would definitely recommend to others.

I always loved this book when I was little so I just had to get it for my daughter!

My sons are 6 and 7 and they are the epitome of the text book definition of rough and tumble boys, therefore I was not sure that they would buy into a book about 2 girls. I bought this book because I thought they would at least enjoy the pictures. I have found that they not only enjoy the pictures but the storyline and moral as well. They request to read this book every single night and reluctantly settle for me reading it probably 3 or 4 times a week. They absolutely love this book. It is a beautifully illustrated book and they love hearing me do the different voices of the characters. I highly recommend this book.

I used to love reading this book as a child and I still love reading it as a 35 year old adult now now I'm so glad I found this book again.

Wonderful story, so many life lessons to be learned throughout this story.

Saw this on Reading Rainbow years ago. Had to get one for my niece.

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