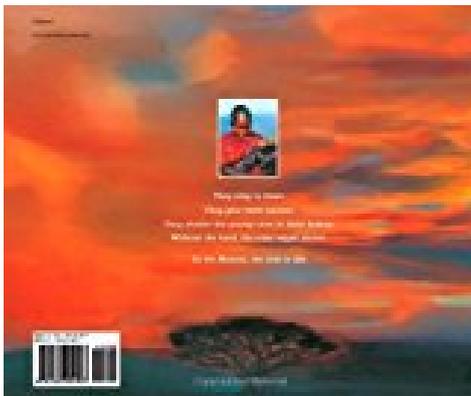


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Description:

From School Library Journal Starred Review. Grade 2-5—Kimeli Naiyomah returned home to his Maasai village from New York City with news of 9/11 terrorist attacks. His story prompted the villagers to give a heartfelt gift to help America heal. Deedy and Gonzalez bring Naiyomah's story to life with pithy prose and vibrant illustrations. Each block of text consists of a few short, elegant sentences: "A child asks if he has brought any stories. Kimeli nods. He has brought with him one story. It has burned a hole in his heart." The suspenseful pace is especially striking when surrounded by Gonzalez's exquisite colored pencil and pastel illustrations. The colors of Kenya explode off the page: rich blues, flaming oranges, fire-engine reds, and chocolate browns. Full-page spreads depict

the Maasai people and their land so realistically as to be nearly lifelike. Gonzalez manages to break the fourth wall and draw readers in as real-time observers. The book's only flaw is the less-than-concrete ending: "...there is no nation so powerful it cannot be wounded, nor a people so small they cannot offer mighty comfort" is an important message, but not a particularly satisfying one for children. Fortunately, their questions will be answered by Naiyomah's endnote, and it provides a fitting conclusion to this breathtaking chronicle.—*Rebecca Dash, New York Public Library*
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Review

"...a lovely picture book...beautifully evocative..." ?*The New York Times*

"...moving and dramatically illustrated..." ?*The Wall Street Journal*

"Rarely do books for children address the bridging of cultural difference on a grand scale."
?Newsday

"An extraordinary true story of generosity, compassion and hope, 14 Cows for America is rich on multiple levels for young and old alike." ?*Books to Borrow, Books to Buy*

"I dare you to read this special picture book without getting teary every time." ?*Library Media Connection*, * STARRED REVIEW *

"A moving tale of compassion and generosity." ?*Publishers Weekly*

"...elegant sentences...The suspenseful pace is especially striking when surrounded by Gonzalez's exquisite colored pencil and pastel illustrations. The colors of Kenya explode off the page..." ?*School Library Journal*, * STARRED REVIEW *

"...gentle yet piercing present-tense prose...A stirring, heartwarming tale that made headlines when it happened-and is now, thankfully, preserved on the page for children." ?*Kirkus Reviews*

"...the words and the glowing mixed-media illustrations show empathy and connections across communities..." ?*Booklist*

"...an unforgettable book." ?*Young Adult (& Kids) Book Central*

"...it could generate some excellent discussion in classrooms and families." ?*The Huffington Post*

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