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Bimwili And The Zimwi (Picture Puffins)



Synopsis

A Swahili girl is abducted by a Zimwi and told to be the voice inside his singing drum.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

When the nasty Zimwi captures a little girl, Bimwili, and puts her in his drum, her quick-thinking sisters save her from harm, in this witty tale from Zanzibar. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kindergarten-Grade 4 In a fluid style, Aardema retells a folk tale from Zanzibar that was first published in 1896. As in some of her previous books, she creates words to express various sounds throughout the text. Whether it's the t-lopping of a wave, the che, che, che of laughter or a crab making a guga, guga, guga sound as it skitters along, young and old alike will enjoy vocalizing the interpretations of these unique words. A little girl, Bimwili, is captured by an ugly troll-like character known as a Zimwi. The Zimwi forces the child to stay inside his drum and sing for the inhabitants of various villages. Bimwili is saved when she sings in her own village and her mother recognizes her voice. Meddaugh combines watercolors and colored pencils to create vivid, softly textured illustrations. Her characterization of the Zimwi is particularly interesting in that he looks both foreboding and vulnerable at the same time. Coming from a culture so steeped in oral tradition, it is

no surprise that this tale makes for lively fun whether read independently or aloud. Tom S. Hurlburt, Anoka County Lib . , Blaine, Minn. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My most favorite childhood book! The artwork is wonderful and the story is unique.

This was my brother's favorite book growing up- had to buy it- too expensive as a new book so I found this one for a very reasonable price (\$5.98). It is in good condition and I am looking forward to adding it to our nursery.

Great!

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fast and in time.. This is wonderful.....very sharp and feels good in my hand. I just used it for the first time yesterday and it will be my favorite product. It arrived quickly and in great condition. It is a very handsome product. will buy next time . i love it so much, perfect.

"Bimwili and the Zimwi" is a traditional folktale from Zanzibar. Two sisters go to the beach; the older sister fails to keep an eye on the younger, Bimwili, and Bimwili is abducted by a monster, the Zimwi, who makes her sing while imprisoned in a drum, which he then exhibits as a marvelous "singing drum". Bimwili devises a clever trick to escape and eventually the Zimwi is destroyed. Bimwili's escape makes her the hero. The illustrations add to the story, showing how the Zimwi attracted Bimwili's attention. The story may be a wee bit frightening, but this is very typical of folktales and fairytales the world over (what would Hansel and Gretel be if it weren't a bit scary?, and aren't "watch out for strangers" and "take care of your little sister" good lessons for children?). This is a good book if you're looking for a story from Africa to add to your collection. "African Folk Tales" (Dover Children's Thrift Classics) by Hugh Vernon-Jackson (Editor), is also recommended and is a bargain. Please see my reviews of other books about Africa.

Bimwili and the Zimwi Book Review Bimwili and the Zimwi by Verna Aarden is a good book. It is about a green ugly monster named Zimwi and a little girl named Bimwili. My favorite part was when Bimwili's family put sand in the drum and while the monster was fetching water, they got Bimwili

back. That was funny!! I learned that you should always keep track of your stuff. My other favorite part was when she sang a song with the shell against her ear. Another favorite part was when they ran away from the big pumpkin. By Josias

Bimwili and the Zimwi is an enchanting and suspenseful story. A small child is captured by an evil magician and rescued by her family. Although it could be frightening to the very young , it provides an excellent catalyst for conversations about personal safety and "listening to one's little voice inside". It also provides a multicultural setting. I highly recommend this title for home or curricular libraries!!

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