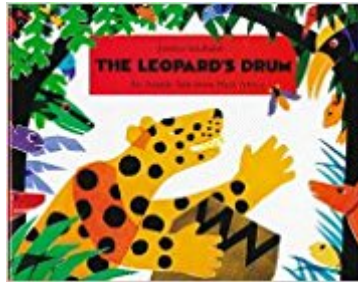




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The Leopard's Drum: An Asante Tale From West Africa



Synopsis

When Osebo the leopard refuses to share his magnificent drum with Nyame, the Sky God, Nyame offers a reward to the animal who can bring him the drum, and a small tortoise undertakes the task of outwitting Osebo.

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PreSchool-Grade 3?Osebo the leopard has a drum that is the envy of all the animals, and even of Nyame, the Sky-God. When Osebo refuses to give the instrument to him, Nyame offers a reward to the creature who can bring it. The beasts try and fail until the smallest of them, the tortoise Achi-cheri, succeeds by her wiles. This pourquoi tale told with a light touch is offered with the same verve as well-loved Anansi tales, and Souhami's paper-collage art enhances its vitality. Vivid color overlays placed strategically in white space create dramatic effects, and African-inspired masks and garments lend authenticity to the book. A satisfying choice for reading aloud and a solid addition to African folklore collections.?Carolyn Noah, Central Mass. Regional Library System, Worcester, MA
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Ages 3^6. Artful simplicity is at the center of this African pourquoi story. Nyame, the sky-god, promises a reward to whoever brings him the leopard's drum. One by one, the animals of the forest try, but with no luck. It is the small tortoise, Achi-cheri, who triumphs by using her wits to trick the leopard, and in the bargain, she wins a hard, protective shell. The story exhibits a fine symmetry between the spare yet rhythmic text ("your fine drum, your huge drum, your magnificent drum") and

the vibrantly colored cut-paper pictures. Although McAlinden sometimes leaves too much white space, his illustrations have an appealing sense of balance and composition. Even when the leopard is not at center stage, for instance, his presence is felt through a polka-dot tail tucked in a corner or a paw along the edge of the page. A pronunciation guide would have been helpful; no source note. Julie Corsaro

Beautifully illustrated. a cute story from west Africa. My son asks me,all the time, to read this to him. Sometimes I hear him talking to the characters Osebo, Onini, Atchi Cheri in some game he is playing.I bought is used and it arrived in great condition!

This is my autistic grandson's favorite book. He lives so far away that I can only see him on SKYPE. But it is great having this book to discuss with him.

It is such a rare find! Great folk tale with a good Punjabi translation.Grab it if you love Punjabi books for your children.Also, look at the folktales straight from the Punjab at folktalesofpunjab dot com.

This book is about a leopard who is very proud and his name is Osebo. I liked it when Achicheri (the tortoise) trapped Osebo in his drum. Then Achicheri took the drum with the leopard inside to the sky god, Nyame. A python, an elephant and a monkey all tried to get Osebo's drum, but they failed. But Achicheri got the drum by tricking Osebo. It was a great read.

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