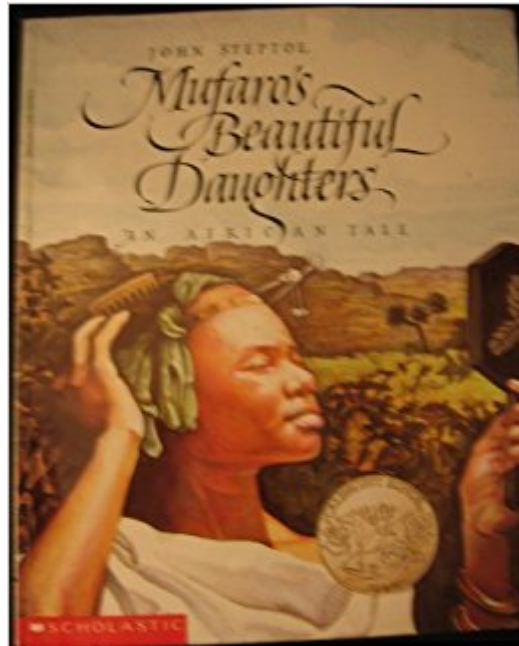




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# Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale



## 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. This oversize edition (14 3/4 by 17 5/8 inches) makes it easy to share the book in a library or classroom. 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. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

## Book Information

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PreSchool-Grade 3-This cassette read-along of the Caldecott Honor picture book by John Steptoe (Lothrop, 1987) is an extremely effective presentation of a traditional Zimbabwe folk tale about a man with two daughters the deceitful, selfish Manyara and her sister Nyasha, who is good and generous. When the King sends for a bride, he chooses Nyasha after appearing to her disguised as a snake and a young boy. Narrator Robin Miles' intonation and pacing have an African cadence. Her voice is pleasant, and she varies her tones to create the different characters. Sound effects of

jungle animals, rushing water, and background voices add to the presentation. The sound of a page being turned is used to cue listeners to follow the text in the book. This should be included in all library audio collections for young children. Diane Balodis, Alden Intermediate School, NY Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Mufaro has two beautiful daughters. Nyasha is kind and considerate, but Manyara is selfish and spoiled. When the king decides to choose a bride from among "The Most Worthy and Beautiful Daughters in the Land," both Mufaro's girls travel to the capital city. But only one can be chosen to marry the king. Perfect for introducing variants to the Cinderella story as well as the history, culture, and geography of the African nation of Zimbabwe. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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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