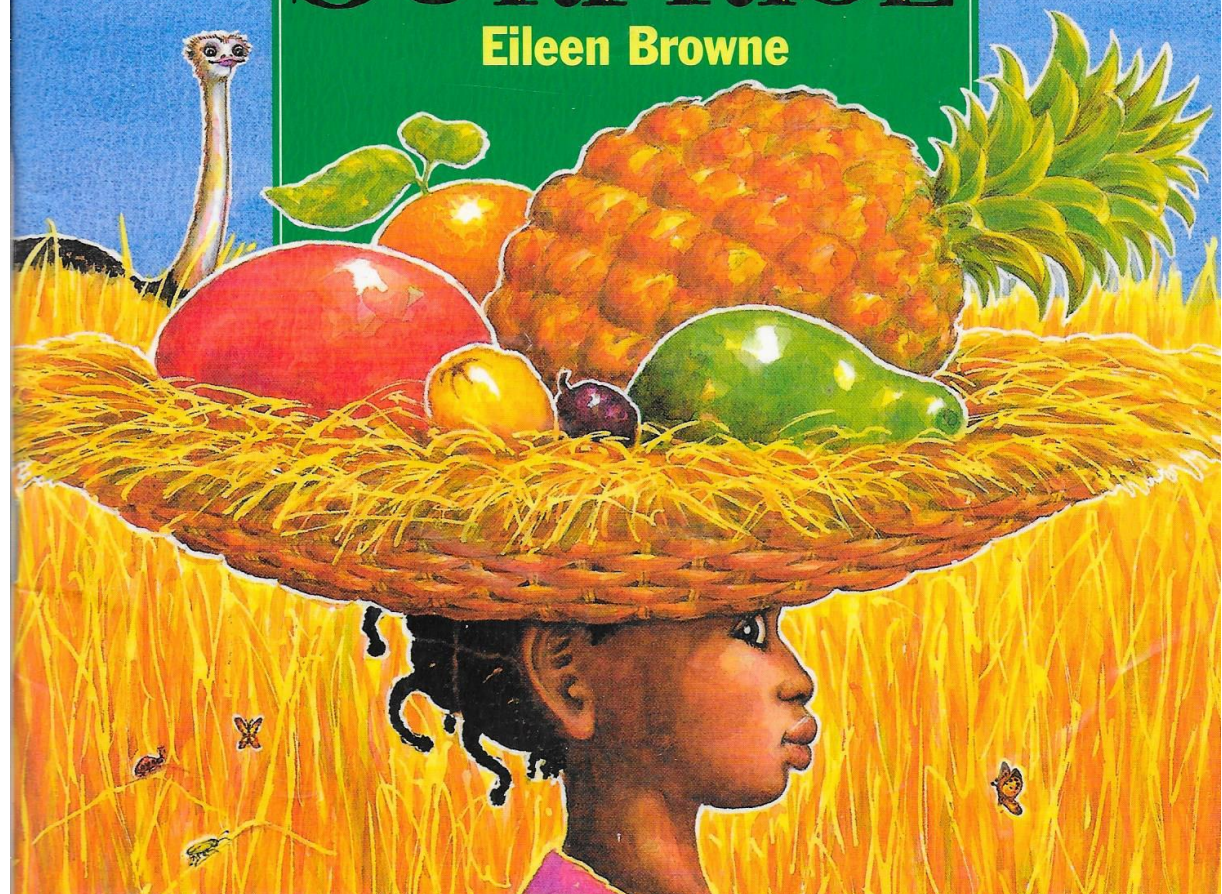


Read and Share

HANDA'S SURPRISE

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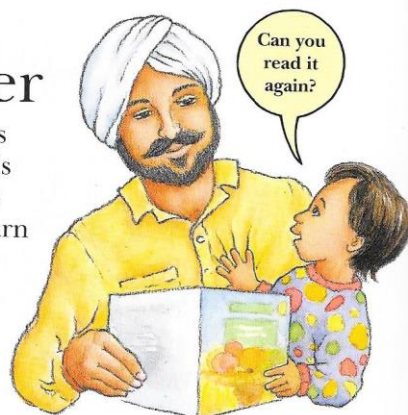


Read it together

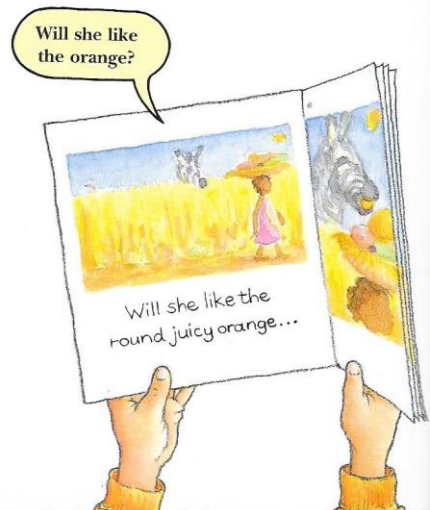
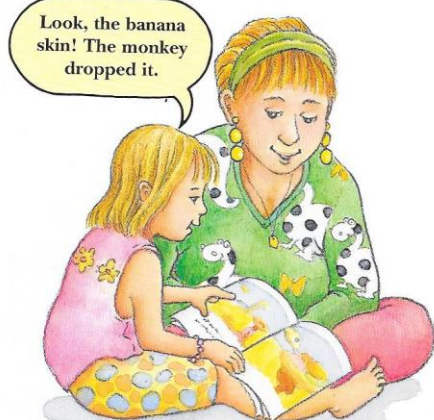
It's never too early to share books with children. Reading together is a wonderful way for your child to enjoy books and stories—and learn to read!

One of the most important ways of helping your child learn to read is by reading aloud—either rereading their favorite books, or getting to know new ones.

Encourage your child to join in with the reading in every possible way. They may be able to talk about the pictures, point to the words, take over parts of the reading, or retell the story afterward.



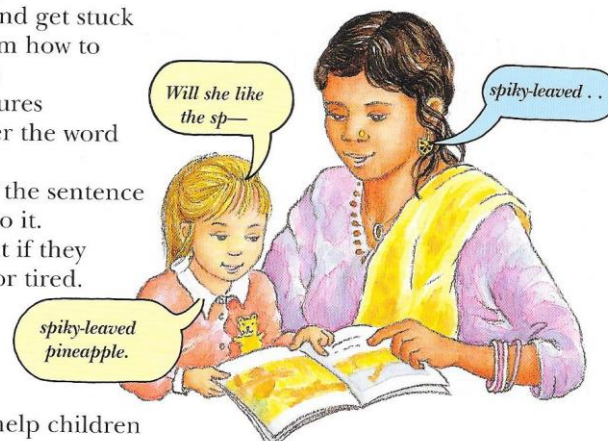
With books they know well, children can try reading to you. Don't worry if the words aren't always the same as the words on the page.



If they are reading and get stuck on a word, show them how to guess what it says by:

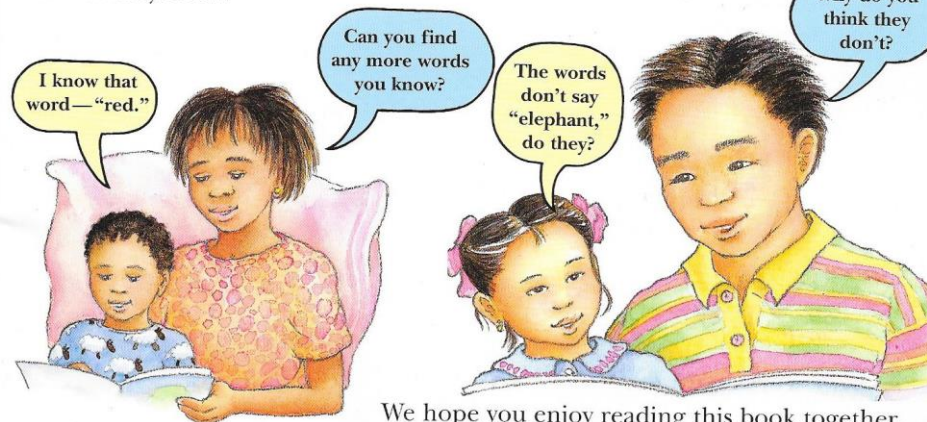
- * looking at the pictures
- * looking at the letter the word begins with
- * reading the rest of the sentence and coming back to it.

Always help them out if they get really stuck and or tired.



Sometimes you can help children look more closely at the actual words and letters. See if they can find words they recognize, or letters from their name. Help write some of the words they know.

Talk about books with them and encourage them to discuss stories and pictures. Compare new books with ones they already know.

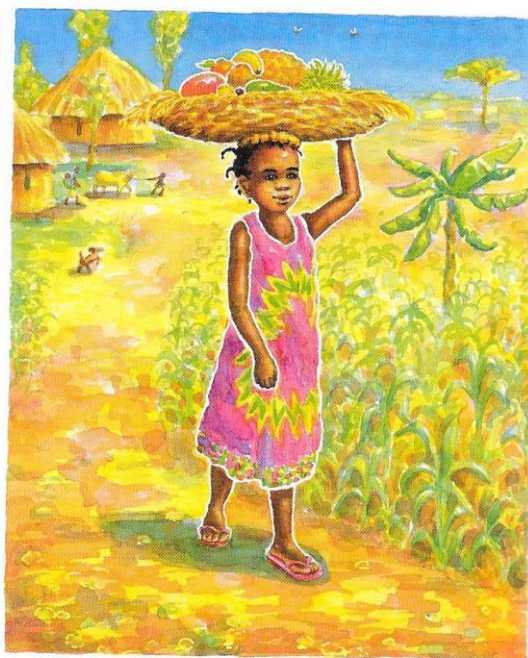
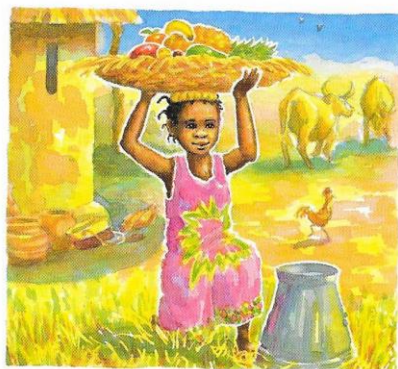
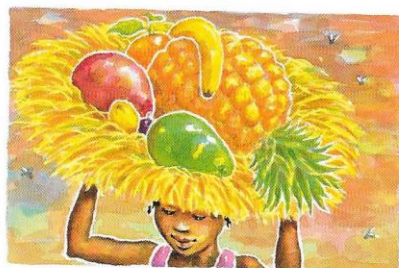


We hope you enjoy reading this book together.

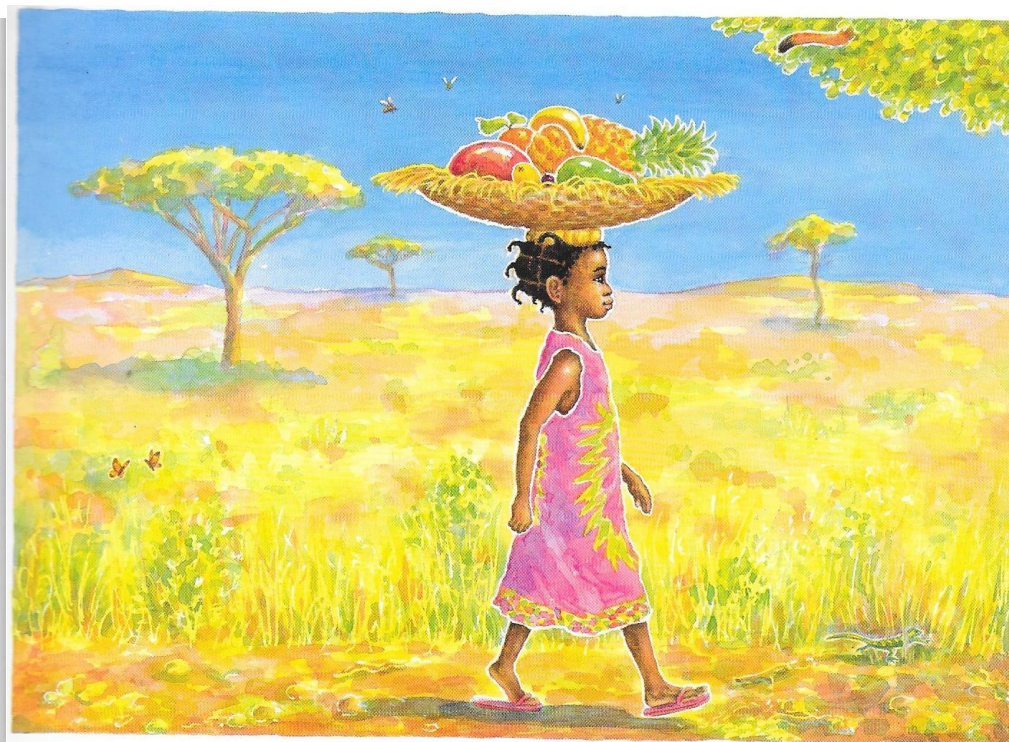


Handa put seven
delicious fruits in a basket
for her friend Akeyo.





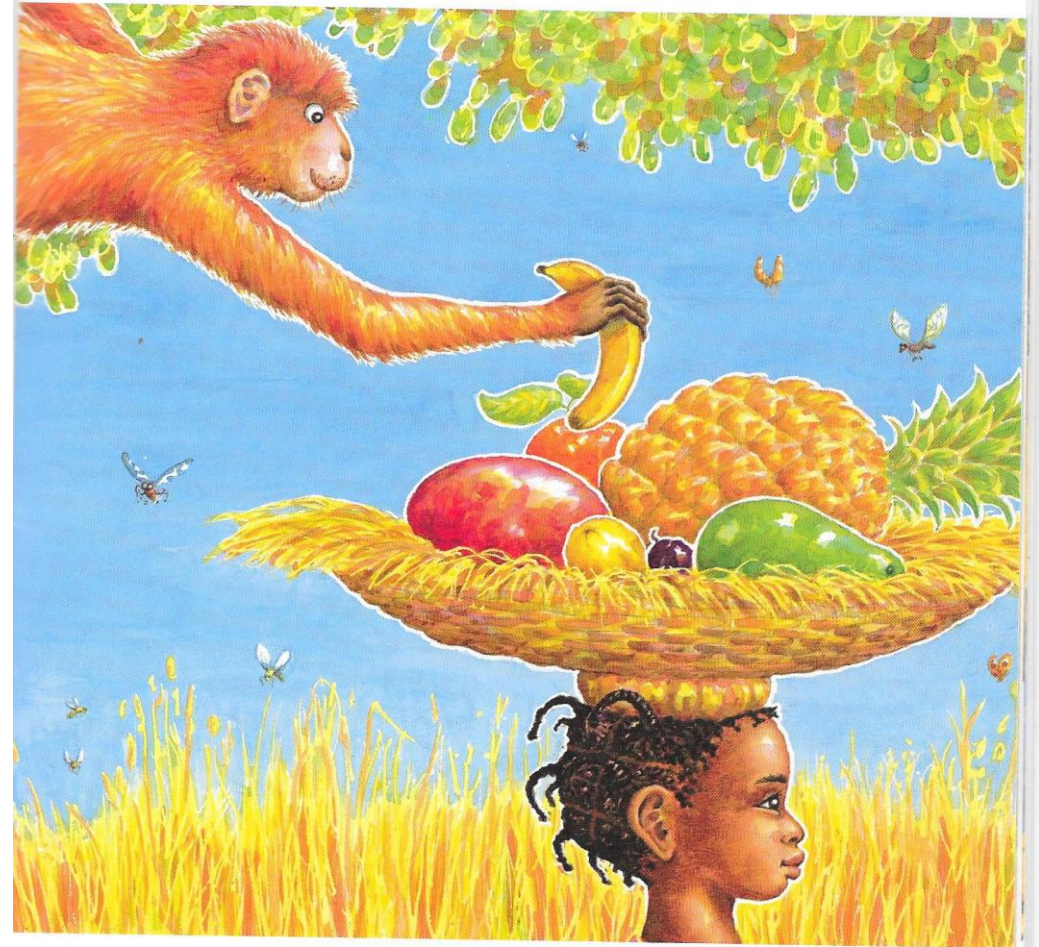
She will be surprised,
thought Handa as she set off
for Akeyo's village.

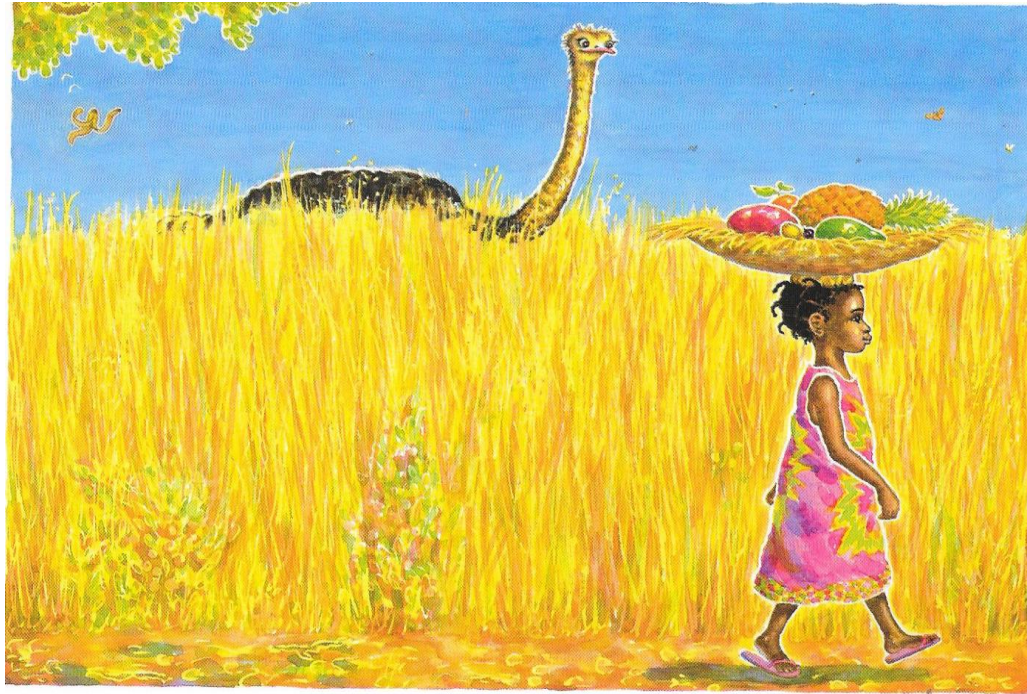


I wonder
which fruit she'll
like best.

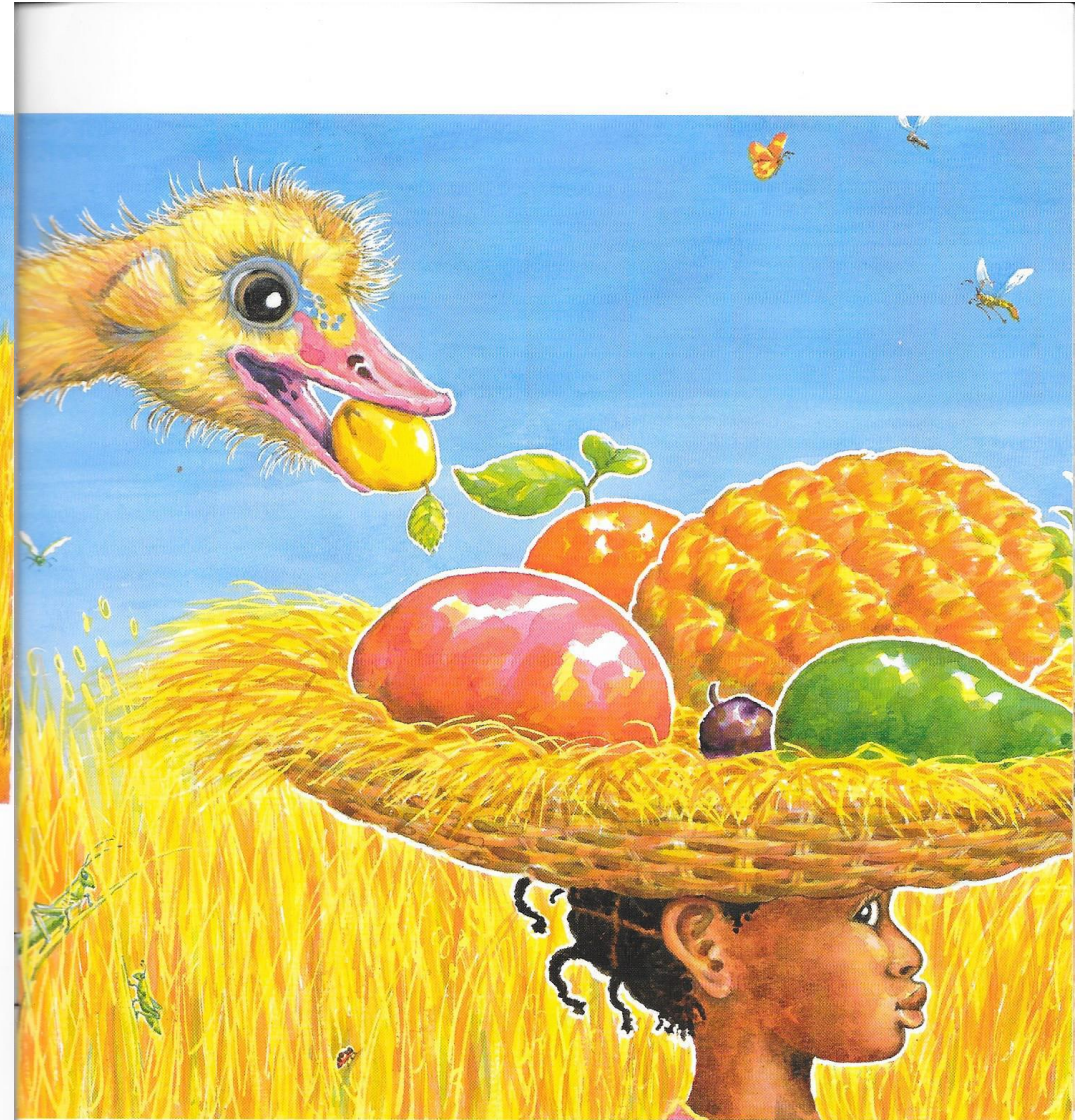


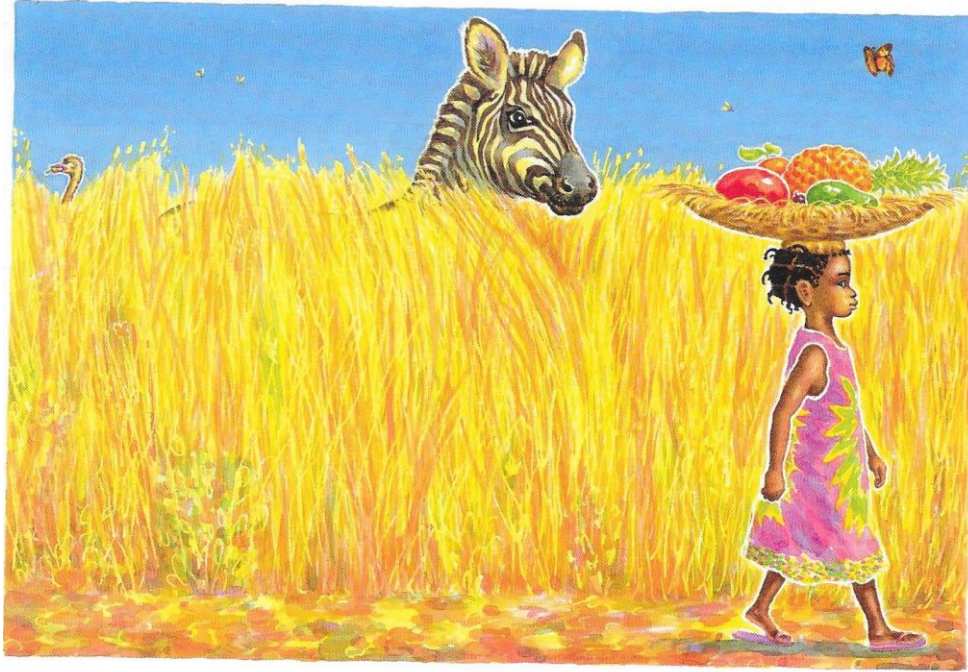
Will she like the
soft yellow banana . . .





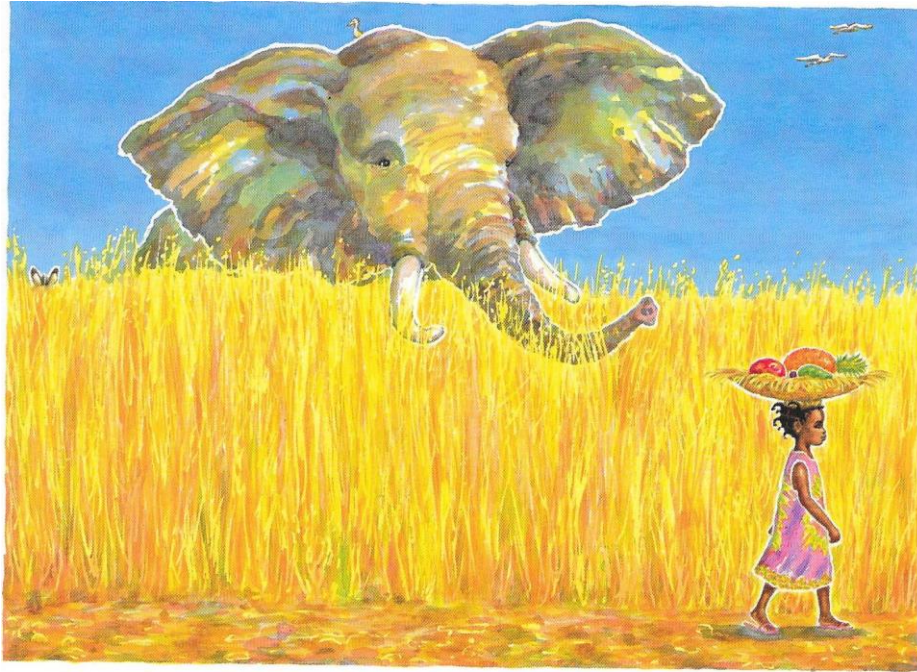
or the
sweet-smelling guava?





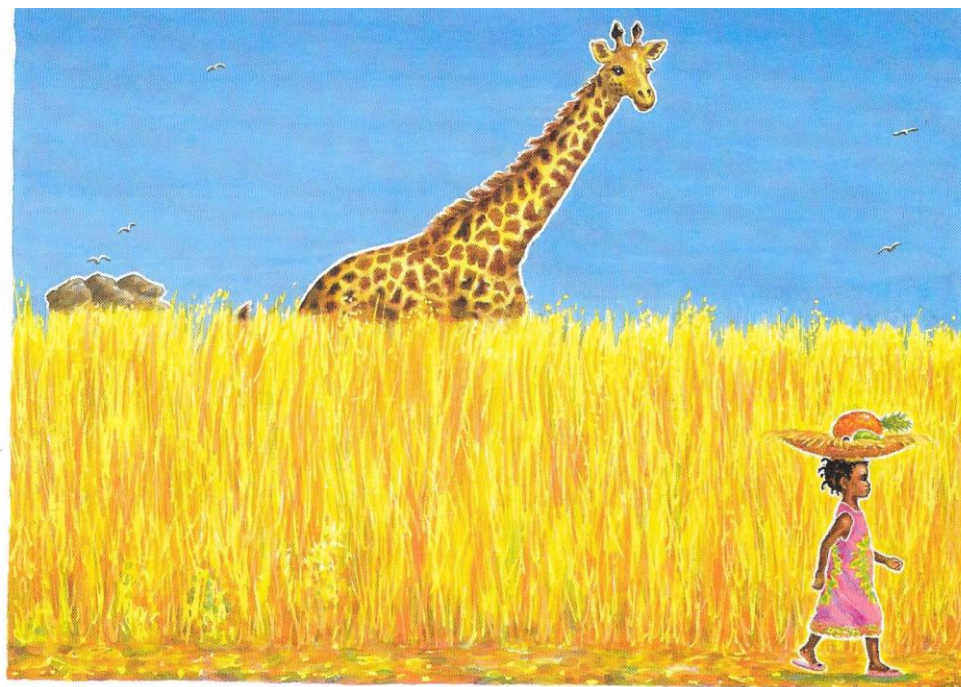
Will she like the
round juicy orange . . .



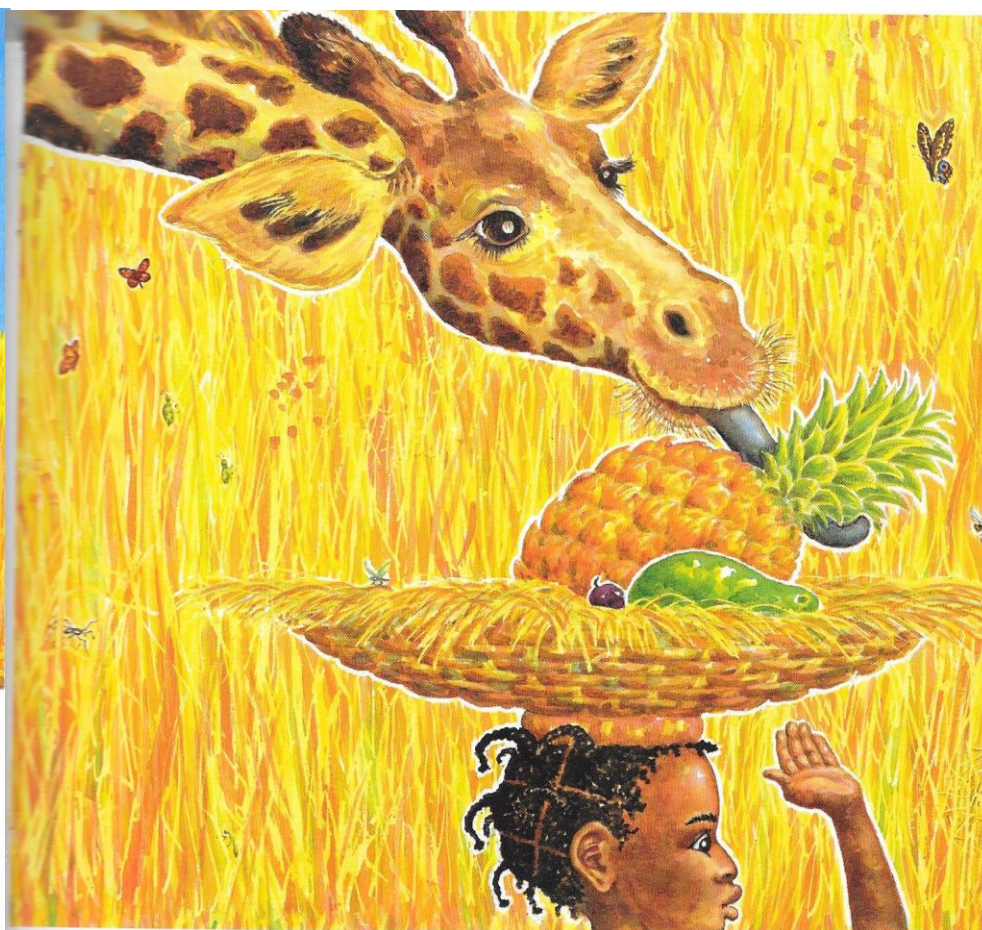


or the
ripe red mango?





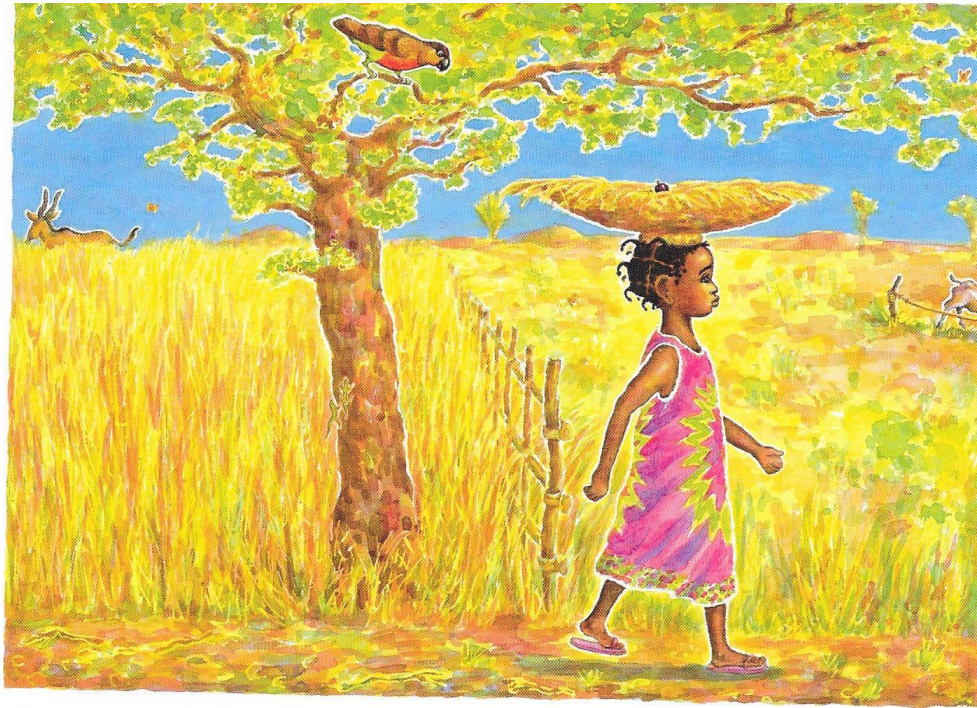
Will she like the
spiky-leaved pineapple . . .





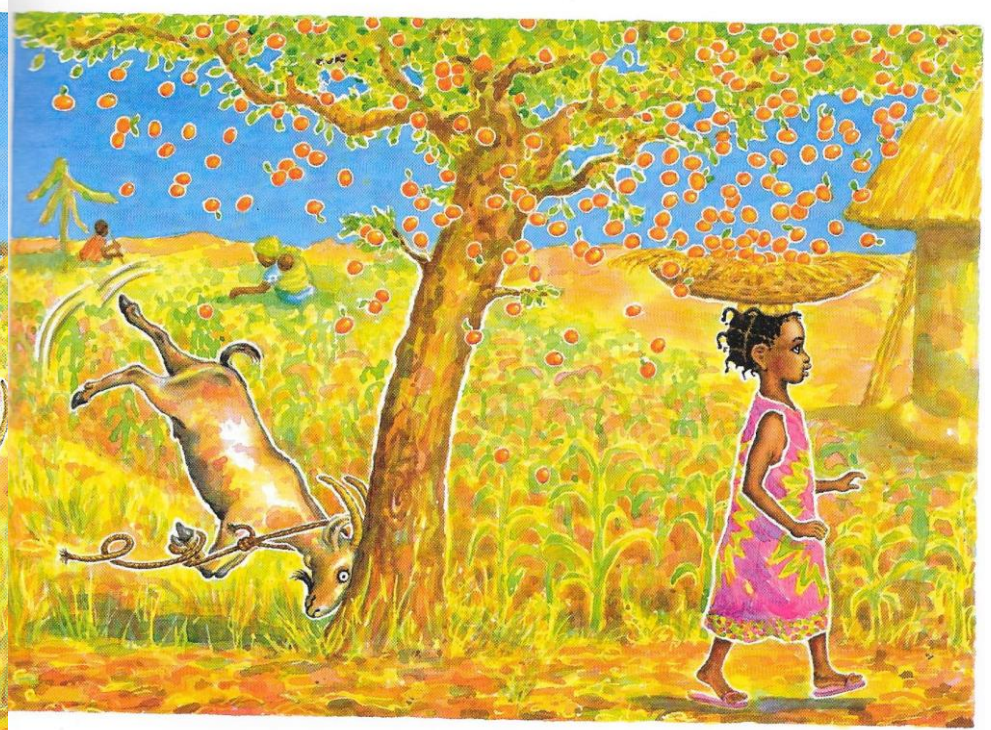
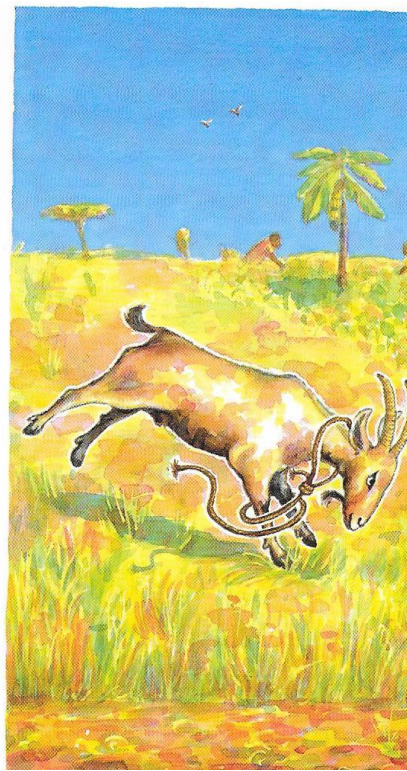
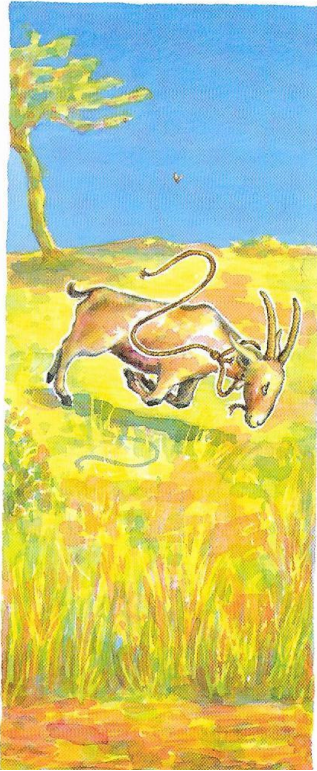
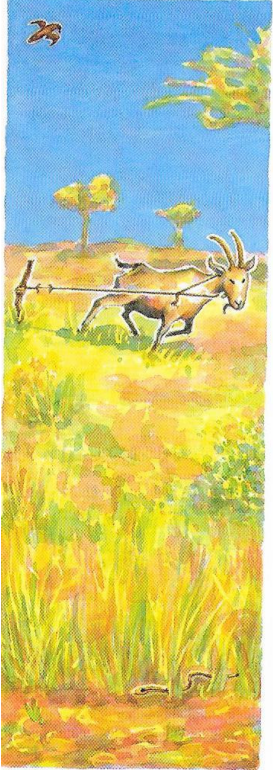
the
creamy green avocado . . .





or the tangy
purple passion fruit?

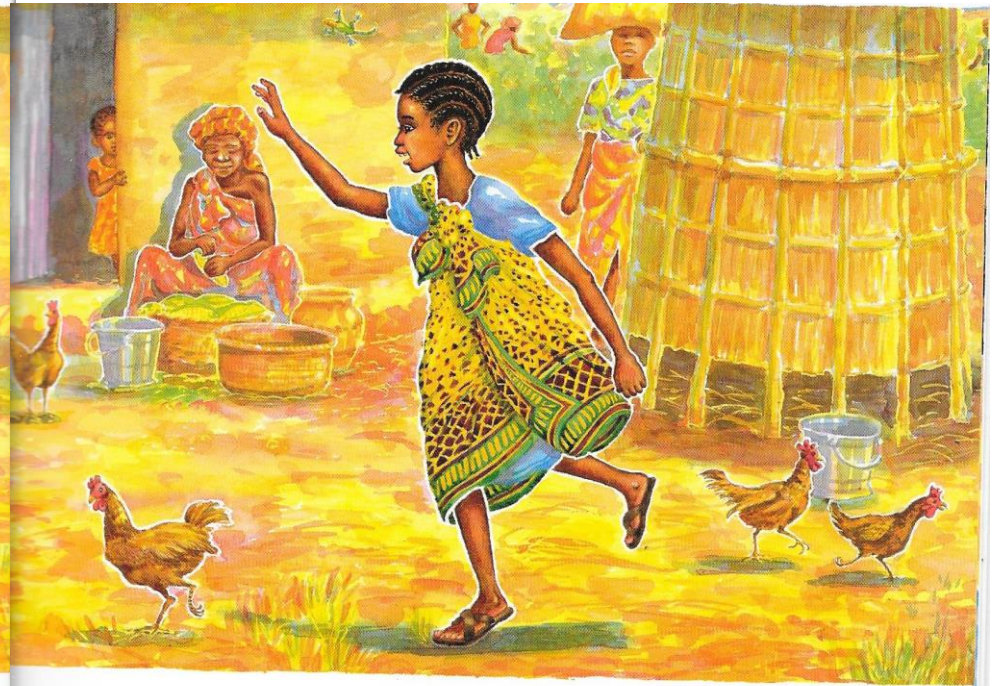




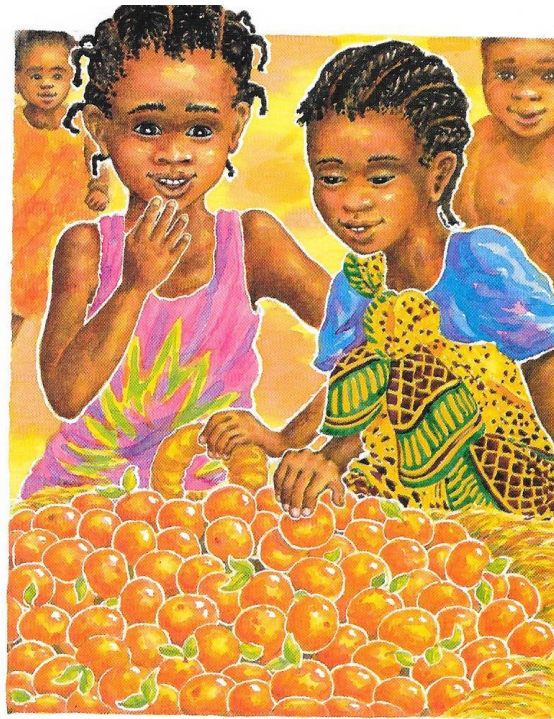
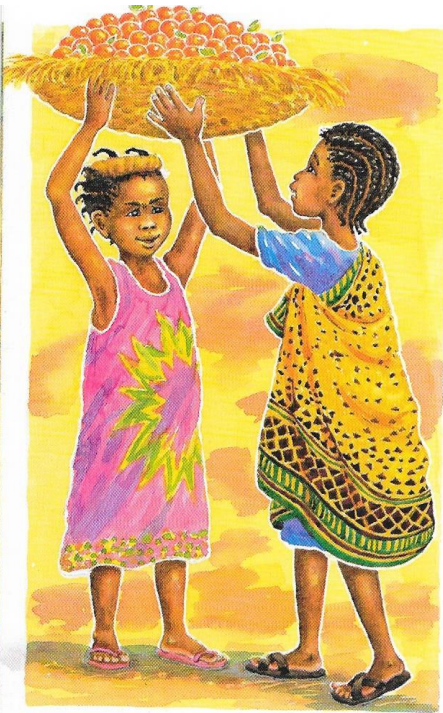
Which fruit will Akeyo
like best?



“Hello, Akeyo,” said Handa.
“I’ve brought you a surprise.”



“Tangerines!” said Akeyo.
“My favorite fruit.”



“TANGERINES?”
said Handa.
“That *is* a surprise!”

