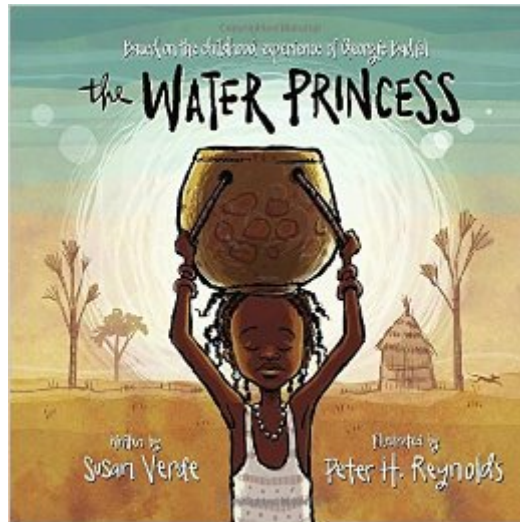


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# The Water Princess



## Synopsis

Based on supermodel Georgie Badiel's childhood, a young girl dreams of bringing clean drinking water to her African village. With its wide sky and warm earth, Princess Gie Gie's kingdom is a beautiful land. But clean drinking water is scarce in her small African village. And try as she might, Gie Gie cannot bring the water closer; she cannot make it run clearer. Every morning, she rises before the sun to make the long journey to the well. Instead of a crown, she wears a heavy pot on her head to collect the water. After the voyage home, after boiling the water to drink and clean with, Gie Gie thinks of the trip that tomorrow will bring. And she dreams. She dreams of a day when her village will have cool, crystal-clear water of its own. Inspired by the childhood of African "born model" Georgie Badiel, acclaimed author Susan Verde and award-winning author/illustrator Peter H. Reynolds have come together to tell this moving story. As a child in Burkina Faso, Georgie and the other girls in her village had to walk for miles each day to collect water. This vibrant, engaging picture book sheds light on this struggle that continues all over the world today, instilling hope for a future when all children will have access to clean drinking water.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Based on the description and Community Reviews, I pre-ordered The Water Princess believing it to

be a very thought provoking story for my oldest daughter. The pictures in the book are amazing - the colors are beautiful. Unfortunately my daughter had a hard time following the story line. I read in one Community Review that there was "not much in the way of a plot." Based on the story's amazing description, I might agree with this statement a little. I think the bigger problem my daughter had connecting with the story dealt with the writing style. A few Community Reviews share that the book was lyrically written. This is absolutely true but I would not say that this lyrical writing style is consistent from page to page. The sections within the story that I would describe as lyrically written read so very differently than other parts of the story that I would not describe in this way. As the person reading this book to my daughter, I could physically feel the change in style. In defense of the book, the type of lyrical writing that can be seen in this book and the content are so very different than the types of stories that I typically read with my child. After the story is a brief description of the global need for access to clean drinking water. Based on the data in the book, I was unaware how great this need actually is. My daughter found these facts interesting but never related it back to the girl in the story.

A beautifully written thoughtful book that explains that water isn't readily available to all people and we should really appreciate that we don't have to walk for hours to get water every day like many people do. The lyrical style is consistent with Verde's other books and is lovely and what makes the book extra special. It is easy for children to grasp the story, and I would suggest that if your child can't understand it it might be too advanced for him or her.

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