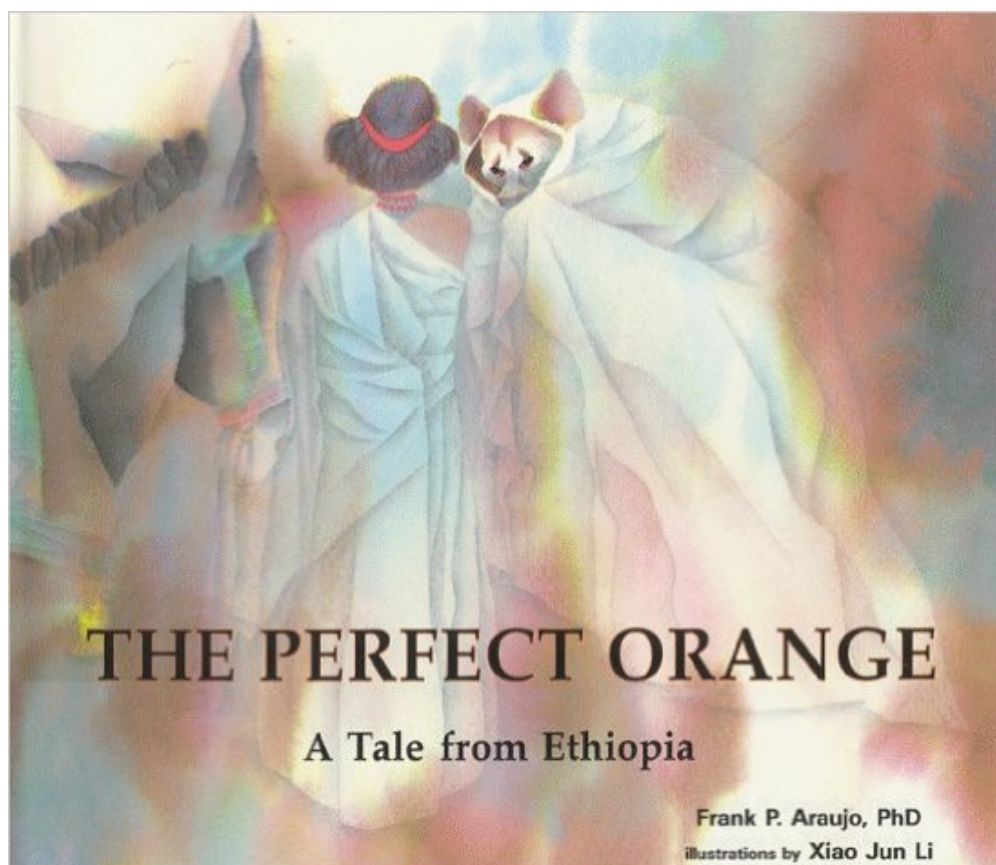


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# The Perfect Orange: A Tale From Ethiopia (Toucan Tales Series ; Vol. 2)



## Synopsis

Inspiring gentle folktale set in Ancient Ethiopia. Breathtaking watercolors dramatize ancient Ethiopia's contrasting pastoral charm and majesty. Illustrations are rich with Ethiopian details. This story reinforces values of generosity and selflessness over greed and self-centeredness. Glossary of Ethiopian terms and pronunciations. (Ages 4-13) Honored as: (1) Smithsonian Institute "Let's Read Selection" and (2) PBS-TV "Storytime Selection" and (3) Time Magazine adaptation in Feb. 2012 issue of TIME FOR KIDS magazine (Grades 3-4 issue and Grades 5-6 issue).

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This fable is common throughout Ethiopia, Eritrea and surrounding countries and the author chose this Ethiopian version to write. The wonderful images along with simple beautiful text which includes some Ethiopian words is just lovely. It tells the story of an orphan girl Tshai, her selfless gift to the country's ruler and the drastically thinking of the wicked Jib. The telling is enhanced by the legend of Ethiopian pronunciations and all round is a lovely addition to your library if like me you have an Ethiopian child in your home.

This book is a perfect illustration on what a pure gift a child is and how innocent a child's heart can be. It teaches a few good life lessons and also incorporates a small amount of language from Ethiopia. We bought this book to introduce Ethiopia into our family for our small children while we

wait to adopt a child from Ethiopia. This book is a must have for any child regardless of color, it is just a simple yet valuable story.

The above quoted "Publishers Weekly" nails the critique for this book. It is enchanting and the artwork is dazzling. It is great to be able to offer your child an exposure to tales from other parts of the world, even if otherwise you would not have any connection to Ethiopia. It's fun to look the country up in an atlas with your child. My 4 year-old likes this book a lot. You won't regret it. It's not your everyday fare.

The Perfect Orange is beautifully written and teaches the reader a lesson on giving from the heart without thought of what one receives in return. The pictures are amazing as well, with a pronunciation guide for new words.

This book reads like a parable...the moral is timeless and the art work is stunning. A good children's book that exopses a new culture in a beautiful way.

My daughter, who joined our family by way of Ethiopia, enjoys reading this book very much. It's a wonderful story and the illustrations are very different. They are drawn in a way that pulls you into the tale and conveys a sense of motion. Finally, the story has a terrific message.

My brother adopted a little boy from Ethiopia and so I was excited to find this story to buy him for him to read to his son. The tale is beautiful and has wonderful meaning. The illustrations are absolutely beautiful!

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