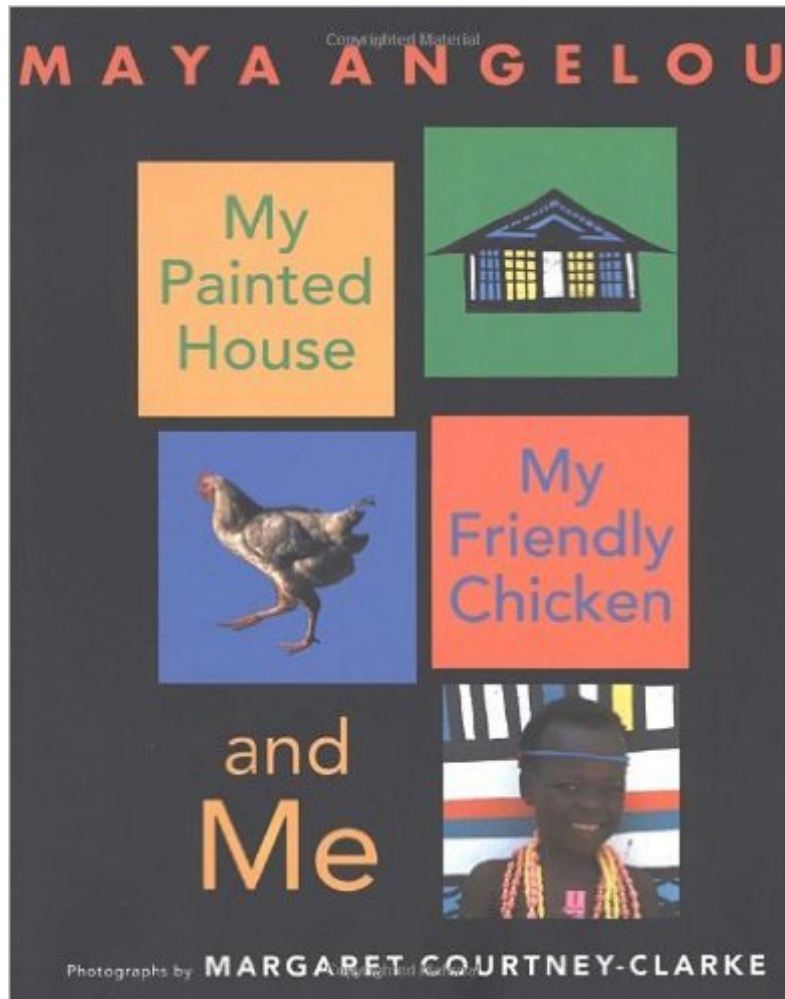


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My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken, And Me



Synopsis

Full color photographs. "Hello, Stranger-Friend" begins Maya Angelou's story about Thandi, a South African Ndebele girl, her mischievous brother, her beloved chicken, and the astonishing mural art produced by the women of her tribe. With never-before-seen photographs of the very private Ndebele women and their paintings, this unique book shows the passing of traditions from parent to child and introduces young readers to a new culture through a new friend.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

I am a senior in college, and an elementary education major with a minor in anthropology- when I found this book, I was estatic. Its beautiful photography is greatly complimented with Maya Angelou's flowing words. Humor, color, and the similarities with the Ndebele girl (Thandi, which means hope) are sure to attract children. They will learn that even though Thandi is across the world, all children share many similaries- a lesson that should be remembered, especially in modern times. I will definately use this in my classroom someday. Never have I seen such a great childrens book that is infused with anthropology and the study of a culture!

As a reading tutor, I have enjoyed sharing this book with my 4th grade students. It examines the differences of people, our different cultures, and is a colorful and enchanting story. My kids, both

boys and girls are fascinated by this book, and we always continue a dialogue with it. They recognize the author, as one their parents respect, and enjoy talking about it and laughing about the silly chicken. We have talked about trying to paint houses with a chicken feather, and may just try to do this during black history month! I adore this book!

Our Organization, Young Performing Artists (YPAs), Inc., offers youth enrichment programs featuring history, culture and heritage using 'the arts' to enhance the learning experience. This book will complete our 'story time' hour. We ordered; it was shipped and we're pleased.

I LISTENED while our eight year old American child read aloud to me, and we ENJOYED it together. He now wants to go to SA to live the story. He feels that he and the storyteller share the same thoughts about siblings. We all know that Maya Angelou is a gifted writer...in a child's voice...WOW!

If you are a children's literature fan this is a MUST have in your collection. Worth finding the collector's books because Maya Angelou will forever hold a place in children's stories. The first editions of this softcover are going to be harder and harder to get. It has vivid photographs of the Ndebele people. Thandi the main character tells the story of her people and family and her best friend who is a chicken. She crosses culture lines and she will win the heart of anyone who has a child's heart, and the chicken is cute too. Great teacher's book, best for under 5th grade, ESL is a great fit because the words are BIG and easy to recognize.

I bought this book today and read it with my 10 year old niece. It has exceptionally beautiful photographs of the Ndebele people. It is a story that reminds us that the simple things in life are the most precious. Thandi tells the story of her people and family and her best friend, a chicken. She is a proud and pure hearted child that shares the culture of the Ndebele people with us. This is a lovely story that is a fun, educational, easy to read one that made me feel young at heart again. I'll be needing an additional copy to share with my granddaughter.

Reading this book my daughter(6yrs.) and I enjoyed a special moment learning about how beautiful are the simple things. And gave us the opportunity to learn how easy is to celebrate life and love. The most important lesson of all is to be proud of what we love and care.

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