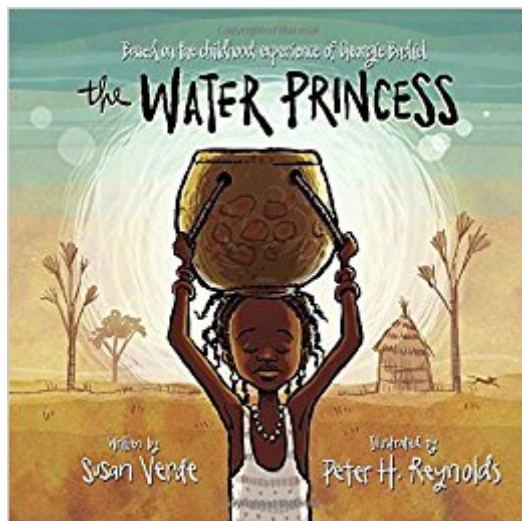


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# The Water Princess



## 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

PreS-Gr 2 Based on the real childhood experiences of fashion model Georgie Badiel in

Burkina Faso, this offering tells one child's story in an unspecified African locale. Princess Gie Gie tries to rule over her domain. She tames wild dogs with a song, makes tall grass dance when she dances, and plays hide-and-seek with the wind. However, try as she might, she can't draw clean water any closer to her home. Instead, the girl and her mother must make a long trek to gather water from the well with the rest of the women. They try to fill their time with music, imagination, and laughter, but the hardship and physical effort are palpable. Despite the daily struggles to get water, Princess Gie Gie never gives up looking for a solution. "I am Princess Gie Gie. My Kingdom? The African sky. The dusty earth. And, someday, the flowing, cool, crystal-clear water.

Someday." Perhaps, someday has now arrived. Badiel is helping to raise awareness and funds to bring clean drinking water to the people of Burkina Faso and other countries in Africa. While the text is informative and poetic, it is the imagery that will stick with readers. Reynolds's evocative watercolor, gouache, and digital ink paintings capture the glow of the hot sun, sparkle in the night sky, and will transport children to Princess Gie Gie's imagined kingdom. Kids will have to look to the author note and elsewhere for more specifics and possible solutions. VERDICT A lovely picture book, filled with messages of perseverance and hope. •Megan Egbert, Meridian Library District, ID

Praise for *The Water Princess*: An ALA Notable Children's Book & 2017 Best Book of September & Ages 6-8 "[T]his timely and well-crafted story will educate readers on the preciousness of potable water." •Kirkus Reviews, starred review "A lovely picture book, filled with messages of perseverance and hope." •School Library Journal "A stirring, thought-provoking story | Verde's poetic language reflects the length and difficulty of Gie Gie and her mother's trek, along with the positive spirit the girl brings to the task." •Publishers Weekly "Fashion Week's most inspiring story." •New York Post

My 6 year old grand-daughter loves this book. After I read it to her twice she asked so many questions about why they didn't have the facilities we have to obtain water. She's been carrying it around with her since she got it. I think this is the first book she connected with. So glad I purchased it.

I ordered this book for our elementary school library and it was used with 1st grade students during a lesson on water supply. It is a powerful story -- simply written with beautiful illustrations. Definitely

a keeper!

This was a great book to combine with the book, A Clean Drink of Water. While the illustrations of this book make it almost feel like fiction; the truth is that many people have to go a very long distance for clean water. Well done story. Character is well developed. Kids are talking about it.

I have read this to my 4yo several times now. We both love it, of course, for different reasons. I think it teaches a lesson that will stick with her and she will come to understand more over time.

This book is a great way to start educating children at an early age about being thankful for what we have and working to make sure that others can access the resources that we take for granted. Its a really beautiful story, based off of a true story, and the illustrations are gorgeous. I bought it for my nieces and I think it will become a favorite over time.

My children ( 2 & 4 yrs) and I all love this book. They request it often, and it has gotten them interested in the subject matter & started different conversations about those in need. Beautiful pictures & reads easily

gift.

Good book!

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