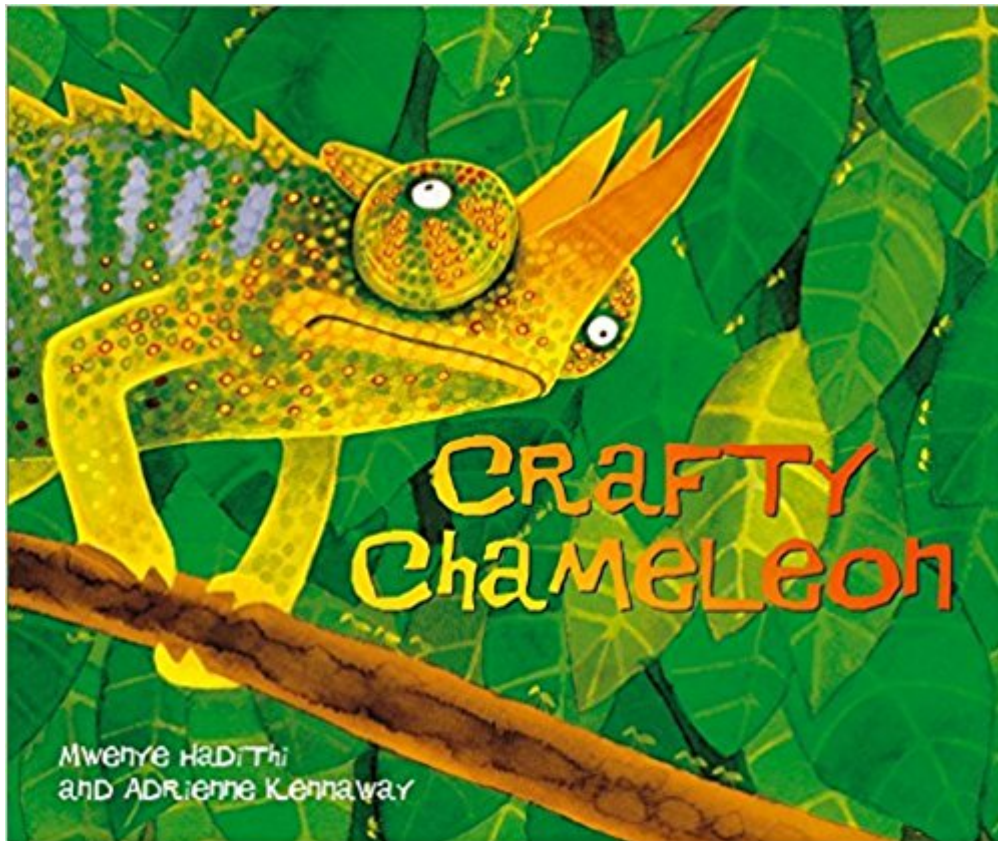




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Crafty Chameleon (African Animal Tales)



Synopsis

Tormented every morning by leopard and bullied by crocodile, the clever little chameleon decides to play a trick on them. He manages to get the better of his two oppressors without them even knowing how he did it! This is the story of why Crafty Chameleon changes colour and hides when he hears you coming.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 Hadithi and Kennaway (Greedy Zebra and Hot Hippo both Little, 1986) have once again merged their considerable talents. The resulting effort is a double treat, for Crafty Chameleon is a pleasure to both the ear and the eye. Hadithi is a gifted storyteller, bringing together a lyrical use of language and a fine sense of cadence in the tradition of the world's greatest folk tales; his story of how the cunning chameleon outwits two bullies of the African bush, Leopard and Crocodile, calls to mind the wondrous talents of Kipling and Aardema. What Hadithi does with words, Kennaway does with visual images. Her watercolors evoke the natural palette of the bush and are at once both bold and subtle. She captures perfectly the humiliation, anger, and inventiveness of Chameleon while portraying Leopard and Crocodile as haughty, swaggering, and

eventually defeated brutes. Crafty Chameleon is that rare and joyous balance of story and picture that so enriches children's literature. Laura McCutcheon, St. Catherine's School, Richmond, Va. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Author: Bruce Hobson is the author of seven other books in this series and lives in South Africa on a farm. Illustrator: Adrienne Kennaway moved from Kenya to London when she was 15 to study at the Ealing School of Art. Later she attended L'Academia de Belle Arte in Rome. It was on her return to Kenya that she began illustrating the picture books that have made her well known.

This series of books is WONDERFUL!! My grandkids aged 4 and 7 beg me to read them over and over!! I first found this set of books on a trip to South Africa and have tried to purchase all of them!

Really beautiful illustrations, a simply but well-told story, and a plot that stays fun after umpteen readings--this is great, and I've already added other books in the set to my list. My nieces have loved it ages 2-4+ and show no signs of losing interest.

Super cute story with great illustrations. My almost 2 year old loves this book. The moral of the story is great, too---that being clever is sometimes better than being big.

I bought this for my stepson's 2nd birthday and he loves it! His father is an AVID chameleon lover so this book brings his love of chameleon's into terms that his son can understand. Great shape, great buy!

This is a fun, creative story with beautiful illustrations.

Love this story. Great story for someone of a small size with brains.

kids love the art work and story

Great story.

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