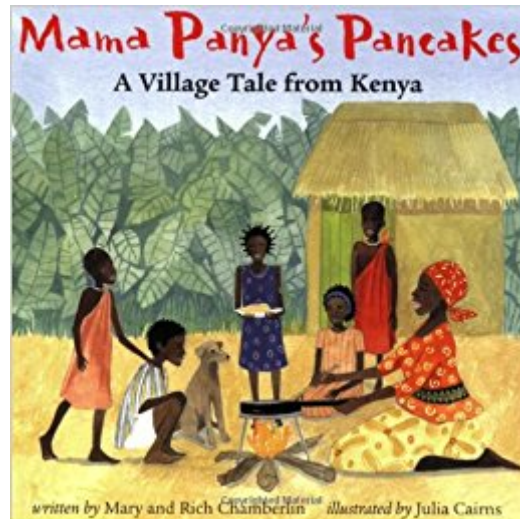




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# Mama Panya's Pancakes



## Synopsis

On market day, Mama Panya's son Adika invites everyone he sees to a pancake dinner. How will Mama Panya ever feed them all? This clever and heartwarming story about Kenyan village life teaches the importance of sharing, even when you have little to give.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3 — Mama Panya and her son, Adika, are all ready for market day where Mama is planning on using her few coins to buy the ingredients to make pancakes for dinner. Adika is so excited that he can't help inviting all of their friends and neighbors. Mama Panya is worried that his generosity may be more than her few coins and their meager supplies can provide. Luckily all of the guests arrive with gifts, and a Kenyan cross between "Stone Soup" and the story of the loaves and the fishes is realized. A recipe, map, details about daily life, and facts about Kiswahili and Kenya are included. With their bold colors, vivid patterns, and lush scenery, the illustrations will transport readers into this country to walk alongside Mama Panya and Adika on their way to market. Details from animals to foliage are depicted clearly and provide more than just a backdrop to the story; they're a great introduction to the landscape and people of East Africa. A strong selection for a read-aloud or as a supplement to units on Africa, community, or generosity. — Genevieve

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"There is a timeless quality to this contemporary story about a Kenyan boy and his mother stretching their food to feed all their friends ... The old tradition of sharing all one's food with others works again. With the repetition of the phrase 'a little bit and a little bit more,' the folkloric feeling intensifies." --Kirkus Review

"With a recipe for spicy pancakes, information about local animals and village life in Kenya, some general facts and a map, this story will be a welcome addition to a school unit as well as traditional storytime." --Kirkus Review

My daughters and I saw a theatrical production of the book and then decided to buy it. It was out of stock or on back order just about everywhere I looked. I was bummed. I placed the order through anyway and hoped it wouldn't be too long. Thankfully, it wasn't long after I placed the order that I received notification that the book was on the way. So glad because my girls really love this book and it has even more detail than the play we saw. A great book about community and faith!

I love this story! How wonderful to see how love, friendship and sharing are rewarded. The story is entertaining and beautifully illustrated. Every classroom should have this book!

Wonderful story that opens up another culture to us. Told in a captivating way.

I purchased this for my wife who used it for a bible school activity we held at church. Great book, quick service no problems or issue with the book. The kids at the bible school loved the story when it was read to them to teach them about Kenya and the people there.

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.

Lovely book of an African story, with vocab and more - very great intro to another culture! Beautiful colors.

Used for a summer camp and the children loved it.

First, let me mention for those interested in the subject that this book shows babywearing in the background in one of the spreads. The moral of the story, how a simple dinner became a feast when "all their friends" were invited to share it, is neither overly expressed nor too subtle for little ones. The illustrations are bright and colorful, this book will attract a lot of attention :) Please note that it's a bit wordy, probably suited for the older of the 4-8 crowd. The same advice \*definitely\* goes for the supplemental information at the back of the book, all sorts of things on how people live in Kenya and a few simple Swahili phrases and, of course, a recipe :)

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