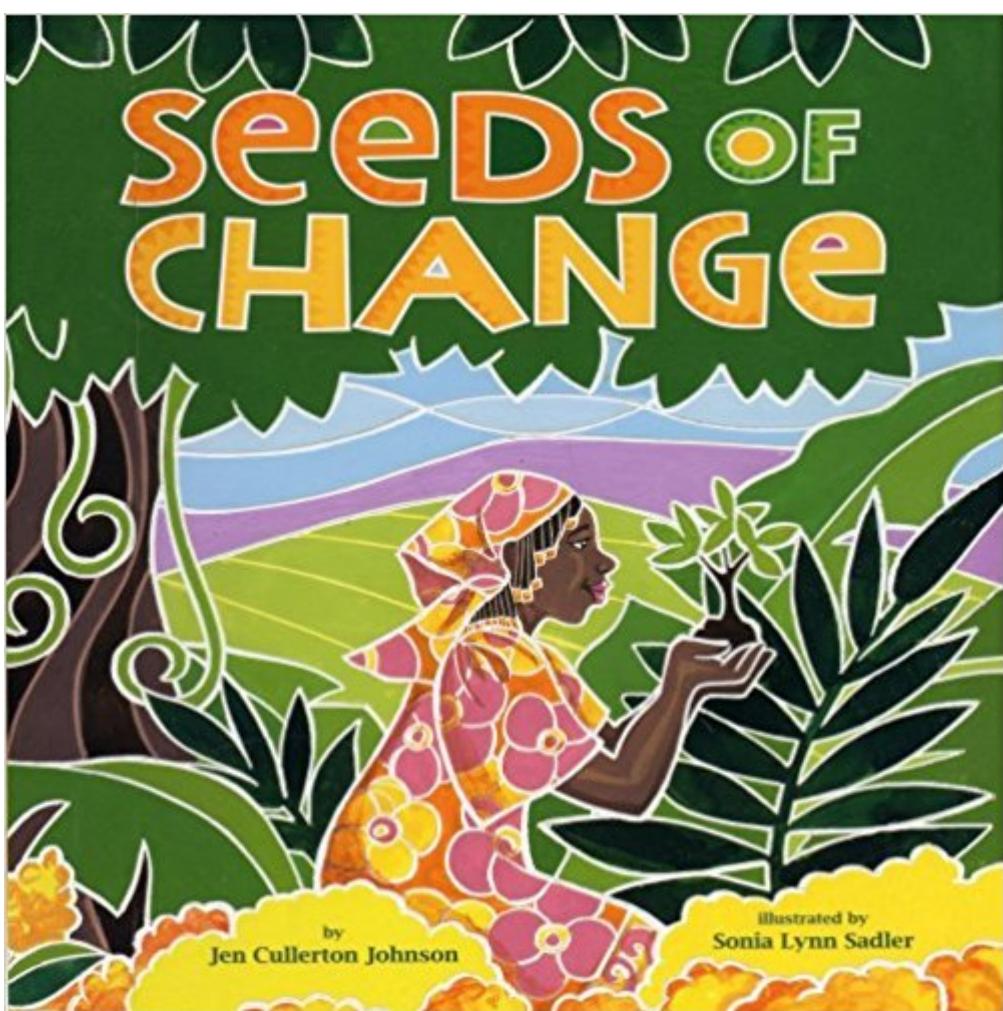


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# Seeds Of Change: Wangari's Gift To The World



## **Synopsis**

As a young girl in Kenya, Wangari was taught to respect nature. She grew up loving the land, plants, and animals that surrounded her -from the giant mugumo trees her people, the Kikuyu, revered to the tiny tadpoles that swam in the river. Although most Kenyan girls were not educated, Wangari, curious and hardworking, was allowed to go to school. There, her mind sprouted like a seed. She excelled at science and went on to study in the United States. After returning home, Wangari blazed a trail across Kenya, using her knowledge and compassion to promote the rights of her countrywomen and to help save the land, one tree at a time. *Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace* brings to life the empowering story of Wangari Maathai, the first African woman, and environmentalist, to win a Nobel Peace Prize. Engaging narrative and vibrant images paint a robust portrait of this inspiring champion of the land and of women's rights.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 2 "4 "This entry on Wangari Maathai takes a slightly more comprehensive look at her life than several other recent books. Her deep love of nature and her determination, first to get an education and later to save the environment and ultimately the people of Kenya, are discussed.

Foreign business interests and the duplicity of "corrupt police" forced her first into prison, then politics, and ultimately into spreading her message to the wider world. The book closes as she received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. An afterword adds more detail on the Green Belt Movement. Vivid colors sparkle from within the thick white outlines in the batik-style illustrations that fill the pages. "Carol S. Surges, McKinley Elementary School, Wauwatosa, WI (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai has become a popular subject for the elementary-school crowd: this title marks the fourth picture-book biography about the Kenyan environmentalist to be released in the last two years. More than the previous offerings, Johnson's title discusses Maathai's education, particularly the role that her brother played in advocating that his sister attend school, and later, at college in the U.S., the inspiration Maathai found in her female science professors: "From them she learned that a woman could do anything she wanted to." Throughout the poetic text, Johnson includes direct quotes, sourced in appended notes, which will help young people feel a more immediate connection to the inspiring activist and her powerful message. Sadler's bright mixed-media art, reminiscent of Ashley Bryan's work with its white outlines and rainbow-hued shapes, reinforces the sense of a depleted land growing green again and the presence, even in bustling city scenes, of a vibrant natural world. An author's note and resources conclude this title, which complements, rather than duplicates, other recent titles about Maathai.

Grades 2-4. --Gillian Engberg

This is a wonderful, inspiring story of Wangari and her journey to bring hope to all people everywhere. She lives a storied life, which culminates in receiving a Nobel Peace Prize. The telling of the story is informative for all ages, and yet made quite accessible for even our youngest readers. The beautiful illustrations wrap the reader, who may never have visited Kenya, into a tangible reality that can be felt. Quite a powerful moving story, that would benefit elementary school children throughout the entire United States, as we also move toward becoming environmentally friendly.

Love the drawings, and the story is very inspirational to young girls to strive and follow their dreams.. This is a biography of Wangari Mathaai. She fought deforestation in her native Kenya, and was the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. A champion and advocate for women and children. A woman who was not expected to attend school let alone go to college in the U.S. She went back to Kenya and started the Green Belt Movement to combat deforestation in

Kenya. Great cultural lessons from her mother about trees and their significance in the lives of African women were motivations for Wangari to start her movement. In spite of the gender discrimination she faced in her country. The new young trees were planted in long rows looked like green belts, hints the name of the movement. Great story for all ages. I highly recommend

Beautiful!

This is an amazing, selfless story about Wangari! Over 900 Students and 70 staff members at an elementary school in Raleigh, NC have had the honor of reading this book! They have all been positively impacted by her life! Read this book now!! You'll start thinking of how you can be a change in your very own community!!

This captivating story of Wangari and her lifelong endeavor to make a positive impact on the environment and women's role in science is one you will remember long after you put the book down!! The moving story and vivid illustrations have children and adults entranced in this story of persistence and collaboration. I have loved reading this story myself, with students and my own family! I recommend it for all readers! Enjoy!

"Seeds of Change" is an engaging story about a Kenyan girl who goes to school, defies gender limitations, and values the environment. I had never heard of Wangari Maathai, but this biographical tale of the Pulitzer Prize winner is a great story. With the vivid illustrations, this story presents a powerful lesson about the environment and gender roles, but the story also shows how the instruction and traditions of previous generations can make a huge impact on the current generation. The values and stories we tell our children can have a powerful impact on the future of our world.

A wonderful example of a woman taking action to make the world, one piece of it and in effect all of it, better. A role-model about the simplicity of how to effect change.

Got this book for an art class due to the illustrations. The story is ok but LOVE the illustrations.

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