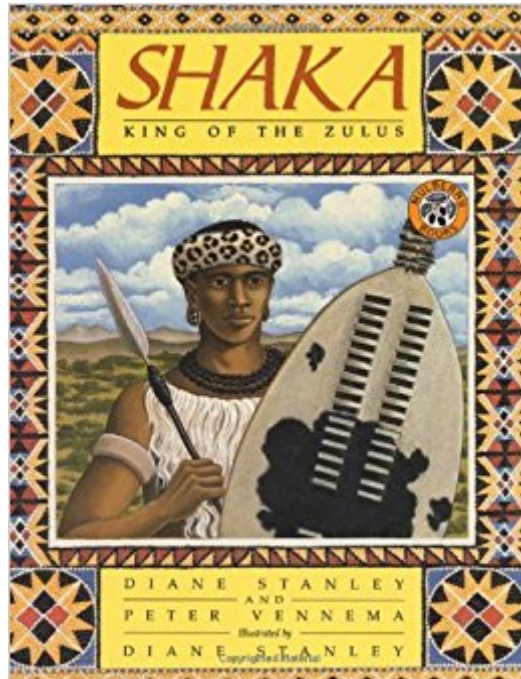




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Shaka, King Of The Zulus



Synopsis

In a picture-book biography acclaimed for both its accuracy and beauty, Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema describe how Shaka, a brilliant military strategist, rose from humble beginnings to lead a mighty people nearly two centuries ago. It is an unforgettable story."Stanley presents the life story of Shaka, a Zulu military genius who became king of his people in the eighteenth century....The illustrations are full-color paintings that convey a quiet intensity in their portrayal of Shaka and his people."--Booklist

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Dignified, detailed artwork is a befittingly regal accompaniment to this engrossing biography. Ages 5-up. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"A thrilling introduction to the Zulu people and a remarkable chapter in African history." -- -- The New York Times
"Handsome and compelling." -- -- The Horn Book
"Intense and thoughtful." -- Booklist

I got this book because I was desperate for more on Africa, for our world history studies. I could

hardly tell what the book was about without much description and only one very poor picture. I was overjoyed. The book is extraordinarily well written and the illustrations are beautiful, totally child friendly and descriptive. The story should capture most children simply on its merits as a story and draw them into the history. The only gripe that parents or teachers may have is that the story pulls no punches. The "hero" does some nasty and brutal things as time goes on and, unlike most European and American children's biographies of national heroes, these things are not glossed over here. I would have no gripe with it at all, if I could get similarly unsweetened biographies of the American founding fathers and so forth. Still, the issues should only be disturbing to very young children.

Love this great book on African history! As always, Stanley brings the characters to life with lots of good, historical detail. Her biographies are excellent and this is no exception.

As stated above, this book was more of a picture book and suited better for children than adults. However, service was excellent and book was in great condition.

My son came home raving about this book. He said it was the best book he had ever read (he usually only enjoys graphic novels). I can see why. The pictures are not only beautiful, but action-filled. The faces and body positions of the characters are expressive and tell their own story. There is a moderate amount of text, but it is written in clean simple language. Somehow the author manages to depict the cultural expectations and the environment Shaka lived in through events in Shaka's life. The result is an exciting read full of hardships, victories, and battles.

Good drawings and great story especially if your a little kid

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