

Growing up as a Tree in Africa

Can You imagine?

THOUGHTFUL TALES FOR GROWING MINDS

Written by Steve Hurd and delightfully illustrated by Helen Machin-Mayer.

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THE LITTLE GIFT THAT CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WILL REMEMBER

The Entandrophragma tree has stood out above other trees in the forests of East Africa for hundreds of years and it has seen a lot in its long life. Here children imagine what it must be like to grow from a seed into the queen tree of the forest. They learn of the challenges faced by a seed and a tree in its early years of life. The stories describe the life of the forest at day and at night and imagine what might become of the forest in the hands of human beings.

We learn how trees talk to each other and how they affect the insects and birds around them. The book fosters a fascination with trees and a desire to preserve them for future generations.

These thoughtful tales are designed to be read aloud by adults to children. They contain jumping off points that prompt conversation between the adult and child.

What Readers say..

I am amazed by the amount of information and ideas packed into this little book - all with such a light touch and gorgeous illustrations to stimulate the imagination of every child.

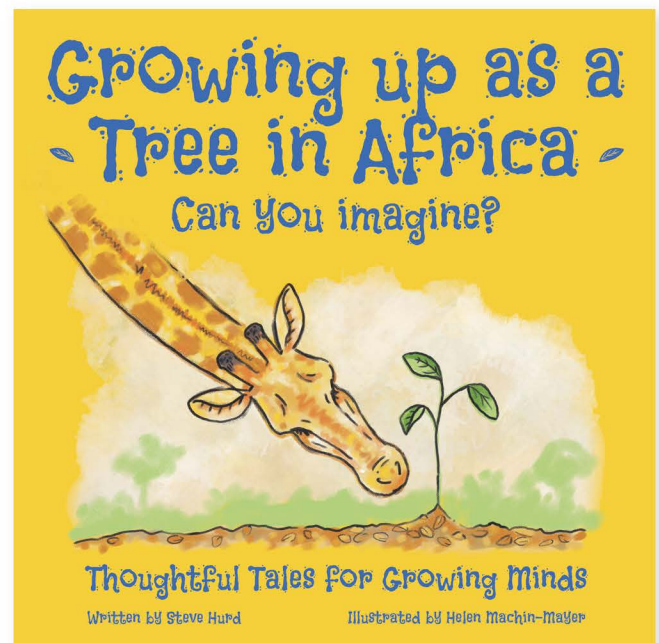
Ruth, avid tree planter, UK.

A lovely book to engage with children and arouse their interest in the world around them. It encourages conversation and stimulates imagination. Beautifully illustrated and thoughtfully produced.

Dave, teacher, parent, grandad, UK.

Children will love this book. Many of them hardly realise that plants and trees are living organisms. The tales stretch children's imagination by asking them to empathise with a tree and understand the many challenges it faces.

Peter, teacher and director, Isaac Newton Humanist School, Masaka, Uganda.



This book has everything: an engaging story, opportunities to interact, fascinating facts about trees, forests and the creatures that inhabit them. Children will revisit this book time and time again.

Jill, teacher, parent and granny, UK

I think this book is amazing. It teaches you loads about trees but in a fun way. I loved how you were in the perspective of the tree.

Flo, grand-daughter, age 12, UK

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