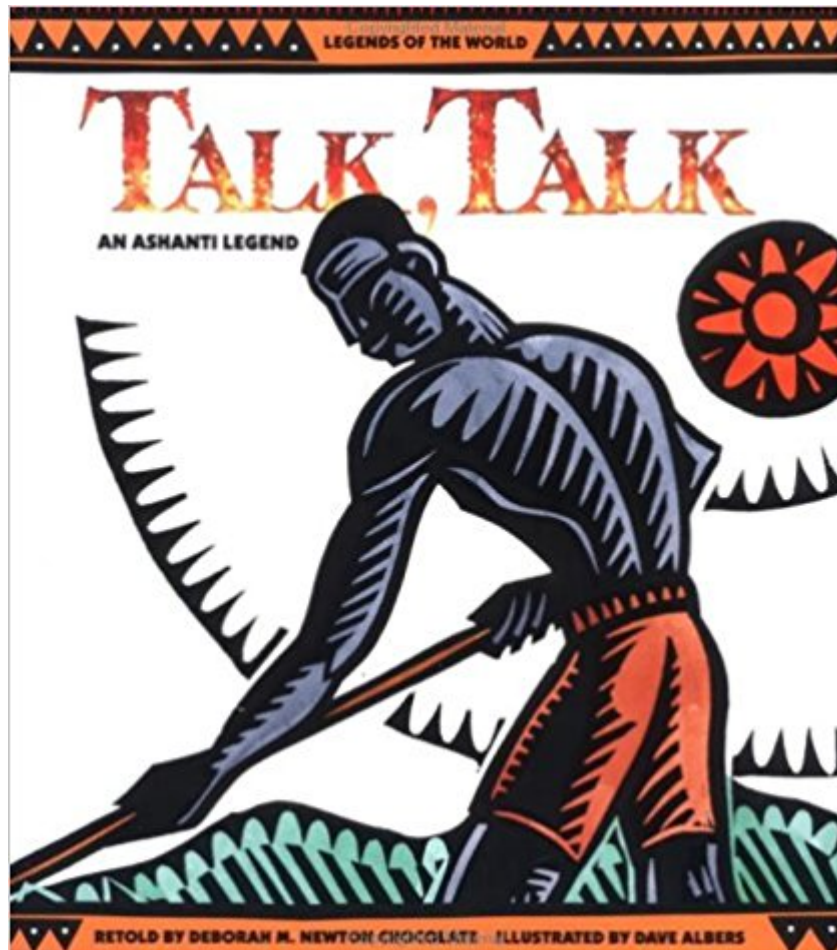




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Talk, Talk: An Ashanti Legend



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

In this "Legends of the World" book for children, Talk, Talk, the farmer Jumaani is frightened when his yam, then other objects, begin to talk to him. As he runs away and describes his predicament to others, new objects begin talking. Hopefully, the chief has some answers. According to the description in the book, this story is based on a legend from Ashanti (Asante) people of West Africa. Great illustrations. This should be a great book to read out loud to your favorite little one.

This is our third in the series and we thoroughly enjoyed it!! This volume of Legends of the World find us in Africa, spending time with Jumaani, the farmer who is out to harvest and sell his crops for the year! As he is harvesting, he comes to his yams, which he notes he neglected to tend...he never did weed them this season and they are choked with vines and weeds. Never mind that, he decides, they are a fine color and look like they'll fetch a fine price at market. Just then, the Yam speaks

up...what happens from there on is quite interesting and humorous!What I like about this series is that the language is simple and straightforward, even if the point is a bit sometimes ambiguous...and the illustrations are a riot of color, giving the story a rich and vibrant feel! We enjoyed this tale and I would recommend this book without hesitation!Overall, I think this series is a great basic introduction to a wide array of stories from many cultures the world over...a jumping off point also for kids to research more into the culture and mythology of any given place. I'd recommend this for introducing young children to mythology and folklore. The age range cited is 9-12 which is probably the range of kids who would most appreciate and benefit from the story and additional information provided...but even younger kids (say 5-8) will love the stories and vivid, colorful illustrations...the stores aren't so complex or long that they will lose interest in them. I would definitely buy this for my permanent collection and hope to read more from this series soon! I give it a solid A...kids of all ages can enjoy this tale!

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