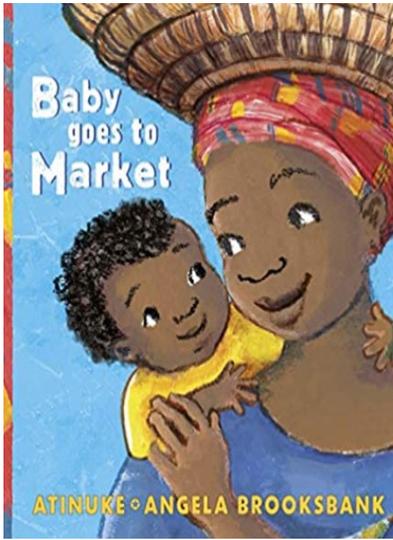


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Title: Baby Goes to Market

Author: Atinuke Illustrator: Angela Brooksbank

Publisher: Walker Books Limited

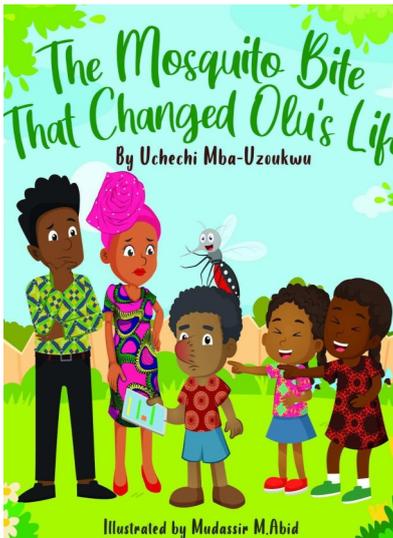
Age: 5 and under

Synopsis:

Join Baby and his mama at the bustling marketplace for a bright, bouncy read-aloud offering a gentle introduction to numbers. Rhythmic language, visual humour and a bounty of delectable food make this a tale that is sure to wet little appetites for story time.

Stockists (Nigeria): Not available

Stockists (UK): Amazon.co.uk



Title: The Mosquito Bite That Changed Olu's Life

Author: Uchechi Mba-Uzoukwu Illustrator: Mudassir M. Abid

Publisher: Independently published

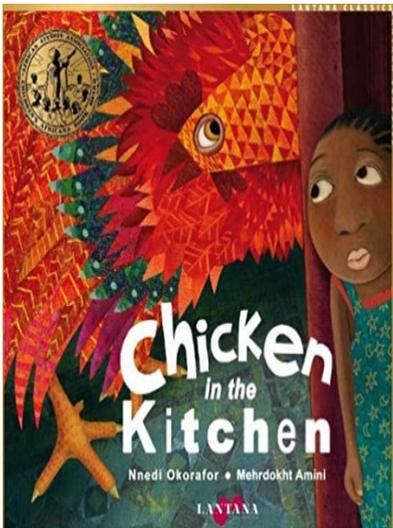
Age: 5 and under

Synopsis:

A great read-aloud for younger children, this book prompts useful discussions. Olu is spoilt and obsessed with technology, from video games to his iPad. He is from a community where boys are typically treated as more "special" than girls so he gets away with a lot. Olu does no chores and is very lazy. Family dynamics begin to change when Olu gets a visit from a very common and unwelcome "guest" in his home, the Mosquito.

Stockists (Nigeria): Not available

Stockists (UK): sevenoaksbookshop.co.uk; Amazon.co.uk



Title: Chicken in the Kitchen

Author: Nnedi Okorafor Illustrator: Mehrdokht Amini

Publisher: Lantana Publishing

Age: 5 and under

Synopsis:

What would you do if you woke up one night to find the shadow of a giant chicken passing your bedroom door? Go and investigate of course! A look at the fascinating masquerade culture of West Africa, from the perspective of a plucky young Nigerian girl who finds the courage to protect the traditions she loves.

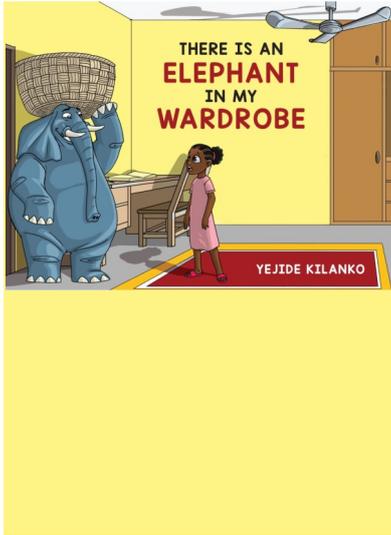
Stockist (Nigeria): Lantanapublishing.com will ship to Nigeria

Stockists (UK): Lantanapublishing.com; Amazon.co.uk

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Title: There is an Elephant in my Wardrobe

Author: Yejide Kilanko

Publisher: Farafina Books

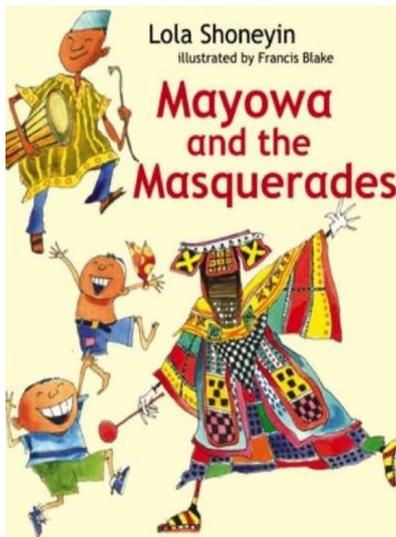
Age: 6-8

Synopsis:

Have you ever wished for someone who will listen to your worries? Adùn does. When an elephant arrives at her home, Adùn is happy to have a new friend with big ears. Adùn's happy feelings soon go away when Erù the elephant begins to eat her clothes. Friends should be kind to one another. How will Adùn make the elephant leave her wardrobe when it is stronger than her? This book shows that little kids can stand up for themselves against a bully.

Stockists (Nigeria): Booksellers.ng

Stockists (UK): Amazon.co.uk



Title: Mayowa and the Masquerades

Author: Lola Shoneyin Illustrator: Francis Blake

Publisher: Cassava Republic Press

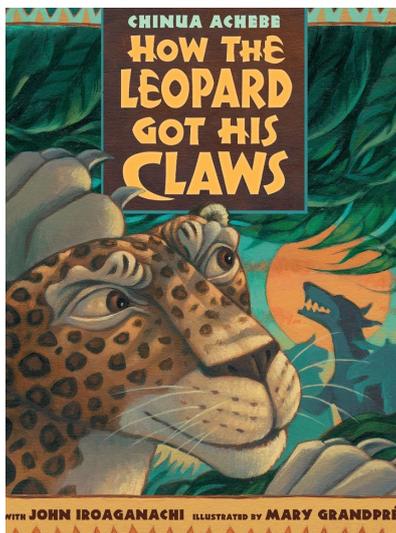
Age: 6-8

Synopsis:

Mayowa is unhappy because he has been told he will be visiting his grandmother in Ilisan, Nigeria. When he gets there, Grandma pairs him up with the ever-hungry, fun-loving Denuyi. Together, they explore the town and all its wonders. The boys chase grasshoppers, dip their feet into a stream, visit piglets...and join a masquerade parade! Mayowa learns that there is more to life than computer games.

Stockists (Nigeria): Booksellers.ng

Stockists (UK): Noordinarybookshop.co.uk; Amazon.co.uk



Title: How the Leopard Got His Claws

Author: Chinua Achebe Illustrator: Mary Grandpre

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Age: 6-8

Synopsis:

A vivid fable about power and freedom, this book that is worth discussing with your child as it tackles complex issues about ruling by force. When the strong and wise Leopard King ruled with gentleness, all animals lived as friends. Times changed when a dog with sharp teeth deposed the Leopard King in a coup. The former ruler of the animal world exiled himself, only to return one day with claws and sharp teeth of his own. The Leopard King gains power once again, but this time, instead of with gentle kindness, he rules with terror.

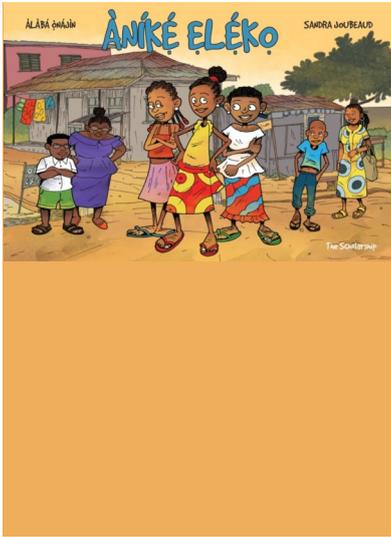
Stockists (Nigeria): Not available

Stockists (UK): Amazon.co.uk

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Title: Àníké Eléko

Author: Sandra Jouveaud Illustrator: Àlàbá Ònájìn

Publisher: Kachifo Limited (Tuuti)

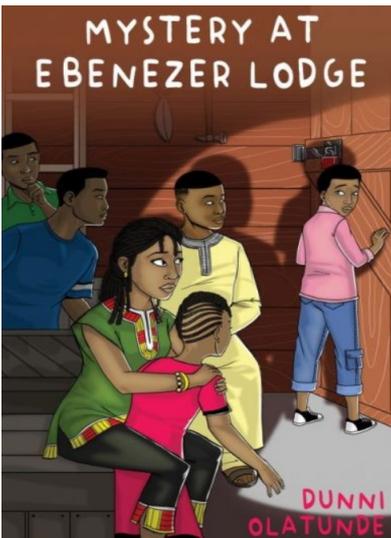
Age: 9-12

Synopsis:

In this wonderfully illustrated book Aníké has to hawk èko every morning, but that does not stop her from going to school. She loves school and wants to be a doctor. However, her mother has already decided her fate: once she finishes primary school, she will join her Aunt Remí in the city as a tailor. When a mystery guest visits Àníké's school, she has the chance to win a scholarship that may change her fate. Will the help of her friends Oge, Ìlérí and Àríyo the cobbler be enough?

Stockists (Nigeria): Booksellers.ng (can be shipped to the UK)

Stockists (UK): Available in digital format from okadabooks.com



Title: Mystery at Ebenezer Lodge

Author: Dunning Olatunde

Publisher: Farafina Tuuti

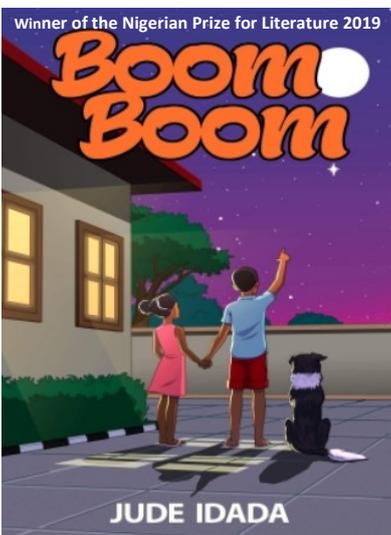
Age: 9-12

Synopsis:

The Ilesanmi children are on holidays at their grandparents' house in Ibadan, until their grandfather has to travel to Ilorin urgently. Along with their neighbour, Nosa, they are sent to spend one week in the care of their grandmother's aunt at Ebenezer Lodge. The old mansion holds more in store for them than a quiet holiday. Someone is getting into the old buildings and the children are determined to solve the mystery at all costs.

Stockists (Nigeria): Booksellers.ng (can be shipped to the UK)

Stockists (UK): Available in digital format from okadabooks.com



Title: Boom Boom

Author: Jude Idada

Publisher: Farafina Tuuti

Age: 9-12

Synopsis:

Boom Boom is a riveting story about 8 year old Osaik who struggles to save his 5 year old sister, Eghe, from a debilitating disease that took their mother away from them, Sickle Cell Anaemia. Alongside his Dad, and Kompa his dog, they begin a race to get her the help she needs. This is a story of faith, hope, friendship and sacrifice that explores the limits of family love. Boom Boom is written in an engaging and at times funny way, to both educate and entertain.

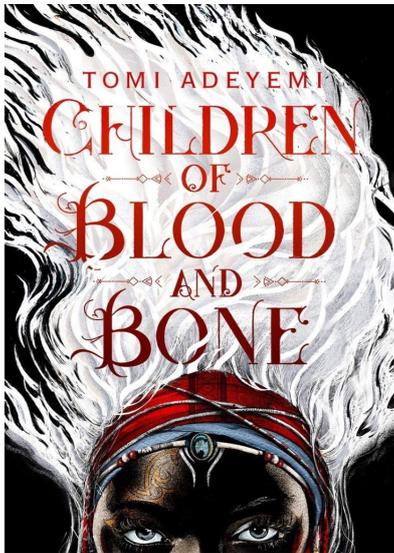
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Title: Children of Blood and Bone

Author: Tomi Adeyemi

Publisher:

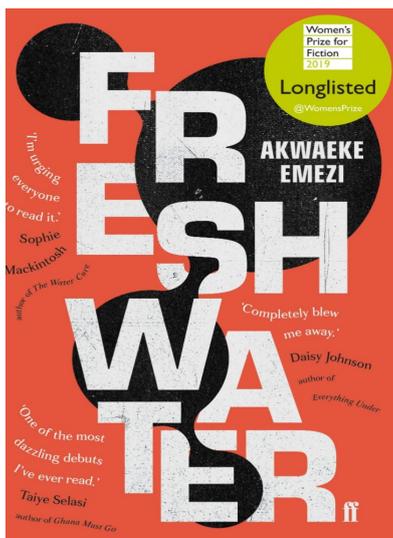
Age: 13-16

Synopsis:

Magic has gone from the world, vanished when Zelie's mother was violently murdered by the King's men. Now the Maji clans, marked out by their silver hair, live in constant fear. Zelie longs to rebel, but her chance doesn't come until she finds herself having to protect a runaway princess, Amari. The girls should be on opposite sides of this bitter war, but instead they join forces. They embark on a desperate race to get the scroll to its rightful place, and restore magic to the world.

Stockists (Nigeria): Booksellers.ng

Stockists (UK): Newbeaconbooks.com; Sevenoaksbookshop.co.uk;
Amazon.co.uk



Title: Freshwater

Author: Sandra Joubeaud Illustrator: Àlàbá Ònájìn

Publisher: Kachifo Limited (Tuuti)

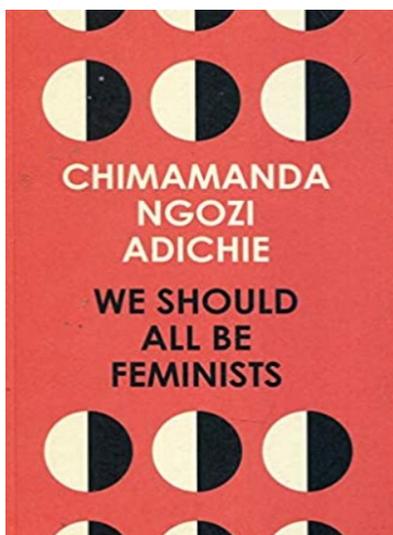
Age: 13-16

Synopsis:

Freshwater explores the surreal experience of having a fractured self. It centers around a young Nigerian woman, Ada, who as a troubled child began to develop separate selves and became prone to fits of anger and grief. When Ada grows up and heads to college in America, a traumatic event crystallises the selves into something more powerful. Unsettling, heartwrenching, sometimes dark, and powerful, Freshwater illuminates how we all construct our identities.

Stockists (Nigeria): Booksellers.ng

Stockists (UK): Newbeaconbooks.com; Sevenoaksbookshop.co.uk;
Amazon.co.uk



Title: We Should All Be Feminists

Author: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Publisher: Fourth Estate

Age: 13-16

Synopsis:

First published in 2014, this widely read essay is a must read for all 16 year old girls and boys. Personal and eloquent, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie offers readers a unique definition of feminism for the twenty-first century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness. This is one remarkable author's exploration of what it means to be a woman today – an of-the-moment rallying cry for why we should all be feminists.

Stockists (Nigeria): Booksellers.ng

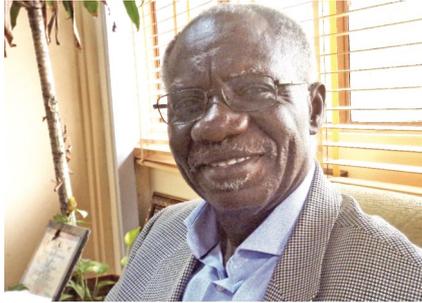
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