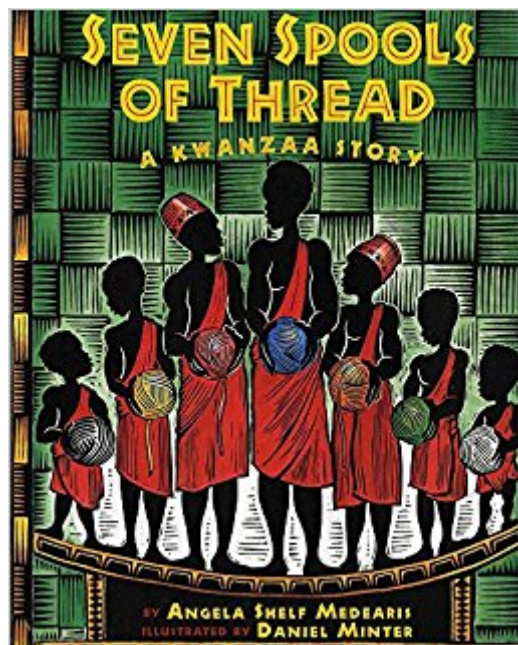




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# Seven Spools Of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story (Albert Whitman Prairie Paperback)



## Synopsis

In an African village live seven brothers who make life miserable with their constant fighting. When their father dies, he leaves an unusual will: by sundown, the brothers must make gold out of seven spools of thread or they will be turned out as beggars.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Ages 5-8. In *The Seven Days of Kwanzaa: How to Celebrate Them* (1994), the author offered ideas, including crafts and recipes, for celebrating the cultural holiday. This latest title is an original folktale that will help introduce children to the holiday's seven principles, while also suggesting how Kente cloth was first created. In a Ghanaian village, a father's will commands that his seven argumentative sons must make gold from silk thread "by the time the moon rises," without fighting. Working together, the brothers create a tapestry of Kente cloth, the first multicolored cloth the village has seen, which they sell to the king's treasurer for gold, before returning to their village to farm and live harmoniously. Well-paced, the story incorporates the Kwanzaa values without spelling them out too much. Minter's attractively composed, dramatic painted linocuts, with strong community images and lively, silhouetted figures, root the story in a sun-drenched, magical landscape that will draw children

even after repeated readings. An introductory section, with glossary and pronunciation guide explaining the principles, and an appended craft activity round out the volume. Gillian EngbergCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

"A fine choice for a Kwanzaa gift, and a first choice for most school and public-library collections."Kirkus Reviews"Well-paced, the story incorporates the Kwanzaa values without spelling them out too much."Booklist

Really excellent story, and lovely imagery. I used this book to teach an art lesson to elementary school children that turned out really well. The book was large enough to show the whole class. I would suggest using it during the month of February for a lesson plan.

I purchased this for a library serving a college of education because we need greater diversity in our collections and displays. As part of a Kwanzaa program at church, I read it aloud to a group of children from ages 3 to 12, and everyone paid attention--an uncommon experience! All the Kwanzaa principles are woven into the narrative and the colorful linoleum block illustrations reflect Ghana's kente cloth. It's a worthwhile purchase for home or library.

What better way to make a Holiday come alive than through storytelling. It brings back a time filled with memories of happy times with all the family. To show the love of a Holiday through story, now that's what brings the story alive!

Love this story

I purchased this book to use as a supplement to reading curriculum for third and fourth-graders in our local school. It's a fabulous story, and provided the students with a lot to talk about. They related easily to the concepts and enjoyed the illustrations, which were quite unique. It's a great story to read aloud and would make a super gift for any young reader.

This was a wonderful book - read it to my 3rd graders during Kwanzaa unit!

Wonderful approach to the Kwanzaa celebration and many other life lessons! Both of my children truly enjoyed it. Fantastic illustrations!

I bought this book to teach about Holidays around the world. My students loved it! The story is well written and engages young children.

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