



BOOK TITLE: **Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain**
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: Ki-pat, a young man in Africa, comes up with a creative solution to bring rain to the arid Kapiti Plain.

***BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

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| 1. What animals do you see on the cover? With those animals, where do you think this story might take place? | 2. Is the person on the cover a girl or boy? Why do you think so? |
| | 3. Look through the book. Ask your child what the book may be about. |

DURING READING:

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| 1. As you come across certain words (drought, herdsmen, migrated), ask if your child knows what they mean before going on. | 3. Ask: have you ever seen an eagle? |
| 2. Stop and ask what might happen next before turning the page. | 4. What things does Ki-pat carry and use? |
| | 5. Why do you think Ki-pat might stand on one foot like a stork? |

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

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| 1. Is there a place you can go to see some of these animals? | differences and web capabilities, it might be difficult to see any animals. There might be ads on the site that are not child-friendly. |
| 2. Look through your books, magazines, or other places to see some of these animals. | |
| 3. The website www.africam.com/wildlife/index.php has a live web camera in Africa. With time | 4. Read the last page of the book, About the Tale. You and your child might read <i>The House That Jack Built</i> . |

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