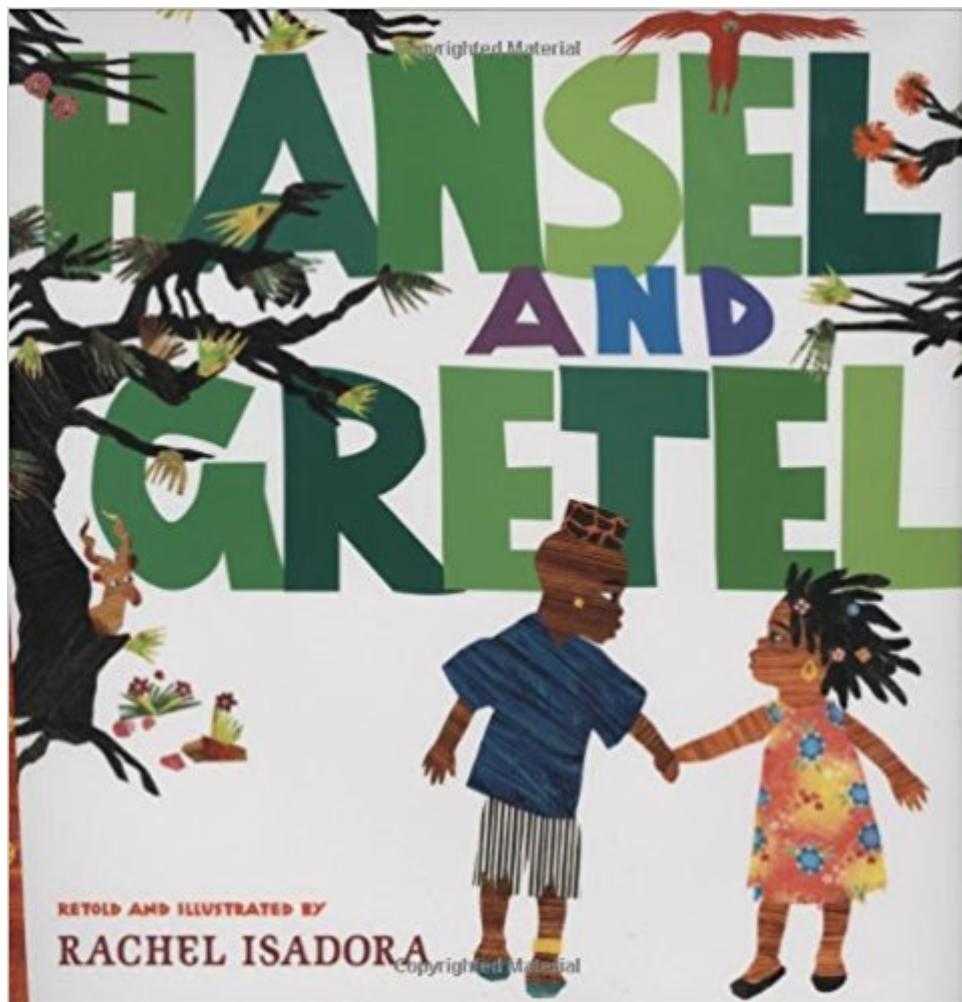


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# Hansel And Gretel



## **Synopsis**

Caldecott Honor winner Rachel Isadora gives readers a stunning new interpretation of this classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale, setting the infamous witch's cottage deep in a lush African forest. Hansel and Gretel's plight feels all the more threatening as they're plunged into the thick, dark jungle of Isadora's rich collages.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

As in The Princess and the Pea (2007) and numerous other retellings, Isadora sets a traditional European fairy tale in an African setting. This time, Isadora chooses one of the scariest stories ever told about small kids who must fight evil, powerful adults. Spare prose combines with lush, bright cut-paper collage illustrations that show Hansel and Gretel abandoned in the dense forest, lured and locked up, and then finally triumphant after they trick the witch and push her into the burning oven. The immensely detailed double-page spreads are dense with jungle animals and plants, but the real terror is inside the witch's house, filled with dark silhouettes. Drawing on beautiful, geometric African patterns common to traditional Kente cloth, Isadora balances her compositions with soothing white space. Kids will be held by this strong retelling of the familiar story about a brave boy and girl who overcome a looming threat and find their way home.

Preschool-Grade 2. --Hazel Rochman

[Isadora pieces] colorfully patterned and hand-painted papers together to create bold, busy eye-catching scenes with a strong ethnic feel...[a] highly artistic...presentation. --School Library Journal

Classic tale. Love seeing little brown children as main characters!

COLORFUL! Now I can bring some good literature about my people in a real positive light to the under-served disenfranchised generations today.

Beautiful pictures.

I loved the retelling of this classic fairy tale, because of its fabulous illustrations. How imaginative!

This is a great book with great illustrations !

Love the Afro centric approach for children of color.

Amazing my 9 year old loved this

Great representation of the original story, told in a slightly different way.

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