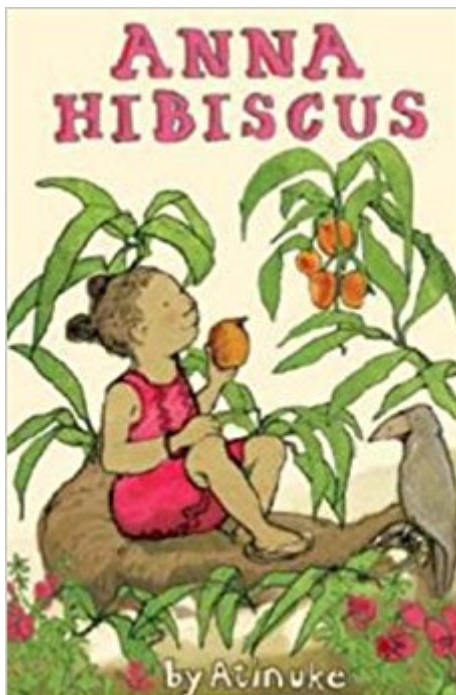


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# Anna Hibiscus



## Synopsis

A collection of four linked stories of family life set in modern west Africa. Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 and up

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## Customer Reviews

Early chapter books set in modern Africa about a middle-class family are hard to find in this country. Early chapter books that deftly handle the difficult issues of poverty, class, and economics are even rarer. Nigerian-born Atinuke's series about young Anna Hibiscus and her large extended family do these things with grace and humor. Originally published in England, the first two are now available here. Anna Hibiscus lives in "amazing Africa" in a city of lagoons and bridges . . . skyscrapers and shanty towns. Her mother is from Canada, her father from Africa, and she has twin baby brothers, Double and Trouble. Each of the four chapters tells a complete story and, while presenting clear cultural differences, explores themes that are universal and child-centered. A story about selling oranges from a family tree is of special interest as a resource for primary classrooms with economics benchmarks. Never didactic, the fluid storytelling is

enhanced by Tobia's charming illustrations. While it is disappointing that a specific country is never identified, the book's strong features make it noteworthy. Grades 1-3. --Lynn Rutan

This is a wonderful collection of colourful, warm and lively stories to be read over and over. \* Primary Times \* A series of lively, captivating tales. \* The Scotsman \* In her first novel, storyteller Atinuke guides us through Anna's thoroughly modern multicultural life and family and Lauren Tobia's evocative illustrations spill around the text. \* Juno \* An interesting read in which we learn to appreciate the joys of African life. \* Cork Evening Echo \* Memorable and enchanting. \* School Library Journal \* A life-affirming way to encourage your child to celebrate simple joys \* Junior \* a story of sizzling happiness that starts small and grows irrepressibly...her township is beautifully drawn...a book to put - and keep - a smile on your face \* The Observer \* There are so many reasons to love the Anna Hibiscus books as wonderful stories with beautiful illustrations; but the inclusion of a mixed-race family and unfamiliar cultural setting make these important books to share with every child \* Child-Led Chaos \* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I love the Anna Hibiscus books and so do my grandchildren (ages 4-6 years). As a retired teacher I recommend them highly as classroom read alouds or read alones too.

loved it! cute, entertaining, and expose to a bit of a different culture... how could you go wrong

Oh, halleluiah--a decent early chapter book! My 5-year-old and I loved this book and I immediately ordered all the sequels. Wonderful opportunity to learn about another country (although I do wish I knew which country it is), other customs, other ways of being in a family. Led to some great discussions. (We also listened to this one as an audiobook--fabulous! It was even better with the appropriate accent.)

The stories about Anna Hibiscus are beautiful and fun for any young child. Anna Hibiscus is totally relatable to any American child, while her stories teach about African culture and gently touch on hardship and poverty. I was worried it might be difficult for my five-year-old to understand a lot of African concepts and culture. But through the eyes of Anna Hibiscus, it's easy for her to imagine living with a large family, having to work for a living, revering your grandparents, keeping a modest way of life according to your traditions, and desperately wishing to see snow!My little one did shy

away from the story where Anna sells oranges and causes harm to the other orange sellers. She didn't like the serious tone (compared to the other chapters), the implication that Anna had done something wrong, and Anna's penitence. She typically avoids that chapter, but she does understand the lesson. I'd highly recommend this book for the stories in their own right and also as part of a child's gentle introduction to other countries and cultures.

A rare children's book that shows a large loving family and shares wise lessons, all while giving a window into another culture.

We love Anna Hibiscus! I'm so sad this series is not more readily available here in the US. I hope it is reprinted, so more people can enjoy these lovely books!

My daughter loved this book and others in the series. Colorful language, engaging characters.

Granddaughter loves book.

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