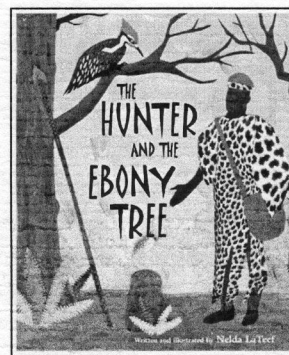


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Love and Archery—An Authentic Folktale from West Africa

## THE HUNTER AND THE EBONY TREE

"This is a lovely little tale delightfully illustrated." **Walter Cronkite**

"...teaches young children the value of self-worth, honor, and the value of goal-setting." **Marva N. Collins, author of *Redeeming Education* and *Marva Collins' Way***

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"A truly satisfying read for children of all ages!" **Tennis Champion Chris Evert**

NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI -- From the Zarma people of West Africa comes *The Hunter and the Ebony Tree*, an authentic folk tale of a young man who must overcome an impossible challenge before he can marry the girl he loves.

Author/illustrator Nelda LaTeef learned the tale from a blind Nigerian storyteller, and she has used it as the basis of a picture book that introduces the Islamic culture of the Zarma to Western children. With its dual themes of courtship and archery, the book happily entertains boys and girls from 5 to 9 years while it teaches the importance of careful planning and good friends as keys to success.

LaTeef's strikingly colorful montage illustrations incorporate a wide array of fabric patterns, papers, paint, and photography to capture the richness and vibrancy of the sub-Saharan culture from which the story springs.

*The Hunter and the Ebony Tree* includes an Author's Note about the culture and geography of the Zarma people, accompanied by a map of Africa.

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**About the author/illustrator:** Nelda LaTeef was born in Tunisia and has lived, traveled, and studied extensively in Africa. She is the former Director of Development for the Foreign Policy Association, an organization devoted to education in international affairs, and is the author of *Working Women for the 21st Century: Fifty Women Reveal Their Pathways to Success*, a book selected by the New York Public Library as recommended reading for young adults.

### **The Hunter and the Ebony Tree**

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