

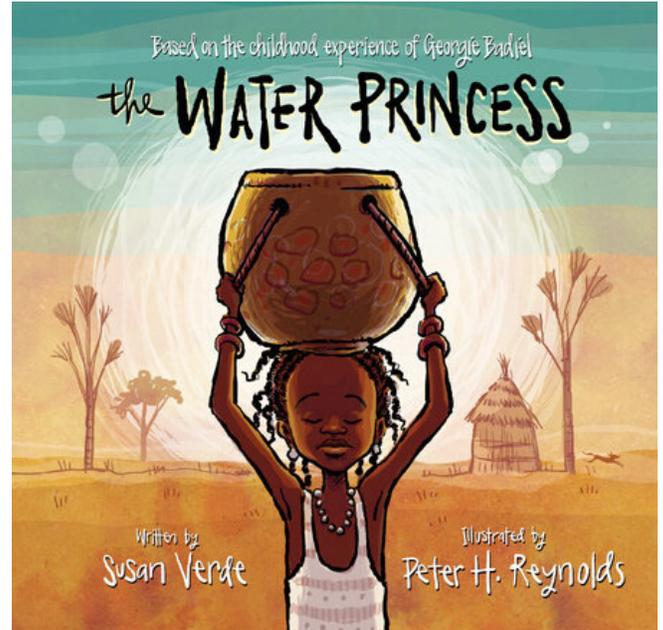


# THE WATER PRINCESS

## SUSAN VERDE

This story follows a young girl and her mother on their quest to get water. In some places in the world, like the place where they live, people have to walk many miles to get water, carrying heavy jugs or baskets of water long distances simply so they can have some water to drink and cook with. This particular story is the true story of a girl who dreamed of having clean water closer to her village. When that little girl grew up, she did!

### Questions:



1. Why would the girl want the water to be closer and clearer? What do you think the water is like where she lives?
2. Why would she have to get up so early in the morning? Have you ever had to get up before the sun came up to do work?
3. What is a well? Why can't she just get water from her kitchen? What does thirst feel like physically?
4. How would it feel to carry that pot on your head? What parts of your body would hurt from carrying something heavy on top of your head?
5. How would you feel if you had to go that far every day just to get water? What would it be like to have nothing to drink when you wake up in the morning?
6. Why are there so many people by the well? How would it feel to see your friends? Is that water clean? How will they get it clean? Why do they have to boil it? How would it feel to have to drink warm or hot water in that heat?
7. How would you feel when you finally get to drink some water at the end of the day? How would it feel physically?

ENDING: This story is based on Georgie's life. How do you think she felt getting to bring a water pump to the community where she grew up?