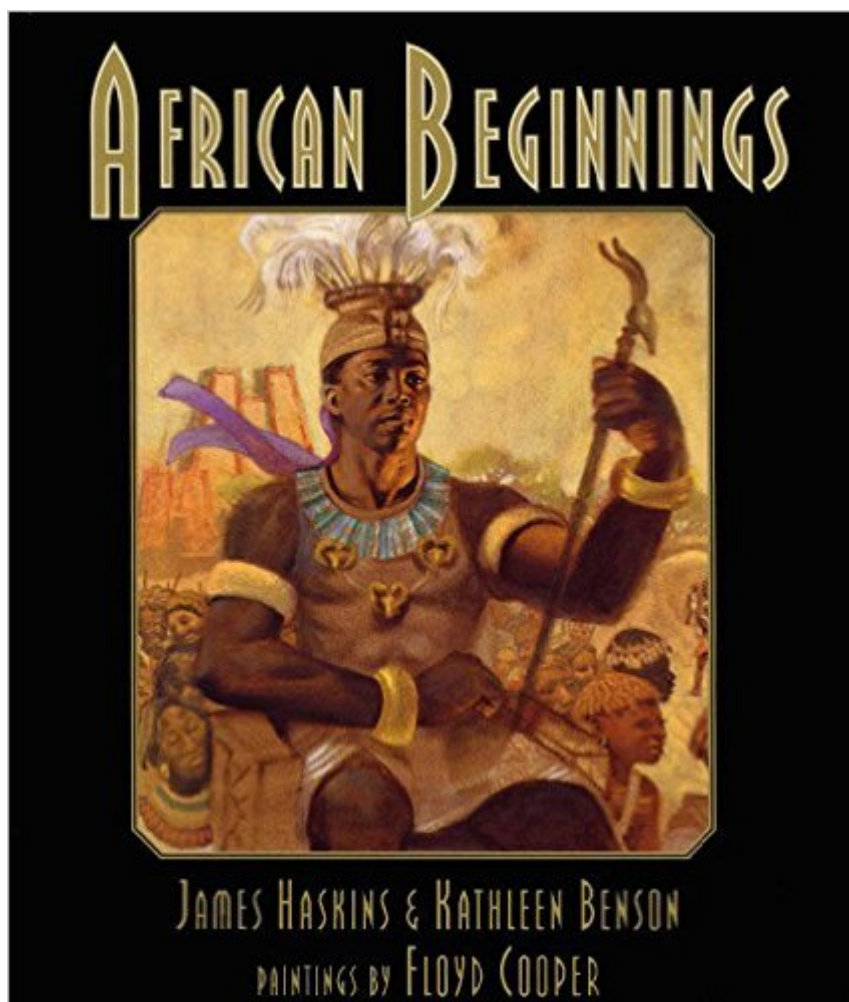


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# African Beginnings



## Synopsis

From the ancient kingdom of Kush, whose black pharaohs ruled Egypt for nearly a century, to the sixteenth-century empire of the Kongo, whose emperor was so powerful he was able to halt the trade in slaves for a number of years, the African continent rang with a series of glorious civilizations that have had a lasting impact on the world's history, and on American culture. James Haskins and Floyd Cooper have won numerous awards for their books for young people, including several Coretta Scott King Honor awards. This groundbreaking book is their first collaboration. Index. Bibliography. All ages. Consultants on this book were Dr. John Henrik Clarke, noted scholar of black history, and Dr. Enid Schildkrout, curator of anthropology, The American Museum of Natural History.

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How do you answer the questions about African history for an inquisitive, young mind? My 6-year old son wanted to know about Africa, where African people came from and about our origins as African-Americans. This book not only illustrates African culture and its people, but it is an early reader that he can understand and read with me or on his own. African Beginnings offers a colorful preview into the beginning of African tribes cultures and knowledge and capabilities in a way that a child can understand.

Although African civilization is an integral part of world history, it is an aspect of world history that is too often underemphasized--particularly at the elementary grade level. Young learners are seldom made aware that great empires like Egypt, Ghana, Jenne-Jeno, Kush, Songhay, Timbuktu, Nubia... once served as cradles of civilization led by kings and queens of ebon hue. This work, captivatingly illustrated by Floyd Cooper, helps to dispel stereotypical images of ancient African culture while serving as a springboard to African heritage. AFRICAN BEGINNINGS is a must-have resource for elementary students (Grades 2 through 5) and educators across cultures!

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