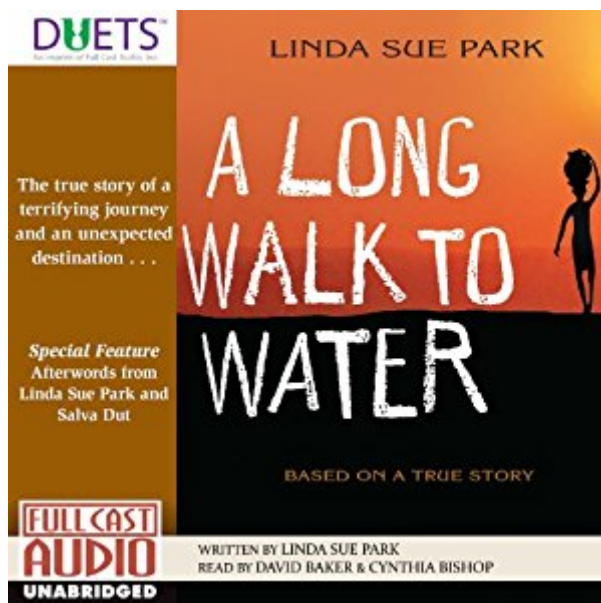


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# A Long Walk To Water



## Synopsis

Audie Award Finalist, Children's Titles for Ages 8-12, 2014 In 1985 southern Sudan is ravaged by war. Rebels and government forces battle for control, with ordinary people...people like the boy, Salva Dut...caught in the middle. When Salva's village is attacked, he must embark on a harrowing journey that will propel him through horror and heartbreak, across a harsh desert, and into a strange new life. Years later, in contemporary South Sudan, a girl named Nya must walk eight hours a day to fetch water. The walk is grueling, but there is unexpected hope. How these two stories intersect is told in this fascinating dual narrative, performed by David Baker and Cynthia Bishop, with the assistance of dialect coach James Achueil...who actually made the same journey across Africa when he was one of the "Lost Boys of the Sudan."

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Reading it together with my 9 year old. Some of the themes are a little mature, but he is engaged and enjoying the story. I thought it was an important historical event and thought he could identify with the young men who concurred so many atrocities in their young lives.

My grandson, age 11, read this book in school and recommended it to me. I was amazed and awed by Salva's strength and perseverance through incredible hardships as a young boy about the age of my grandson. I appreciate that his teacher recommended this book; all of us who live relatively easy lives need to know that not all people enjoy the opportunities we have and that we can do our part to help improve the lives of others. My grandson and I will be making a donation to the water project for Christmas this year.

Although written for mature children, "Long Walk to Water" engaged me as an adult too. I'm always drawn to stories of Africa as an author and this one did not disappoint me. Coughlin captured the excitement and emotion of actual events without sounding sad or depressing. The graphic detail of the refugee status was revealing. I felt engaged by the writing style. I highly recommend "Long Walk to Water" as an inspiring anecdote to children between the ages of 10-15 and adults.

A Long Walk to Water is an enjoyable read that makes you appreciate the comforts we enjoy in the first world. Park does an excellent job of putting the reader into the shoes of both main characters and keeps the plot simple, yet compelling at the same time. The tale is especially gratifying in its conclusion and makes the reader believe in the power of peace and forgiveness.

This was for my 7th grade son was assigned to read in school. This was the first book my son had ever finished, talked about and even read note than he was assigned to do. My son is dyslexic which makes reading a book laborious or even impossible. I bought the feature that reads it to him which he loved and made it more interesting since they had music and the reader used different voices for each character. It also highlighted the words as it read and for words that are hard it give the definition. Amazing it opens up a whole new world for struggling readers.

I love this book and just had my son read it for a 6th grade book report project. For him it was a little confusing at first because the writer alternates between two story lines throughout the book. I felt that it is such an important story, that I ended up reading it to him and he loved it. The story made for a great book report, also. I don't know why my son had trouble with the two story lines. For me, it was very easy to understand the delineation between the two stories. Also, he had trouble grasping the reality that this was based on a true story. He initially did not believe me that people, even today, have to live with such hardships and violence. The story is a great eye-opener and a reminder to us all not to take what we have for granted.

My grandson does not really like to read, but this was a required reading for the summer. He loved the book and still talks about the characters (a year later). Finding more books like this would change his perception of reading.

Superb. I'm always on the lookout for films, literature, art, etc which depicts life outside of

Middle-Class-America -- it's extremely important to me that my children grow into adults who are aware that most of the world isn't as privileged as we are. I read this out loud to my young children (ages 6-10). Not only did it prove to be a really intense adventure story, it was hugely meaningful that we were able to discuss that the events in the story are REAL, and that they happened to real people, and that it happened just a very few years ago (and a lot of it still continues today).

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