

# Dance Khuzwayo, dance!



Fiske Serah Nyirongo  
Jess Jardim-Wedepohl  
Job Mubinya

Dance  
Khuzwayo,  
dance!

This book belongs to

---







*Every child should own a hundred books by the age of five. To that end, Book Dash gathers creative professionals who volunteer to create new, African storybooks that anyone can freely translate and distribute. To find out more, and to download beautiful, print-ready books, visit [bookdash.org](http://bookdash.org).*

*Dance Khuzwayo, dance!*

Illustrated by Jess Jardim-Wedepohl

Written by Fiske Serah Nyirongo

Designed by Job Mubinya

Edited by Zanri Kritzinger

with the help of the Book Dash participants at the Bologna Children's Book Fair 2023.

ISBN: 978-1-77623-105-8

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 Licence (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>). You are free to share (copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format) and adapt (remix, transform, and build upon the material) this work for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the following license terms:

Attribution: You must give appropriate credit, provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made. You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use.

No additional restrictions: You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits.

Notices: You do not have to comply with the license for elements of the material in the public domain or where your use is permitted by an applicable exception or limitation.

No warranties are given. The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material.

Dance  
Khuzwayo,  
dance!



Fiske Serah Nyirongo   Jess Jardim-Wedepohl   Job Mubinya



Everyone knows that  
Khuzwayo loves to dance.

When the village leader  
chooses him to be the  
next Ingoma dancer, no  
one is surprised.



Ingoma is a dance to  
celebrate the first crops at  
the beginning of the year.

Khuzwayo's family is proud.





But Khuzwayo is worried.

How will he dance in front of  
so many people  
from so many villages?

He normally only performs for  
a few neighbours.

“I can’t do it!  
It’s too scary.”

He  
runs  
away ...







Everyone wonders where he is.  
No one can find him.

But Khuzwayo's best friends  
know exactly where he would be!









“Why did  
you run  
away?”



"I am nervous.  
What if I make  
a mistake?"







“We can help you.  
Let’s all practise together!”

“Khuzwayo, you’re so good. You’re  
ready to dance with the older dancers!”



Khuzwayo  
grows more  
confident.



On the day of the  
Ingoma dance  
Khuzwayo leads his  
village to the arena  
wearing a special outfit.

He still feels a little  
nervous, but the  
rattles on his feet  
guide him.





He stomps his legs.

He waves his arms.

Everyone loves

Khuzwayo's dance!







