

BOOK REVIEW

Title: The Disobedient Chick and Other Stories

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Dr Margaret Olusola Abimbola is a University of Ibadan trained Librarian with specialty in bibliotherapy and aliteracy. She is an ardent campaigner of reading and how tremendously transform the lives of people, especially that of young people. She constantly preaches the 'readers are leaders' refrain. Personally, I am a great beneficiary of her zest for reading as it has shaped me into the writer that I am today. The yellowish, sharp-looking chick which sits prettily on the front cover of 'The Disobedient Chicks and Other Stories' is the first point of attraction of every kid for the book. And it is beautiful to see because this front cover ignites the interest of kids in reading the book. This beautiful illustration of the well-written story is not limited to the front cover alone, it is replicated all through the book. In every chapter, every single one of the different stories is sufficiently illustrated to sustain the interest of the young readers and also help sharpen their imagination of every character in the storybook.

Also commendable is the simplicity of the language of the storybook. The language of the book is not ambiguous, neither is it above the level for whom it is written. It is a book which passes wonderful messages to children through the use of simple, day-to-day words. At the same time, new words are wisely incorporated so as to ensure that the readers' vocabulary is developed. These new words are described at the back of the book for easy understanding.

Lastly, the content of 'The Disobedient Chicks and Other Stories' is very rich. From the tragic story of Akuru, the disobedient chick to the funny but lesson-filled story of Woba, a covetous cat who was sold off by his loving owner, each story is told with the relevant moral lessons that will enable children to be able to practically apply such lessons to their lives. Relevant questions are also asked at the end of each story. This will ensure the attentiveness of children while reading the book. No child should be denied the privilege of owning a copy of this book.

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