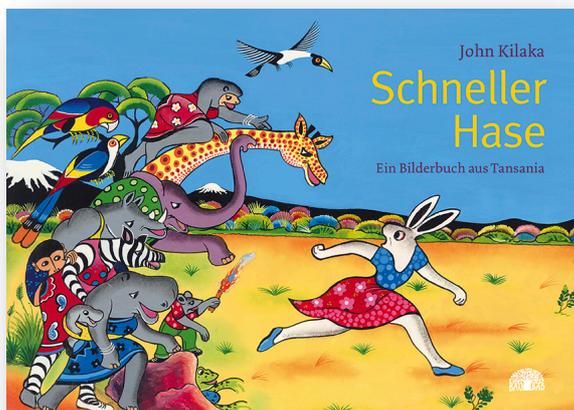


JOHN KILAKA: RUNNING RABBIT



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SYNOPSIS

The animals are thirsty, as there isn't enough water to go around. But the hungry crocodile lurking in the river is in no mood to share. It has demanded a sacrificial offering to satisfy its hunger.

The big animals all agree that a small animal has to be the sacrificed. To this end they want to catch Rabbit, but he darts away and finds sanctuary in a cave. Whilst searching for Rabbit Buffalo surprises hungry Lion, who in turn chases Buffalo. He just manages to save himself – by slipping into the same cave where Rabbit is. When the animals decide to jointly take Lion into custody he himself has no option but to flee. And where might he find refuge ...?

Even if Rabbit, Buffalo and Lion fear for their lives, the story ends with a big reconciliation. And thanks to Rabbit's clever idea there is plenty of water for everyone. The Tanzanian artist John Kilaka tells a fast-paced story about solidarity and cooperation. His pictures make the splendid best of the glorious colours and varied forms of the Tingatinga style of painting. A true feast for the eyes!

THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

John Kilaka was born in the southwest of Tanzania in 1966. At the age of twenty he moved to Dar es Salaam where he studied the art of Tingatinga painting with Peter Martin. Today John Kilaka is now one of the most important representatives of Tingatinga art.

This is John's fourth picture book, all of them have been translated into many languages, many have won awards around the globe.

