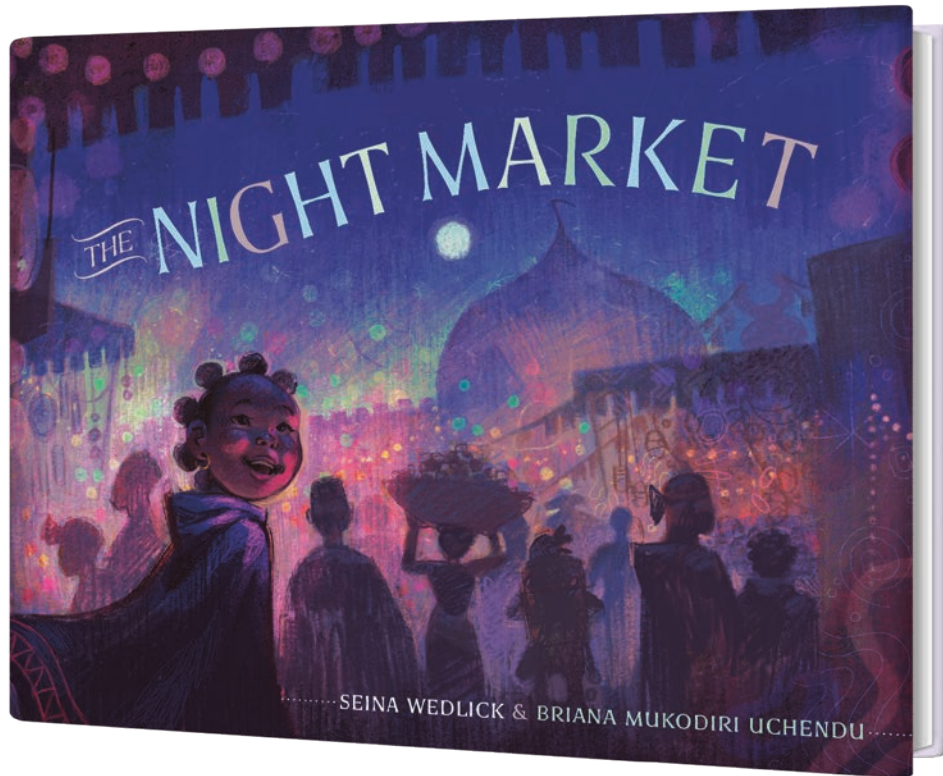


THE NIGHT MARKET

STORYTIME ACTIVITIES



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ABOUT THE BOOK

The Night Market is here again, and all entry is only one gold coin to enter.

The market is alive with the sound of hawkers and traders.

“A taste of tangy sweetness!” hollers a man behind a towering fountain of lemonade. “I’ll trade you a joke for a coin,” a little boy calls. “Homegrown spices!” shouts a granny at a counter. What should the girl buy?

But wait! Do you hear that? It’s the sound of an old African drum. Have a turn, then learn to make cards disappear when you shout *Abra-cad-abra*! When the sun starts to rise and the night market winds down, the girl has one gold coin left—just enough to buy a return ticket to the night market.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BEFORE AND AFTER READING *THE NIGHT MARKET*

BEFORE STARTING THE STORY

Ask readers the following questions.

Have you ever visited a market in your town?

How do you think it will be different from the market in the story? How will it be the same?

What kind of treasure do you think you'll find at the night market?

AFTER READING THE STORY

Ask readers what their favorite stall at the night market was.

Was it the man with the towering fountain of lemonade, or the granny with her homegrown spices?

Was it the colorful beads in little gold bowls or the paper kites?

Or something else entirely?



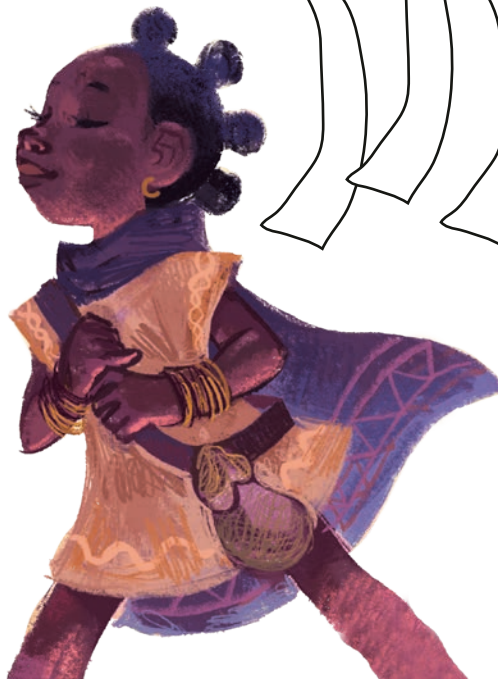
MAKE YOUR OWN PET JELLYFISH

The young girl discovers all sorts of mesmerizing wonders at the night market, including a pet jellyfish that glows in the dark. Create your own pet jellyfish using the instructions below!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- paper bowl
- tissue paper, crepe paper, or plastic bags
- paint
- paint brush
- scissors
- white glue
- string
- paper clip or button
- googly eyes

1. Punch a small hole in the center of the paper bowl.
2. Paint the outside of the paper bowl, including any special details
3. Cut a piece of string about 10-inches long. Tie the end of the string to the paper clip or button.
4. Insert the free end of the string through the whole you made from the inside of the paper bowl and pull through. The paperclip or button will act as a stopper.
5. Create tentacles by cutting the tissue paper, crepe paper, or plastic bag into long strips.
6. Glue the tentacles one at a time to the center of your paper bowl.
7. Add a face by using crayons, markers, or paint. Instead of drawing your face you can use a pair of googly eyes and a short length of string for the mouth.



DRAW YOUR OWN NIGHT MARKET STALL!

At the night market, each stall is an adventure waiting to be discovered. Ask readers to draw a picture of what their night market stall would look like, including detailed illustrations of the treasures they would sell.

