

About this book:

This collection of short stories is part of Books and Beyond, an international service project between students and teachers of Indiana University's Global Village Living-Learning Center (Bloomington, Indiana), TEAM Schools (Newark, New Jersey), and Kabwende Primary School (Kinigi, Rwanda). Students write and illustrate their own stories, benefitting personally and professionally from the cultural exchange of literacy.

Each year, after the books are published, they are distributed to students and teachers at Kabwende Primary School and used as English learning resources. The stories in this collection revolve around hopes and dreams, exploring topics such as going to college, future careers, and everyday life in Rwanda and the United States.

Books & Beyond gives my students in Newark the opportunity to think beyond themselves and their community as well as grow and learn from people all over the world. It is inspiring to see students of all ages, from all walks of life working toward one common goal.

- Ali Nagle, TEAM Academy teacher

The Books and Beyond project is reknown in America and the Rwandan Ministry of Education. Books & Beyond enables our students to write their own stories and also provides our staff with improved English teaching methods and computer techonology training.

- NKURIYINGOMA Clement, Kabwende Primary School Headmaster

We can all celebrate the publication of *The World is Our Home*, by the the Books & Beyond project. This inspired collaboration of Rwandan and American students, along with IU's Global Village, embodies Indiana University's efforts to foster cross-cultural learning, social justice, and understanding in an increasingly global world.

- Lauren Robel, Indiana University Provost

In the animal kingdom, the young learn survival skills from their elders. The beauty of Books & Beyond is that students mentor each other and become global citizens.

- Jack Hanna, Director Emeritus, Columbus Zoo

