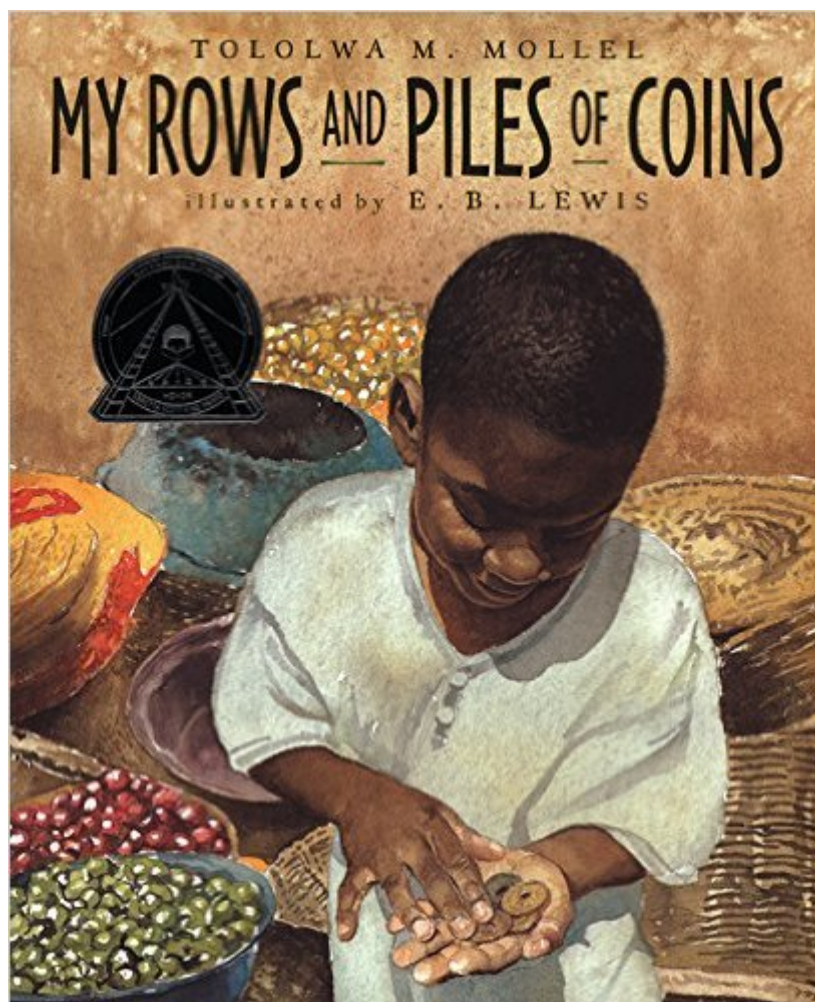


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# My Rows And Piles Of Coins



## Synopsis

"I emptied my secret money box, arranged the coins in piles and the piles in rows . . ." The market is full of wonderful things, but Saruni is saving his precious coins for a red and blue bicycle. How happy he will be when he can help his mother carry heavy loads to market on his very own bicycle--and how disappointed he is to discover that he hasn't saved nearly enough! Determination and generosity are at the heart of this satisfying tale, set in Tanzania and illustrated with glowing watercolors that capture the warmth of Saruni's family and the excitement of market day.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book is so beautifully illustrated and written. The story line of saving money for a desired purchase (a red and blue bike), took me back to my own childhood. Readers can feel the child's disappointment over not having enough money. As a wonderful addition, the child wants to save for a bike in order to help his mother carry her heavy loads. This was a truly enjoyable read.

With so many schools adopting some form of character education, this book is a must for any teacher's collection. I have read this book with first and second graders and I've read it with seventh and eighth graders, too. With both groups the book holds their attention and forces them to think

critically about how they view their own small worlds. Kids naturally place themselves at the center of their worlds. This book eloquently makes them take a step back and consider the feelings of others. The book has allowed me to engage kids of all ages in discussions about gratitude and what it means to do for others. Chris Bowen Author of, "Our Kids: Building Relationships in the Classroom"

A boy helps his mother carry loads to market & saves his coins to buy a bike which could carry a load for him. He diligently saves for a long time and finally presents his "rows and piles of coins" to the man who sells bikes at the market, only to be laughed at because he didn't have enough money. He is heartbroken and when his mother asks, he explains it all to her. She was touched that he wanted to buy a bike to help carry loads to market; soon when his father buys a motorbike, the father offers to sell his old bicycle to the boy for the amount he has saved. The boy is grateful and eager, and is doubly-blessed when his parents return his money as a token of appreciation for his help. He proudly walks his load on his bike to market (he doesn't ride because his mother couldn't keep up) and thinks about saving his coins to purchase a cart so that his mother won't have to carry anything. A wonderful book that will build character & warms your heart. You won't forget this book long after you've read it. We borrowed it from our library and fell in love with it- I simply have to buy a copy, not many books are this good. Did I mention the illustrations are outstanding and the story is incredibly well written? Kept both my attention and that of my 5 year old.

I have been trying to get books that depict other places and cultures and this is one of my favorites. (I believe it was set in 1960's Tanzania) The pictures are detailed and realistic and you can talk a lot about them if your kids are the curious types. The story is really well-written and enjoyable for adults too and gives a picture of a loving family that looks out for one another. It brings up a lot of good themes to discuss with school age children such as saving money, practicing something hard until you master it, making sacrifices for others, helping out and doing your part in the family, gratefulness, patience, planning, etc. I really liked it.

Teaches the patience of savings money over the long haul in order to meet a goal. Also teaches that saving money isn't always about getting nice things, it's also about savings money so you can do something nice for someone else. In this case, the boy was savings up for a bike so he can 1: have an awesome bike that he loves to ride but also 2. so he can help his mother take heavy loads to the market every week.

I bought this book for my child and it was truly wonderful. We learned how to pronounce different words, and it thought a wonderful lesson as well.

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