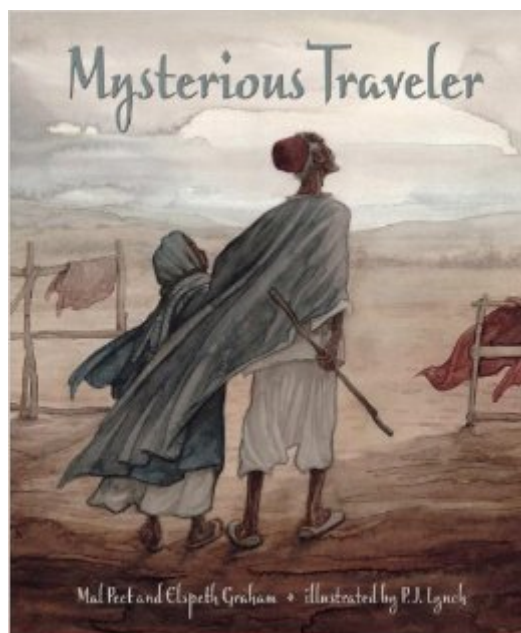


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# Mysterious Traveler



## Synopsis

An uplifting tale evoking the golden sands of Africa by Carnegie Medalist Mal Peet and his wife, Elspeth Graham, captivantly illustrated by P.J. Lynch. Already an old man, desert guide Issa has seen thousands of dawns. One particular morning, however, the desert reveals something new; something that changes his life. Tucked away in a narrow cave, shielded from a treacherous dust storm by a faithful camel, a baby girl lies wrapped in fine cotton and wearing half of a star medallion around her neck. Issa names the girl Mariama. As years pass, Issa loses his sight, and Mariama becomes his eyes. So Issa doesn't see the pattern on the robes of a mysterious young traveler who comes through their village, or the medallion he wears. Who is this young stranger, and what does his arrival mean for the life Issa and Mariama share in the desert?

## Book Information

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Nice drawings but the story is kind of boring in that the book feels like some corny 'traditional' tale. That's my take as a 50-year-old guy. My younger 6th grade student handed it back to me unfinished. Also said too boring. Again, not a bad book, just too slow.

My Grandson loved this book

Beautiful illustrations, unusual story.

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