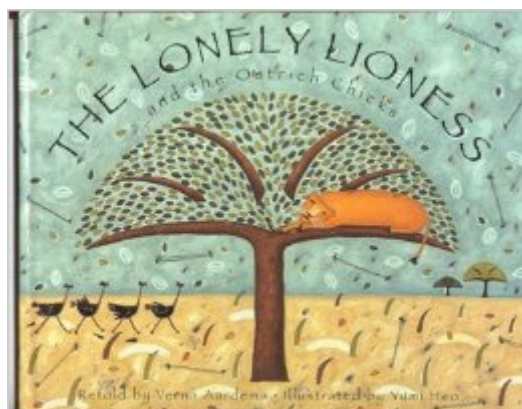


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# The Lonely Lioness And The Ostrich Chicks



## Synopsis

Illustrated in full color. Beloved storyteller Verna Aardema is at her finest in this African animal tale, weaving charm and suspense with a delightfully satisfying resolution. Peering down from her treetop perch, a lonely lioness admires the noisily cheeping clan of Mother Ostrich and thinks, "I would be happy to have just one child." So she leaps down, grrum! and steals all four ostrich chicks.

Accepting the lioness as their mother, the chicks follow right behind her. Mother Ostrich is frantic! As she chases after the lioness, she enlists the help of gazelle, hyena, jackal, and mongoose. But which one can help her to get her chicks back? With art by Yumi Heo that blends primitive, African, and folk styles, *The Lonely Lioness and the Ostrich Chicks* is a captivating picture book destined to be a classic. Â Â

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This story of a mother ostrich and her baby chicks will tug at your heartstrings. A lioness, who is without children of her own, steals baby chicks from a mother ostrich. The mother ostrich persists in trying to reason with the lioness to give her chicks back. Along the way she solicits the help of other creatures, until finally she finds one animal friend who helps outwit the lioness. In the end the mother and her chicks are reunited. This story, with its artistic and creative illustrations teaches a multitude of life lessons to young children as they learn of the mother ostrich's unwavering devotion to her baby chicks. ~DeeDee Fox, Author of *The Ruby Red Slippers*

I brought this book on a recent visit to my nieces and they loved it. We reread it many times during my visit, enjoying the beautiful illustrations of african animals.

Spent many nights reading this to my daughter. We love this classic.

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