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***The Ponds of Kalambayi***

*The Ponds of Kalambayi* is about peace crop volunteer Mike Tidwell and his life changing experience as he goes to a tribal chiefdom in Kalambayi. There he educates the villagers on how to raise fish. He faces challenges like when villagers will not listen to him because those villagers think that Mike Tidwell is trying to make them work for him.

Illunga was one of the first villagers to start a pond. He listens to Tidwell and starts to raise tilapia. Two other people Kalambayi Katanda and Ngeleka Muzangu see Illunga and his fish pond and also start tilapia ponds near him. Soon the villagers asked Tidwell about the ponds. Soon Tidwell had started pond after pond.

As Tidwell moves on from village to village he gets turned down by many people. When he asks if they would like to start to raise fish and many say they don’t want to. One man though comes along whose name is Kanyenda says he wants two ponds. Tidwell is ecstatic until he figures out that Kanyenda wants them at the same time for his two sixteen year old sons so they can go to school.

This book is filled with much more on Mike Tidwell’s experiences in Africa. It will keep you reading like it did with me. I would say that this is one of the best books I have ever read.

Recommendation

The book *The Ponds of Kalambayi* was a great book to read. I liked reading this book because it kept me reading. Also I liked it because it was about something relatable to what I want to do in life, help people. I’m one of those people who say they don’t like to read because it gets to be kind of boring, but that’s not the case. I need a book that keeps me wanting to read and read. Otherwise I get distracted and before you know it you have read two chapters and I don’t remember anything. So that’s why I’m glad my language arts teacher had us read this in class.

I would recommend this book to a person that kind of likes a little history in their books. If you’re a big history person this book isn’t packed full of it. Also, this book would be great for you if you are interested in traveling in your career and helping people who need it. For instance if you want to join the peace corps this book would be great because it talks about some real experiences that you may have if you join.

People I wouldn’t recommend this book to people who like science fiction and futuristic stuff. This book has basically no futuristic things about it. It also doesn’t have and wizard things and gaming type concepts in it either. Although there is some science type stuff making the ponds you won’t find a lot of that either. So if you want a little science you might like this book as well.

I really encourage people to read this book if it sound like your kind of book. This book is a real page turner and if you read it you surly might agree with me.