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Zulu dog

For my African book report I chose to read the book Zulu Dog. This book tells the tales of a young boy named Vusi. It is located in the Zulu tribes’ village. Vusi is a 12 year old boy who loves to hunt.

In the beginning of the story Vusi is all alone with no one to play with or talk to. His parents are always busy. His father is a hunter, and his mother is always working around the house. The village dog named Sheba is pregnant with a couple of puppies.

One night Vusi is lying in his bed, when he hears a very loud screeching noise outside his hut. He gets up to see what it was and he figures out it was a leopard mauling the baby puppies. Most of them are already very injured or dead. He finds one dog who is still able to se saved. It has very sharp teeth so he names is Gillette.

He raises the dog to be the best hunting dog in his village. He is keeping the dog a secret because his mom forbids him so have a pet. He father thinks that the dog is incapable to hunt; but when his family goes on the first hunt he is proved wrong. They find out that Gillette is way more capable than just sitting around.

One day Vusi is walking around outside of the village when he runs into a white farm girl named Sherly. He doesn’t know much English so it’s hard for them to communicate. The more they see each other the better friends they become.

Once Vusi and Sherly become really good friends, Sherly runs away. The Zulu village and the white farmers are forced to go search for her. They search day and night for her until they finally find her at the bottom of a canyon. Vusi rescues her and she gets home warm and safe. The white farmers and that Zulu tribe make a peace treaty and they become friends. The book ends with Vusi and his tribe having dinner with the farmers. I really enjoyed this book. So I would recommend it to most people.