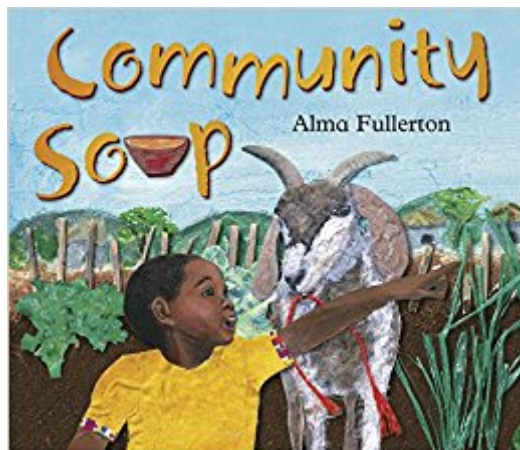


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# Community Soup



## Synopsis

In a garden outside a Kenyan schoolhouse children are working together to harvest the vegetables they have grown and make them into a soup for everyone to share. But Kioni is having trouble: her herd of mischievous goats followed her to school today and they are trying to eat all the vegetables. The ensuing chaos caused by the goats is cleverly resolved by the children, making their vegetable soup very tasty while saving Kioni's four-legged intruders at the same time. Using rollicking verse with echoes of "Mary had a Little Lamb," Alma Fullerton tells a lively story about communal projects and finding creative solutions that help everyone contribute. This lively story for young readers is graced with Alma's stunning primitive paper sculpture art - the first book she has chosen to illustrate herself.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2 *With echoes of "Mary Had a Little Lamb," this amusing tale set in a Kenyan school garden tells the story of students and their teachers making soup. A girl's recalcitrant goats, however, do little to help with the process: "Kioni has a herd of goats, with hair of calico. And everywhere Kioni goes, those goats are sure to... Oh, no! Finally, one clever student realizes that the animals have just the right ingredient to add to the meal: their*

milk. This title will be a fun read-aloud, with lots of opportunities for listeners to predict the upcoming action. The full-color, mixed-media collages steal the show. The illustrations add texture and vibrancy to the tale and advance the plot on several wordless pages. The book ends with a recipe for pumpkin vegetable soup. A great choice for group sharing or for units on communities. —Sara-Jo Lupo Sites, George F. Johnson Memorial Library, Endicott, NY (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

The first line of this story draws readers into a day-in-the-life of Kenyan school community, which Fullerton depicts with mixed-media collage and paper-sculptures that lend a diorama-like depth to each scene. (International Reading Association Reading Today Online) The simply told story uses sparse language, but it is the lively drawings that are so winning. Fullerton's incredible 3D collage illustrations in mixed media fairly leap off the page and cleverly complement the text. (CM Magazine) Community Soup is a short fun tale that welcomes everyone...Alma Fullerton uses bright colors and texture in excitingly visual collages throughout the book. Each page comes alive and pops right off the page! Community Soup is wonderful for young readers looking to explore their culinary side with a little help from Kioni and her friends! (New York Botanical Gardens, "Children's Books Explore the Power of Community") The recipe for Fullerton's second picture book, after *A Good Trade*, involves a bit of 'Stone Soup,' a dash of 'Mary Had a Little Lamb,' and a rural Kenyan setting. . . . there's much to enjoy in Fullerton's textured illustrations . . . (Publishers Weekly) The full-color, mixed-media collages steal the show . . . A great choice for group sharing or for units on communities. (School Library Journal) For reading aloud or alone, a nourishing choice. (Kirkus) The simple sentences have a conversational tone and the superb pacing makes for a lively read aloud...[The] paper-sculpture illustrations are a visual feast . . . Textures seem tactile, from the rough, peeling bark on twigs to the softly curling tufts of the goats' hair. (Quill & Quire)

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