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*A Continental Journey*



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*Swift Walker loved to walk fast. His sister warned him, "One day, you'll walk so fast you won't be able to stop!" Sure enough, his speedy legs took him on a journey across the world.*

*"Wow!" he said, "Amazing!"*

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*To my children and grandchildren...*



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*But Swift kept right on walking.*

*Swift Walker walked faster than everybody. Even his little dog could barely keep up with him!  
His mom would say, "Slow down, Swift!"  
His dad would say, "Son, you walk too fast!"  
His sister would say, "One day you'll walk so fast, you won't be able to stop!"*



*One sunny afternoon, Swift took a walk...a fast walk, of course. After a few hours, Swift realized he was tired. He wanted to slow down, but his feet would not stop. They kept right on walking!*

*Before he could blink, Swift walked all the way to...*

# Africa!

Swift walked by...

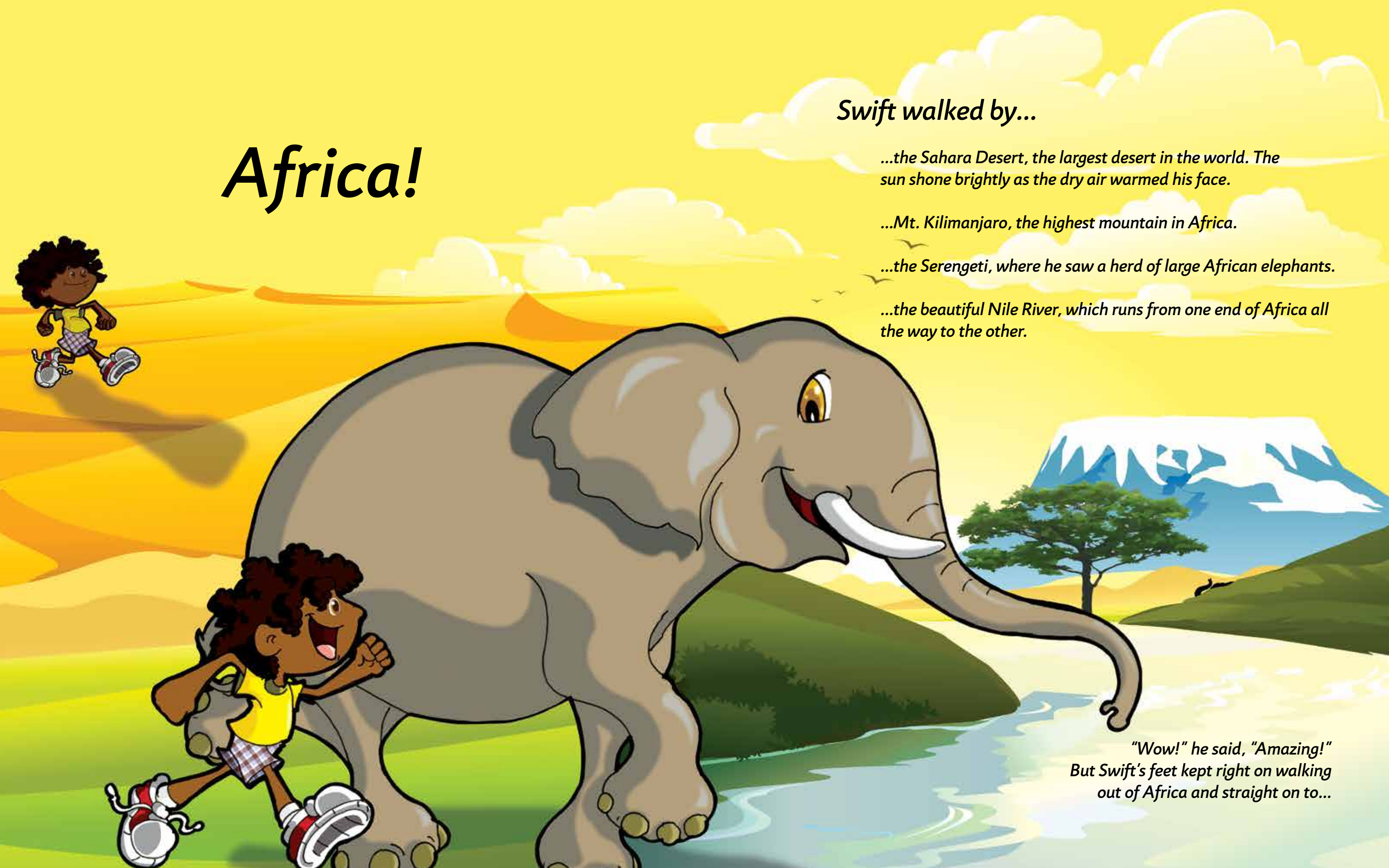
*...the Sahara Desert, the largest desert in the world. The sun shone brightly as the dry air warmed his face.*

*...Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa.*

*...the Serengeti, where he saw a herd of large African elephants.*

*...the beautiful Nile River, which runs from one end of Africa all the way to the other.*

*"Wow!" he said, "Amazing!"  
But Swift's feet kept right on walking  
out of Africa and straight on to...*





# Europe!

*He couldn't believe what he saw...*

*...the Eiffel Tower looked like it reached the sky and touched the clouds.*

*...St. Basil's Cathedral, the most beautiful cathedral in Europe. What a masterpiece!*

*...the North Cape in Norway with its peaceful waters. It looked like paradise.*

*"Wow!" he said, "Amazing!"  
But Swift's feet kept right on walking out of Europe and straight on to...*



# Asia!

*"Wow!" he said, "Amazing!"  
But Swift's feet kept right on walking out of Asia  
and straight on to...*

*Swift sauntered by...*

*...the Taj Mahal, the grandest building he had ever seen. I wonder if anyone still lives here, Swift thought.*

*...a Siberian tiger, the largest in the cat family, only found in Central Asia.*

*...the Yangtze River, the longest river in Asia.*





# Australia!

*His eyes grew wide at the sight of...*

*...the Kanangra Falls in Kanangra Boyd National Park where waters cascaded down the big rock wall.*

*...Koala bears eating from a fragrant eucalyptus tree.*

*...the Harbour Bridge and Opera House in Sydney. He could see the whole city from there!*

*"Wow!" he said, "Amazing!"  
But Swift's feet kept right on walking out of Australia and straight on to...*

# Antarctica!

*Swift passed by...*

*...the slow moving rivers of ice called valley glaciers.*

*...a mommy seal and her pup rubbing noses.*

*...Observation Hill where he saw the best view, clear across Antarctica.*

*"Wow!" he said, "Amazing!"*

*But Swift's feet kept right on walking out of Antarctica and straight on to...*



# South America!

*Swift's excitement grew at the sight of...*

*...Mount Cotopaxi in Ecuador, the world's tallest active volcano. Will it erupt soon? Swift wondered.*

*...the damp Amazon Rainforest and the towering Brazil Nut Trees.*

*...a red poison tree frog whose colors are a warning to stay away!*

*...the Atacama Desert in Chile with the Hand of the Desert made of cement and iron.*

*"Wow!" he said "Amazing!"  
But Swift's feet kept right on walking out of South America and straight on to...*



# *North America!*



## *Swift spotted...*

*...the Spirit of Washington sailing down the Potomac River in Washington, DC, the nation's capital.*

*...Horseshoe Bend on the Colorado River. It looked like the bend was full of green and blue jelly!*

*...an enormous whale, diving in the waters of the Auke Bay off the Alaska Shores.*

*"Wow!" he said "Amazing!"  
But Swift's feet kept right on walking until he found himself...*



*...in his bed.*

*When he looked down at his feet,  
he realized his great adventure  
was a dream.*



*Swift promised himself he would slow down and pay attention to see all he could see. He understood his adventure was just beginning. What an adventure it would be!*

***"Wow!" he said, "Amazing!"***





### About the Author

Verlyn Tarlton, a native Washingtonian, is a mother, wife, poet and author. She got her love of reading and writing from her late grandfather, Ethelbert Haskins, who was a university professor in Washington, DC. She has always been passionate about reading, writing and teaching. She especially wants to pass on the love of reading and adventure to young children and encourage them to dream BIG!





