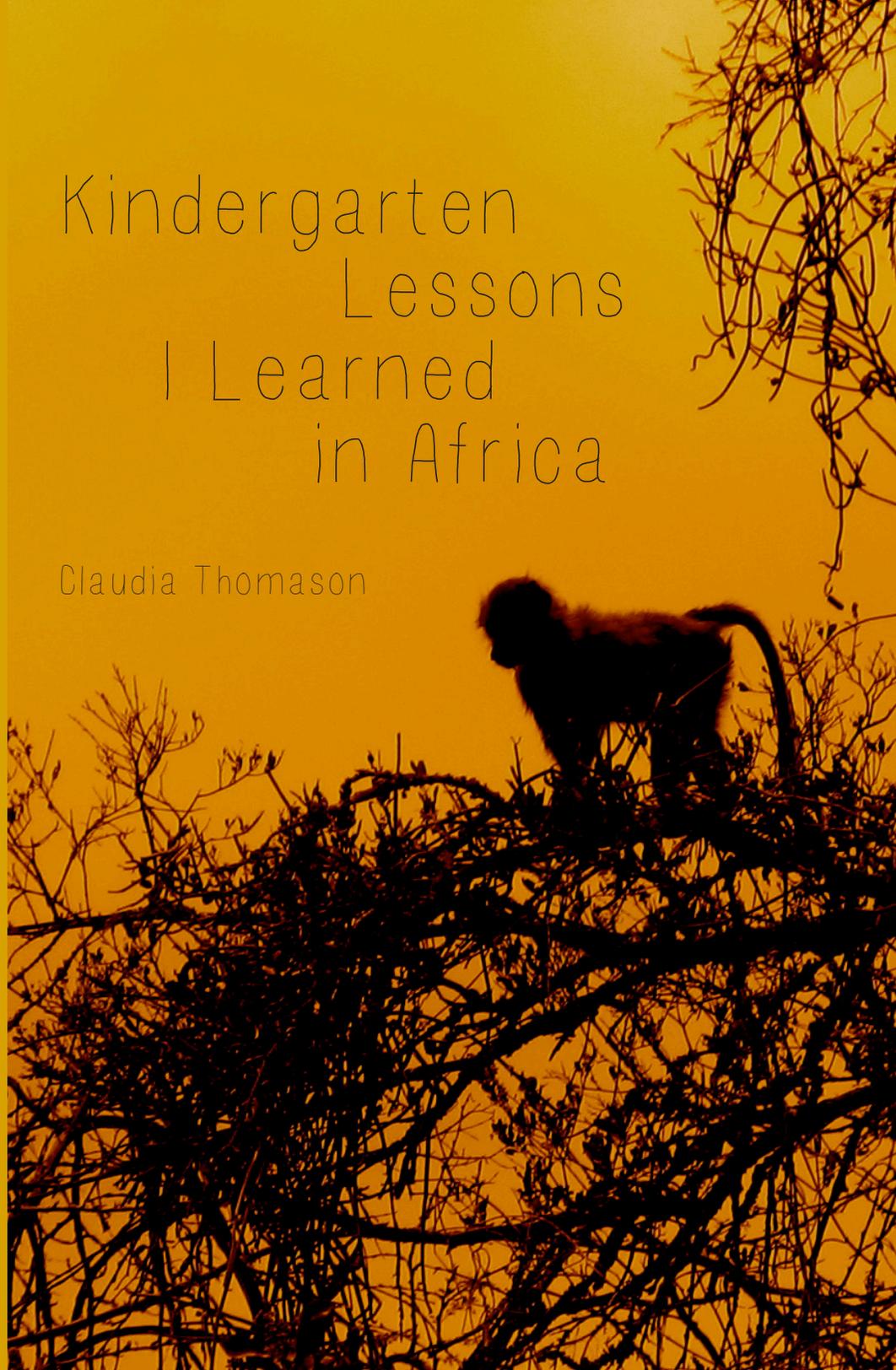


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Kindergarten Lessons I Learned in Africa gives an account of the adventures of author Claudia Thomason while on mission trips in Africa. The sights, smells, sounds and life lessons are detailed for readers in colorful terms throughout this memoir, while each account is heavily grounded in spiritual insight.

This collection of missionary stories lights up both the imagination and the heart, as the author recounts the children, the danger, the travel predicaments — and the escapades of some especially mischievous baboons. Relishing how the heart of a loving God can sometimes be found in the most unexpected times and places, Claudia Thomason's autobiographical piece is one which readers are sure to remember.

Claudia Thomason spent her childhood in northern Ohio before moving to Arizona. She worked in the criminal justice system as Division Chief of the local County Victim Witness Program, then as Deputy Director of the Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services. She served on the Arizona Supreme Court Judicial Council's Committee on Probation and also served two terms as Chair of the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services.



An outspoken voice for crime victims, she co-founded the County's Domestic Violence Task Force: one of ten programs in the nation recommended to the national domestic violence community by the Institute for Law and Justice. Claudia received recognition by United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for outstanding dedication and service on behalf of crime victims.

In 1999, exciting opportunities arose to work with children in Africa. After her first trip, she realized that they taught her far more than she was ever able to teach them, prompting her to become ordained into the ministry in 2008. Claudia is currently a therapeutic foster parent and Director of the School Sponsorship Division of Reaching Kids International.