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The White Giraffe

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Martine's parents are killed in a fire, and she must leave her home in England to live on a wildlife reserve in Africa with a grandmother she never knew she had. Sound a little bit like a story you've read before? Well, don't be so sure.

Martine is no ordinary orphan. Martine is no ordinary 11-year-old. Living in Africa is her destiny, a destiny determined by forces as old, and as powerful, as the earth itself. It's a destiny as mysterious, and as awesome, as the pure white giraffe that haunts the reserve – a creature only Martine has both the ability to find...and to save.

Open *The White Giraffe*. Breathe the sultry air of the African dawn. Feel the intense heat of the African noon. See the splendid colors of the African sunset. *The White Giraffe*. Open it – and take the trip of a lifetime.



Best for fourth grade and up