



Blurb

Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Her father is from Africa and her mother is from Canada.

Anna's parents decide to rent a beach house so their immediate family can vacation. Her parents are initially eager to enjoy the time away from the crowd. Soon, the twins start throwing fits, and Anna's parents grow exhausted.

Little by little, Anna's father brings the whole extended family to the beach to join them. The aunts cook, sing, watch the babies and joke with Anna's mother.

The family reminds Anna's parents why it isn't good to be alone and why it's better to help each other.

Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow!



Something about the Author- Atinuke

I wanted to be an author from the age of 5. Right through my childhood books were my comfort and my escape. When I ran out of books to read, I made up stories in my head. The books I read led to some of my biggest decisions.

I studied English and Commonwealth Literatures at university and afterwards I travelled. I have now written over 20 children's books, almost all set in Nigeria. Now I live in Wales where I swim in cold seas and stomp along wild footpaths.

SPaG Focus

- ☐ **Adjectives** - words used to describe and give more information about a noun, which could be a person, place or object.
- ☐ **Command** - a type of sentence in which someone is being told to do something.
- ☐ **Compound Words**-two or more words are joined together, with or without a hyphen.
- ☐ **Exclamation**- Exclamation marks are used at the end of statements when a strong emotion is being expressed (good and bad – surprise, excitement or delight, but also anger, fear or shock).
- ☐ **Statement**- a definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing.
- ☐ **Subordinating Conjunctions**- a word or phrase that links two clauses.
- ☐ **Question**- a type of sentence used to ask or write to gain further information from a person or people responding.

Teaching sequence aims:

- To discuss themes and issues that arise in this moving story, enabling children to make connections with their own lives.
- To explore and develop ideas through talk and to listen to each other's responses.
- To develop creative responses to the text through drama, play and drawing.
- To compose poetry in response to reading, artwork and visualising.
- To write in role in order to explore characters and event.
- To develop storytelling techniques in the style of Atinuke.
- To write for a range of purposes and audience.

Vocabulary

Cockroach- an insect with a flat body and long antennae that lives in most parts of the world.

Embrace- an act or instance of holding someone closely in one's arms; hug.

Fax- the sending of documents using telephone lines.

Lagoon- a shallow channel or pond near or connected with a larger body of water.

Outnumbered- to be larger in number than. (Example-The no votes outnumbered the yes votes).

Murmur- a muttered complaint or grumble.

Skyscraper- a very tall building with many stories, or floors.

Shanty Town- usually poor town or section of a town made up mostly of rough huts.

Supervised- the act of watching a person or activity and making certain that everything is done correctly and safely.

Traditional- the handing down of information, beliefs, or customs from one generation to another.

Veranda- A veranda or verandah is a porch or long, open room with a roof over it.