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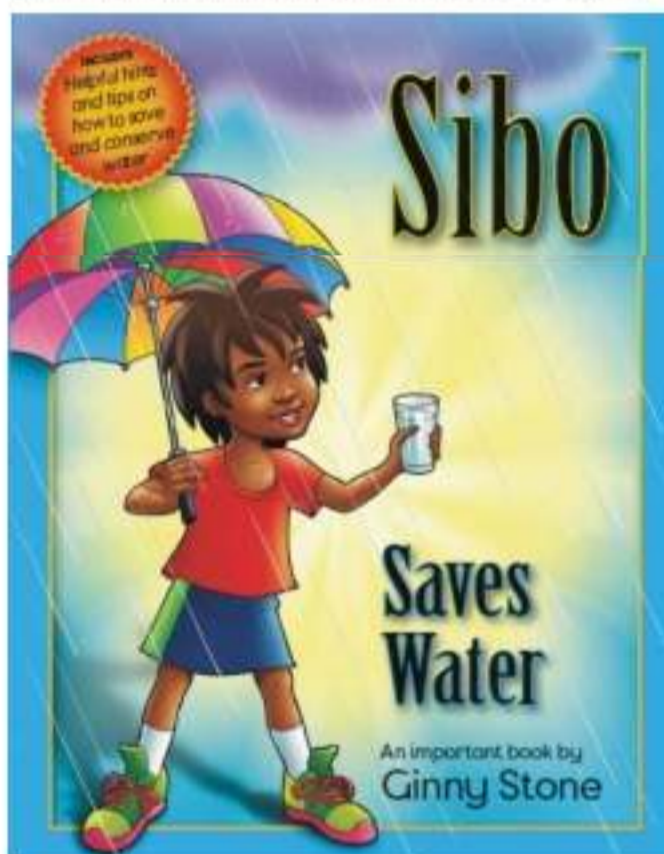
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## no magic worlds for sibo – only this endangered one

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"Fairy tales are more than true, not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten."  
- G.K. Chesterton

Right off the bat, I have to say something. Ginny Stone's Sibos books are not fairy tales. There are no dragons, monsters, princesses, ogres, dwarves, frogs, witches, giants or good politicians - it is based in a normal, everyday relatable reality. That is what makes these books necessary.

Attempting to explain global warming to children might seem like trying to explain the atomic structure of nitrogen to a cat, but here it is done in a way that promotes the concepts of change and activity instead of using scare tactics that have your children dreaming about apocalyptic wastelands.

I think that the best parts about these books are that they don't teach through fear. Sure, little Sibos is worried that the planet is being botched, but she decides to do something about it, and that, like the road less taken, makes all of the difference.

I am an enormous fan of allegory. I like my stories to let me figure things out for myself. And yes, there are tons of children's books like that, just read Lewis Carroll, or Dr. Suess or Neil Gaiman and you'll see. But, I don't think that Sibos could have worked on that level, because it proudly and importantly makes a statement about our environment, by actually talking about the environment, and not about an enchanted land whose queen is dying and needs to be saved - again. not that I don't enjoy those types of stories.

Sibos is a normal young girl, trying to come to grips with the issues around global warming and other pressing environmental concerns, such as water preservation. To make her stories even more relatable to children are the figures of Sibos's parents in the books - her mother is a doubting, deeply-habitual woman who is scared of change, whilst her father is a jeep driving, goatee sporting man who provides Sibos with emotional support.

The stories are told in rhyme, which I think is a key device in helping to keep children involved in the story and ultimately help them to remember certain points - pretty much the same way that a song might work. It is catchy, and the brain is generally pleased to listen to the cadence and rhythm.

Stone's Sibos books are aimed primarily at children between the ages of 4 to about 8 and can be purchased at most local bookstores, even Exclusive Books. But I'm sure you can order them though Sibos's [blog](#) as well! Yep... our little, world saving, water conscious, veggie-bed making heroine is online too.

The Sibos series is hopeful and I hope that you get them for your kids (of course if you do have kids) or as a gift for others. There's nothing better than teaching kids that the world is a pretty awesome place, and that it can be saved - that if we work together, there won't be anymore dragons to beat.

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