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Introduction to the African Storybook website

Open access to picture storybooks in the languages of Africa.
For children's literacy, enjoyment and imagination.



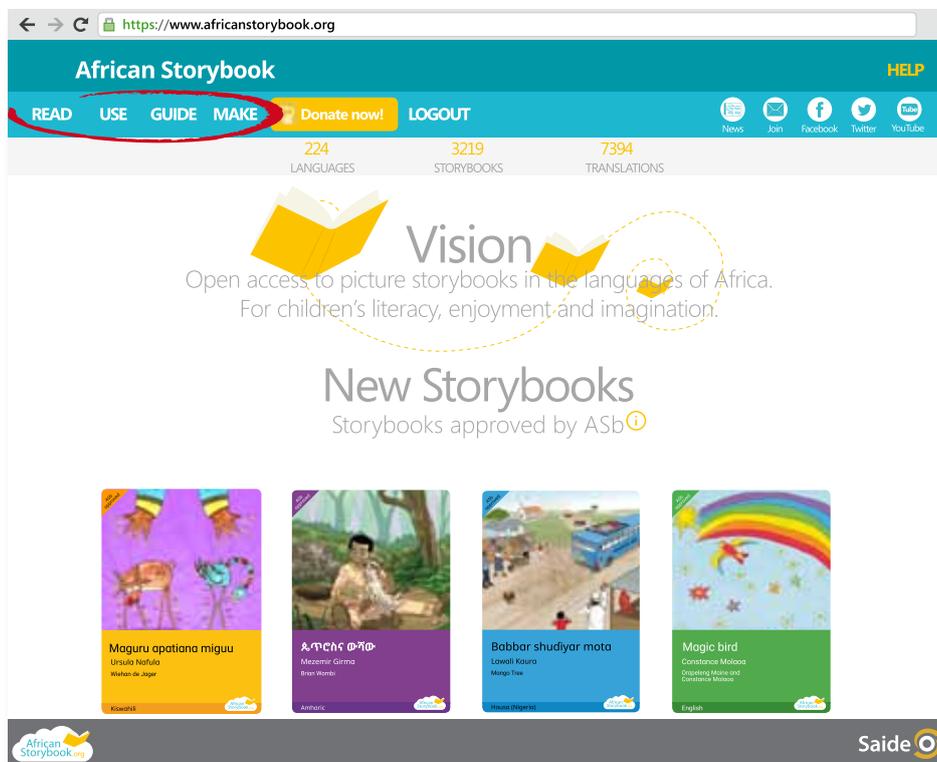


The African Storybook website has thousands of openly licensed free picture storybooks in the languages of Africa for children's literacy, enjoyment, and imagination. It also has tools for translating, adapting, and creating picture storybooks for children from age two to the first three or four years of primary school. Through this short guide, we explore the tools to help you develop, publish, and use contextually appropriate storybooks that can be read online or offline, downloaded and printed.

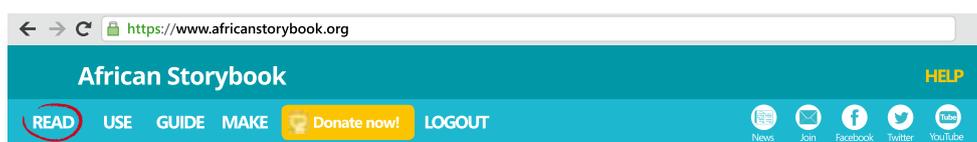
In this guide, we will look at the four main features of the African Storybook website: **READ, USE, GUIDE**, and **MAKE**, as well as their different elements.

African Storybook website features

There are four main features of the website: **READ, USE, GUIDE, and MAKE**. You will find these four tabs at the top left corner of the website.

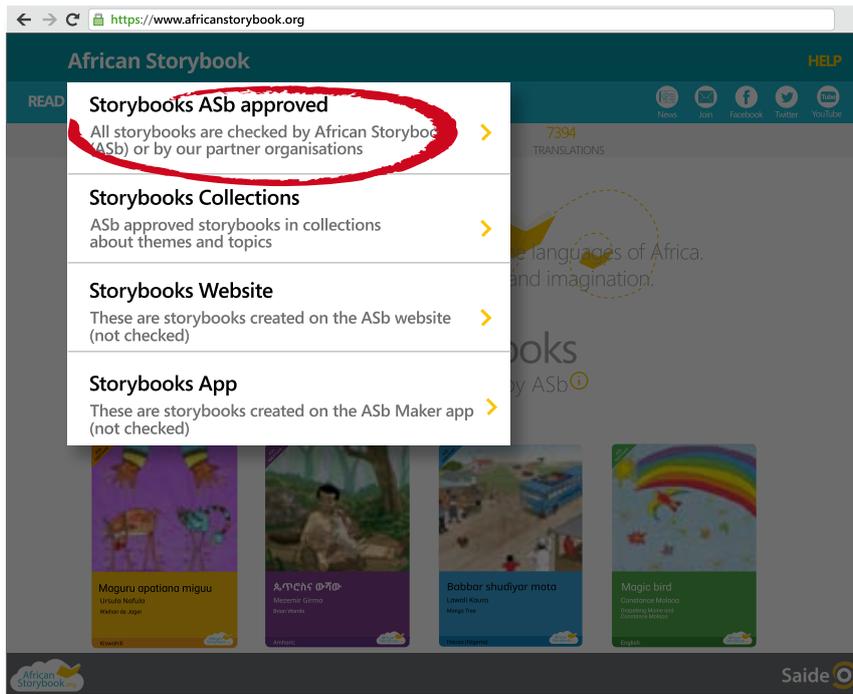


1 READ tab

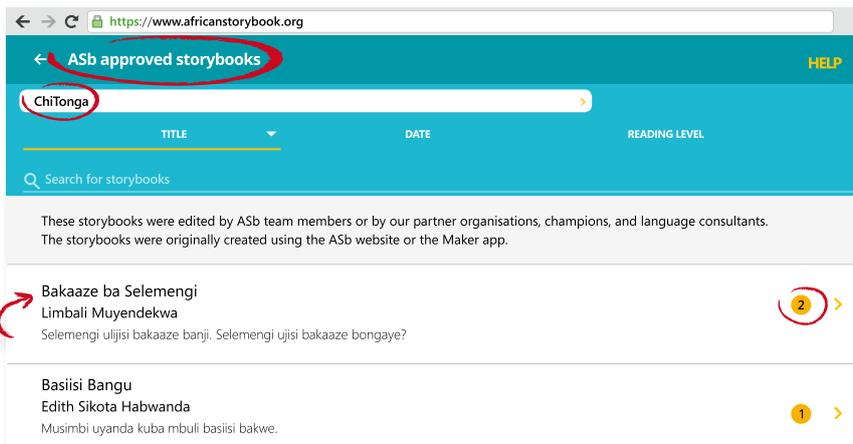


First on the top left corner is **READ** - this is where you can access all of the picture storybooks available on the website. You can **read, download, save, and print** any storybooks. When you click on the READ drop-down menu, you can access the following categories of content:

- > **ASb Approved Storybooks** - All the storybooks are checked by African Storybook or by our partner organisations.
- > **Storybook Collections** - ASb approved storybooks in collections about themes and topics.
- > **Storybooks Website** - These are storybooks created on the ASb website but have not been checked.
- > **Storybooks App** - These are storybooks created on the ASb maker app but have not been checked.



For all the categories of storybooks, you can search by **language**. For each language, there are up to five reading levels of storybooks. You can search by **key words**, authors, or the **title** of the storybooks you want to read.



Click on a storybook title or summary to open a storybook.

Your storybook will look like this when open.

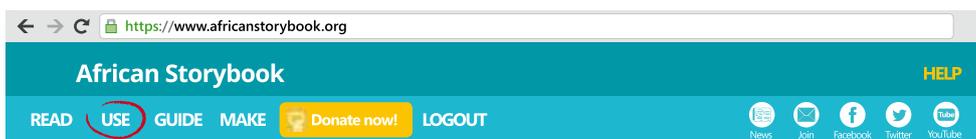
In this example, this is a ChiTonga storybook, at level 2, as indicated by the 2 on the right hand side of the screen.



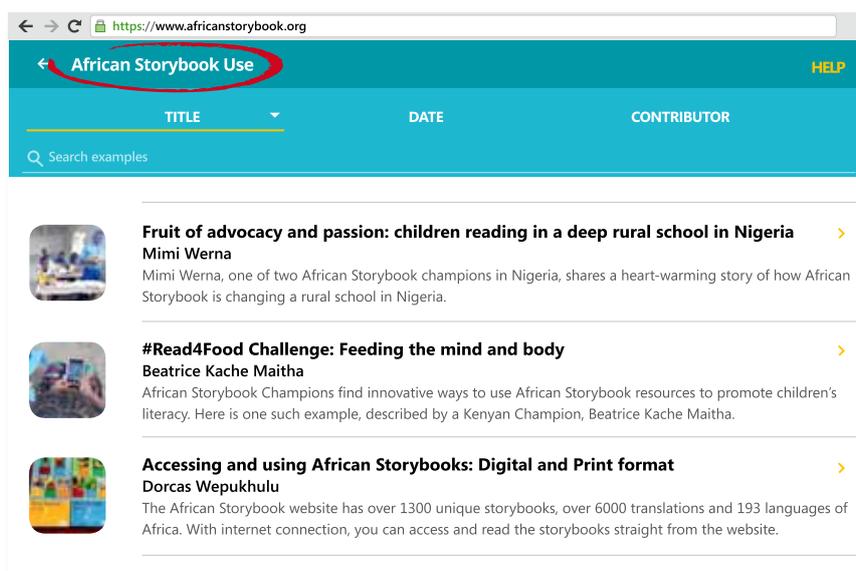
We recommend using ASb approved storybooks as the words and pictures in these storybooks have been checked and quality assured.



2 USE tab



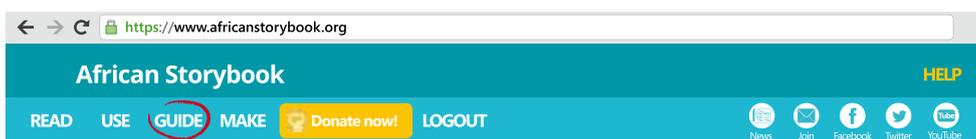
The second main section of the African Storybook website is **USE**. Click on this tab to find stories about the experiences of communities and partners who use African Storybook resources in their work.



The stories of use reflect the work of African Storybook partners and champions and how they have used and/or created African Storybook resources. There is a growing archive of recent and past stories of use.



3 GUIDE tab

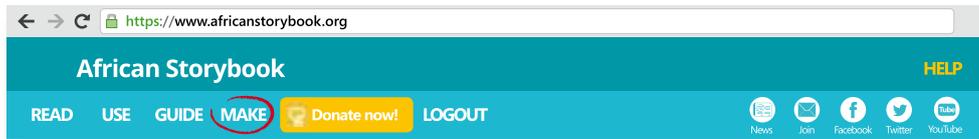


The third tab from the left is the **GUIDE** tab. Click on this tab to find African Storybook Guides, which support the creation and use of storybooks.

The ASb guides provide guidance on how you as a teacher, parent, or literacy partner can best use the available tools and resources.

All the guides can be downloaded as PDF documents, and there are also links to **video guides** in this section.

4 MAKE tab



Finally, the fourth main section of the website is **MAKE**. Click on this tab to take part in the magic of story creation and translation!

On the fourth tab from your left, you will find the MAKE tab. The MAKE section of the website is where you can work with the website publishing tools - to create new storybooks and translate or adapt ASb approved storybooks.



Unlike the other sections of our website, for you to use the MAKE function, you need to be a registered user on the website. In MAKE, you will also find the registration page. We have a step-by-step guide on how to register on the website. Click here to access and download the guide.

REGISTER on the website in order to create, adapt, or translate storybooks.

African Storybook Login

HELP AND NOTES

LOGIN REGISTER RESET

Registration

To join the African Storybook creative community, please provide the information requested below and click or tap Continue. You should receive an e-mail to verify your e-mail address. You will be able to login once your e-mail address is verified. If you are unable to complete your registration, either phone us (+27 11-403-2813 or +27 60 436 4823) or send an email to our [Help Desk](#).

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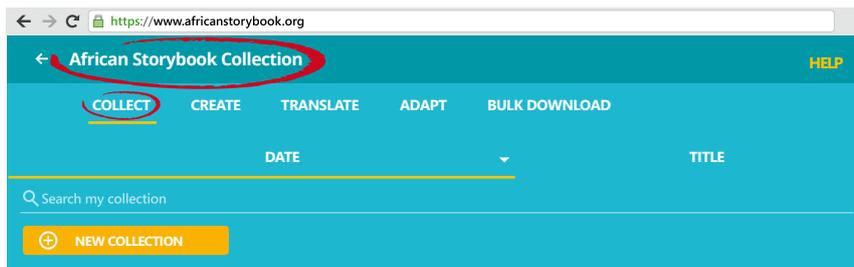


Once you have completed the website registration process, an email will be sent to the email address you used to register. Watch out for the email as it expires after 24 hours, and it might go to the Spam folder of your email account. Click on the link in the email to verify your name and email address, and you will now have a user profile on the ASb website.

To start working in the **MAKE** section, log in to your profile and click **MAKE**, and then choose from the different activities in this section.

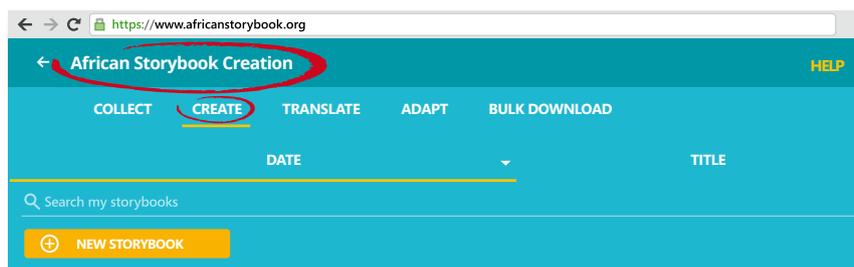
Collect

Create your own collection of storybooks using the **COLLECT** tab. You can select storybooks and collect them according to language(s), reading levels, and/or themes and topic.



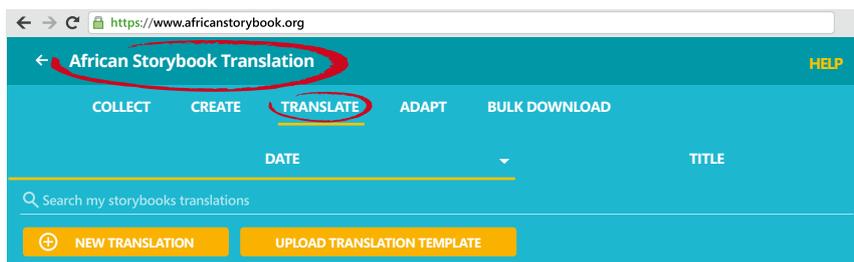
Create

Create new picture storybooks using the **CREATE** tab.



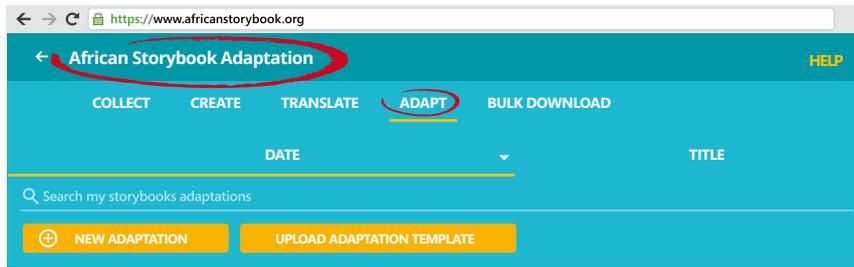
Translate

Translate a storybook into your preferred language using the **TRANSLATE** tab.



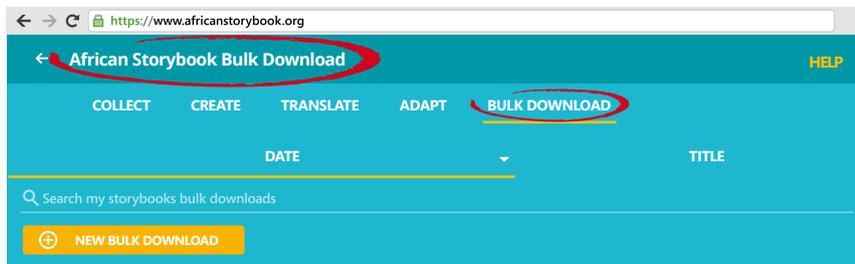
Adapt

Adapt a storybook for a different reading level or context using the **ADAPT** tab.



Bulk download

Download more than one storybook at a time using the **BULK DOWNLOAD** tab. The bulk download feature gives users registered on the website an opportunity to download multiple copies of the storybooks.



Go to the **GUIDE** section of the website to find ASb guides to creating, translating, and adapting storybooks.





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