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Akimbo is excited to have his cousin, Kosi, visit him on the game reserve where he lives, and when a visiting scientist invites the boys to join her when she studies a pack of baboons, they can't wait to assist her in the bush. The baboons they find are fun to observe, but when a black leopard threatens the pack—and the scientist—Akimbo and Kosi are reminded that danger is ever present in the African bush. Alexander McCall Smith takes young readers on a safari to his beloved Africa in this perfect chapter book, beautifully brought to life with illustrations by LeUyen Pham.

Including 3 pages of brilliant baboon facts!

## **Akimbo and the Baboons Details**

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# **From Reader Review Akimbo and the Baboons for online ebook**

## **Busy Mummy says**

Lovely short novel that follows Akimbo's love for Africa. The story itself blends factual information in the storyline with some great baboon facts at the end of the book. Great book for any animal lover or topic on Africa. The text is simple and easy to read, a lovely introduction for children to transition to short novels as they progress in their reading.

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## **Books Kids Like says**

Jen, the scientist who studies baboons, needs some help. Akimbo and his best friend, Kosi, are only too happy to volunteer. They help her set up camp and, then, sit with her while she makes her first contact with the baboons. During the first night, all three awake to a huge ruckus at the baboon camp. As Jen goes to explore, Akimbo senses something. He pulls her to the ground just before a leopard leaps over her. Throughout the next day, the boys watch as Jen studies the baboons. When two males dash in to steal sandwiches from Akimbo and Kosi, Akimbo notices that one is limping. A wire tightly wound around the animal's ankle is cutting into its flesh. Akimbo devises a plan to help the young baboon.

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## **Marcy says**

Once again..... Great story! My 4 and 6 year olds loved it and are a bit disappointed that there are not more books in the series! We hope AMS writes a new one where Akimbo is a teenager:)

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## **Susan Larsen says**

Wonderful chapter books about Africa for children.

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## **Laura says**

Africa and her magnificent wildlife are presented beautifully in the Akimbo series. The stories are informative and exciting, although may be a little scary for very small children. Marvelous chapter book for children, or adults looking for a very cute, very short read.

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## **Nora says**

MCL. I liked when they got the piece of wire off the leg of one of the baboons.

