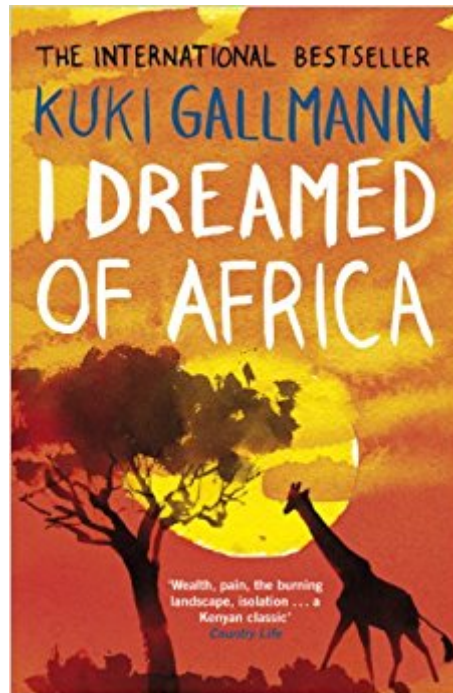




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Synopsis

Often, at the hour of day when the savannah grass is streaked with silver, and pale gold rims the silhouettes of the hills, I drive with my dogs up to the Mukutan, to watch the sun setting behind the lake, and the evening shadows settle over the valleys and plains of the Laikipia plateau. Kuki Gallmann's haunting memoir of bringing up a family in Kenya in the 1970s first with her husband Paulo, and then alone, is part elegaic celebration, part tragedy, and part love letter to the magical spirit of Africa.

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Both a dream fulfilled and personal tragedy are revealed in this moving memoir. As a child living in Italy, the author was fascinated with Africa. Then, in 1972 at 25, divorced and with a young son, she visited Kenya with her then-fiance, Paolo Gallmann. context is absent, with only "at 25" above They settled on a ranch on the Laikipia Plateau at the edge of the Great Rift Valley. With an abundance of nearby wildlife--elephants, rhino, buffalo--the Gallmanns enjoyed an idyllic life among an expatriate community. Then, in 1981, when they were expecting a child, Paolo was killed in a traffic accident. Gallmann gave birth to a daughter, Sveva, and stayed on the ranch with her son, 14-year-old Emmanuele, who died of snakebite three years later. This heartrending account ok, to avoid repetition of "tragedy"? reveals its author's courage and strength. As a living memorial, she started a foundation ok? to avoid repeating "memorial" to explore ways to combine development with conservation. Photos not seen by PW. First serial to Cosmopolitan; author tour. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Breathtaking biography of an Africa lover who has fallen in love with its people, nature and wildlife conservation.

Excellent story of the live of an extraordinary family in an amazing time and country, a must read. I find it as a great source of inspiration

I TOO DREAMED OF AFRICA AND STILL DO AFTER SEVERAL YEARS LIVING THERE.

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Interesting story.Gives a good feel for Kenya, and why Europeans would be attracted to live there,

My wife read this book just before we visited Kenya and the location of the books story. She loved the historical account of a strong woman living in Kenya.

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