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Ebele, a young girl living in Nigeria, plays from morning to night in the 'ama', a huge space in the middle of the village, sometimes on her own, sometimes with friends. The imminent arrival of her Senegalese cousin, Ngony, makes her plan the games they will play together and sets her thinking about which game is her favourite. Achieving skill at a particular game greatly raises a child's status with siblings and friends. The trouble is, other children seem to be more successful at most of the games she can think of. Then she remembers a wonderful game to show Ngony. The book's life enhancing photographs capture the children's engrossment in the games and work with an interesting text to bring alive the African village environment. Information boxes explain how each game is played and the words of the songs in English are at the end of the book. With help from an adult, 5-8 year olds could be helped to play versions of some of the games. They might also enjoy making a book of their own favourites.

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