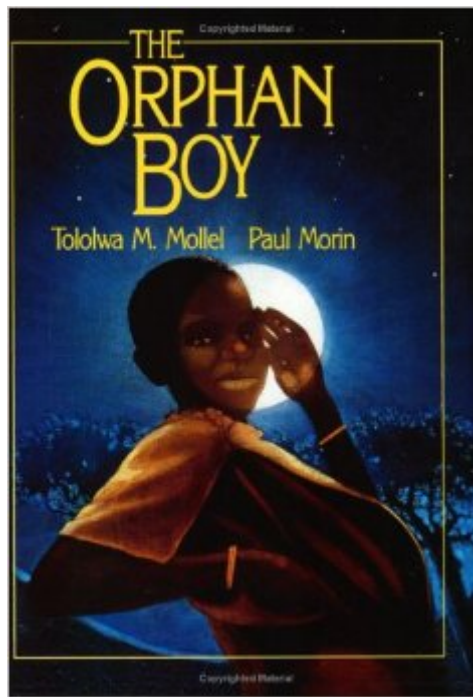


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# Orphan Boy



## Synopsis

Searching the sky for a familiar star, an old man encounters a mysterious boy, Kileken. As he comes to love the boy as a son, he agrees to let him keep the one thing he owns: a secret.

## Book Information

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Paperback: 32 pages

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Reprint edition (January 1, 1995)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 9.6 x 6.3 x 0.1 inches

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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