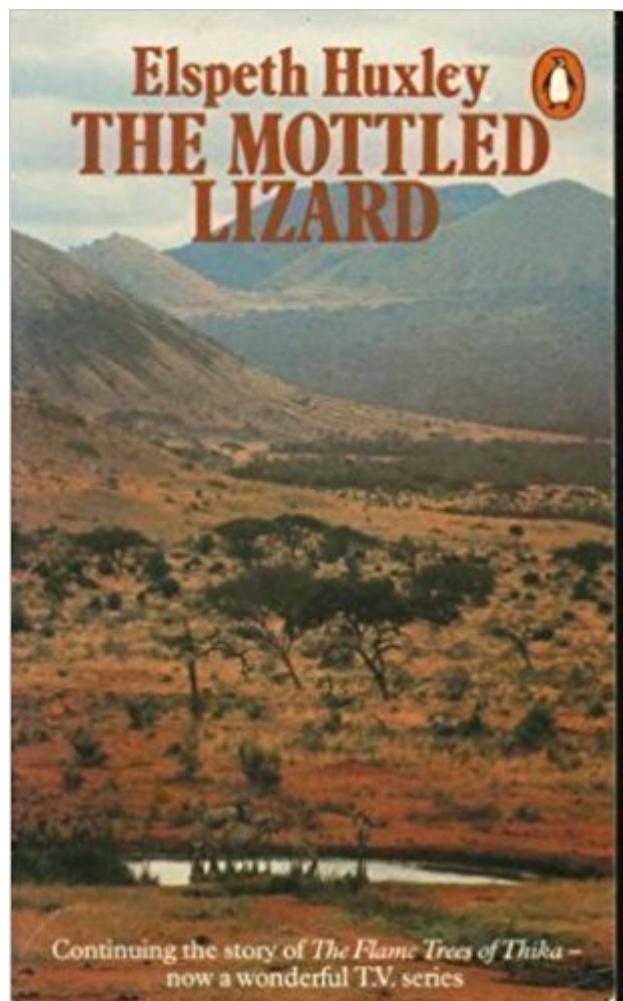


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This sequel to THE FLAME TREES OF THIKA continues the story of Elspeth Huxley's childhood in Kenya. British settlers, called to serve in WW I, return to their neglected farms and ranches. For Tilly and Robin it is back to the struggle. For their daughter, now 11, it is back to the ponies, lessons at home, wild pets (this time a cheetah named Rupert), and hunting trips with Njombo, the Kikuyu headman. But more is happening. The child narrator is growing into a woman. We lose the wide-eyed child narrator of Thika, but gain in her place a thoughtful and prescient observer of the rapidly changing continent. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Continues story of THE FLAME TREES OF THIKA. Elspeth Huxley is an excellent writer. Print is small and difficult to read.

Having lived in Africa for over 23 years, and also being an avid reader, I fell in love with Elspeth Huxley's books which I read while staying at our rented house while on our last home leave. She obviously loved Africa and her style of prose is so descriptive of this fascinating continent. I want my

children, who were all born in Africa, to read these books, not only to remember the land of their birth, but also for the rich writing style that I find lacking in many modern books.

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One of the loveliest books written about the first settlers in East-Africa, with love for the wildlife and nature and inhabitants. Splendid author!

Elspeth Huxley's memoir is fantastic

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