

Akiti the Hunter Series Breaks Into Amazon's Top 5 Bestsellers, Claims #1 New Release Spot

Set out to reach Amazon's Top 100 reader support pushed it into the Top 5



San Francisco, California Aug 10, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - **Calif.** *Akiti the Hunter*, the ground-breaking series featuring the first African superhero in U.S. children's literature, has surged into the Top 5 on Amazon's Bestseller lists. The milestone far surpasses the original goal set by creator Denise Mobolaji Ajayi Williams, who launched a reader-driven campaign just days earlier.

Both *Akiti the Hunter Part I* and *Akiti the Hunter Part III: Akiti and the Juju Tree* currently hold Top 4 positions in Amazon's Children's Trickster Folk Tales category, with *Part III* securing the **#1 New Release** spot across multiple categories.

As of Aug 6th, Amazon Rankings:

Akiti the Hunter Part I

- **#3** in Children's Trickster Folk Tales eBooks
- **#4** in Children's African Folk Tales (Kindle Store)

Akiti the Hunter Part III: Akiti and the Juju Tree

- **#1 New Release** in Children's Trickster Folk Tales & Children's African Folk Tales
- **#4** in Children's Trickster Folk Tales eBooks
- **#9** in Children's African Folk Tales (Kindle Store)

"Our initial goal was simply to reach the Top 100," said creator Denise Mobolaji Ajayi Williams. Our readers didn't just help us get there" they carried us into the Top 5. This is proof of what a community can do when it rallies around a story it believes in."

That personal mission has since evolved into a nationally recognized literary collection. The series has earned honors and features from the Harvard University Coop, the Library of Congress, and the NAACP Author's Pavilion, alongside media coverage from *Black Enterprise*, *The Huffington Post*, and *CNBC*.

"This ranking isn't just a number on a chart," Williams added. "It's a clear signal to publishers, studios, and the broader media industry that authentic, African-rooted stories have massive, measurable demand."

Next Steps for the Akiti Universe

With momentum accelerating, BAPS Animation Studio is actively developing an animated television adaptation of the *Akiti the Hunter* universe, scaling the project from page to screen.

Akiti the Hunter Parts I, II, and III are available globally on Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions.

About Denise Mobolaji Ajayi Williams

Denise Mobolaji Ajayi Williams is an acclaimed children's book author, Executive Producer, and Founder of BAPS Animation Studio. She the Cofounder of SV-NED Inc., is a member and contributor to the Forbes Business Council, and a UN Peace Ambassador. Following a successful international tour across Berlin and Amsterdam, her work continues to champion early childhood literacy and global representation.

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