As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari knew the importance of the mugumo tree, not only to the people in the community but to the land as well. Wangari left Kenya to pursue an education and was horrified to see when she returned to Kenya what had happened to all the trees. All the trees had all been cut down and the effects of that were overwhelming. Wangari realized that she had to do something; she had to replant the trees. Wangari began to travel, forming a movement called the Green Belt, throughout Kenya, telling people about her idea, helping them plant trees, trying to fix the damage that had been done. While many supported the idea, businessman did not, and they had Wangari imprisoned to try and get the movement to stop. Wangari didn't let imprisonment stop her. Wangari and her movement continued to grow, making a difference all throughout Kenya that can still be seen today.

Character Education Values: Environmental Awareness, Respect, Commitment, Harmony and Responsibility

Characters: Wangari, Wangari's Mother and Father, Nderitu (Wangari's Brother), Villagers, Members of the Green Belt Movement, Mean Business Men, Corrupt Police Officers

Other books about Wangari: *Planting the Trees of Kenya*