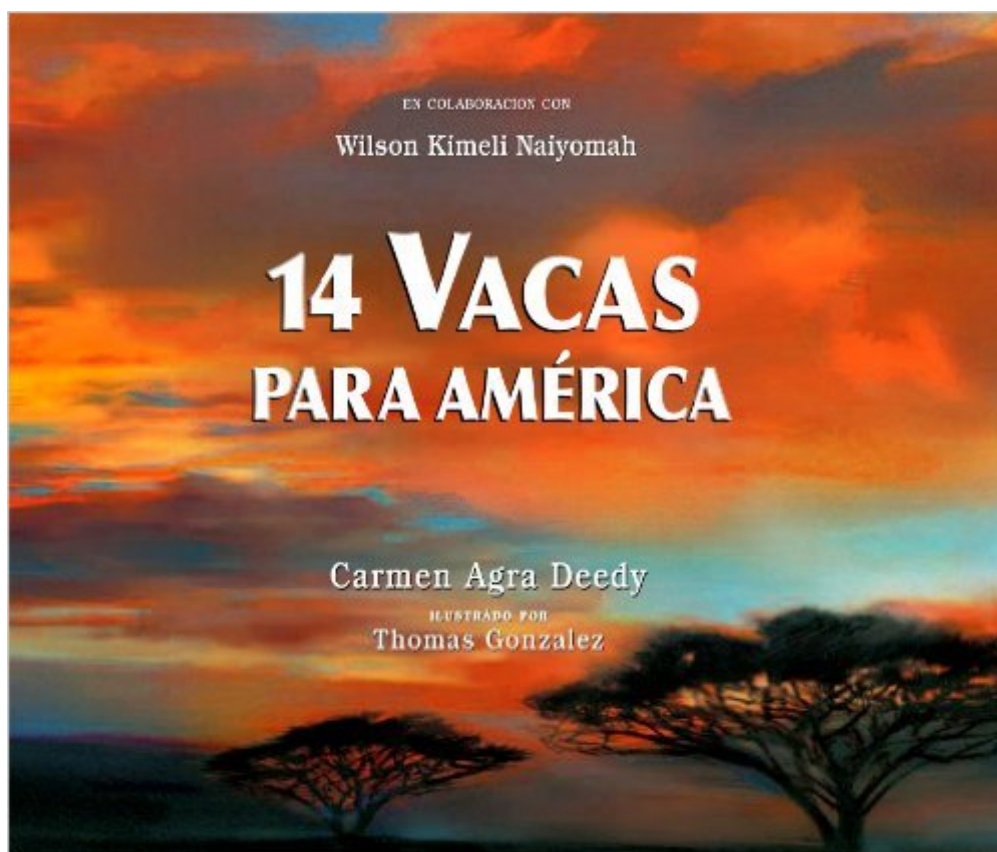


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# 14 Vacas Para America (Spanish Edition)



## Synopsis

Es junio del 2002 y en una lejana aldea del oeste de Kenia tiene lugar una ceremonia poco común. Un diplomático norteamericano se encuentra rodeado de cientos de maasai que van a hacer un regalo a los hombres, las mujeres y los niños de Estados Unidos. Un regalo sorprendente e inesperado, un regalo extraordinario. ¿Cómo está allí para aceptarlo? Hace tan sólo nueve meses del ataque del 11 de septiembre y los corazones siguen destrozados. Cuando estos legendarios guerreros ofrecen su regalo a un pueblo doliente al otro lado del globo las lágrimas brotan por igual de ojos norteamericanos y maasai. Esta insólita ofrenda será noticia en las emisoras del mundo entero y muchos se sentirán profundamente conmovidos. Para los norteamericanos, este gesto espontáneo tendrá un significado aún más hondo. Para una nación desolada, el regalo de las catorce vacas se alzará sobre las ruinas y la oscuridad como una suave luz de esperanza y amistad. In June of 2002, a very unusual ceremony begins in a far-flung village in western Kenya. An American diplomat is surrounded by hundreds of Maasai people. A gift is about to be bestowed on the American men, women, and children, and he is there to accept it. The gift is as unsought and unexpected as it is extraordinary. A mere nine months have passed since the September 11 attacks, and hearts are raw. Tears flow freely from American and Maasai as these legendary warriors offer their gift to a grieving people half a world away. Word of the gift will travel news wires around the globe. Many will be profoundly touched, but for Americans, this selfless gesture will have deeper meaning still. For a heartsick nation, the gift of fourteen cows emerges from the choking dust and darkness as a soft light of hope and friendship. Master storyteller Carmen Agra Deedy hits all the right notes in this elegant story of generosity that crosses boundaries, nations, and cultures. An afterword by Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah the Maasai warrior at the center of the story provides additional information about his tribe and their generous actions. Thomas Gonzalez's stunning paintings, which are saturated with rich hues of oranges and browns, and blues and greens, capture the modest nobility of the Maasai people and the distinctive landscape of the African plain.

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