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Kimeli grew up in a small Maasai village in Kenya. When he was older, he won a scholarship to study medicine at Stanford. But on September 11, 2001, he was visiting New York City. He writes, My warrior heart could not sit still in me. I wanted to do something to help. This is the story of where Kimeli went, and the story he told, and the connection and sacrifice that was made to heal a sorrowing heart. Gonzalez's richly vivid illustrations pay tribute to the landscapes and people of Kenya. That Gonzalez and author Deedy both immigrated to the U.S. from Cuba make this collaboration even more uniquely American. Recommended for elementary grades.
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