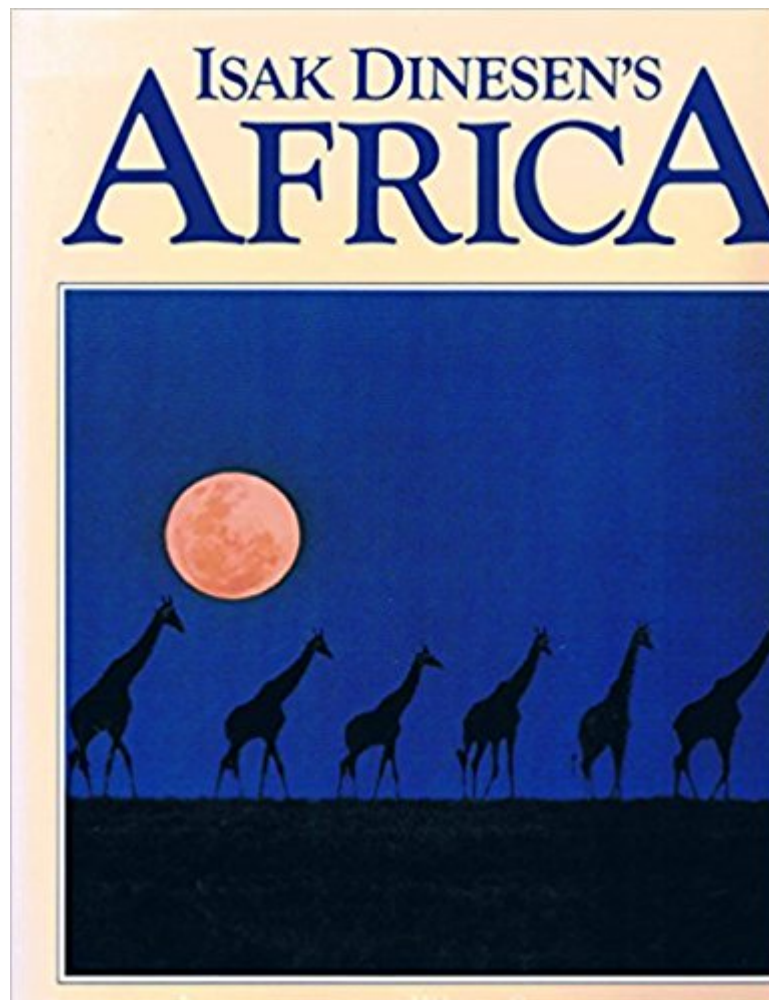




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Gorgeous book with many beautiful images and fine associated commentary by the writer. It is unabashedly a large handsome coffee table book - but a thoughtful one. We recently saw the film - the first time for me. I have long been a fan of the writer.

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