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Title: **THE LAUGHING RIVER musical CD**
Subtitle: **A FOLKTALE FOR PEACE**
Author/Performer: Elizabeth Haze Vega

The Laughing River is the story of two fanciful African tribes — the Funga and the Alafia — in conflict until the laughing river bubbles melodiously into their lives, bringing fun, friendship and peace. This enchanting lyrical folktale brings love and laughter into the lives of young and old.

The full-color picture book tells the lively story and includes accurate written music on the pages. It also includes easy-to-follow, illustrated instructions for making and playing a drum, as well as dance steps and hand motions to accompany *The Laughing River* songs. It encourages read-along, sing-along, dance-along participation. The theme is peaceful conflict resolution.

Elizabeth Vega is a talented Orff musician, teacher and performer.

A Note About Orff Music:

The instruments you hear on *The Laughing River* CD are Orff instruments. Carl Orff (1895-1982) was an Austrian composer who developed a holistic approach to teaching music which uses these pitched percussion instruments. These xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels are adaptations of African marimba/xylophones and the Balinese gamelan.

With the capacity to remove notes, these instruments are often tuned to pentatonic scales. By removing the dissonant intervals, children are given the freedom to experiment and improvise while creating pleasing harmonic sounds.

The Orff approach addresses different learning styles by allowing students to experience music on many different levels. The rhythm of the spoken word is often a starting point for teaching children a musical concept. Integrating movements, speech, songs, games, instruments, dramatics and more, the Orff approach is a delightful way to experience the Magic of Music!

"Elementary and middle schools will find this useful for both the story and the music."

— School Library Journal

"A gift to the children of all nations, The Laughing River is a delightful story that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart ... uplifts the human spirit and spreads the simple yet important message of peace."

— O. J. Ekemondé, World Beat for World Peace, Nigeria

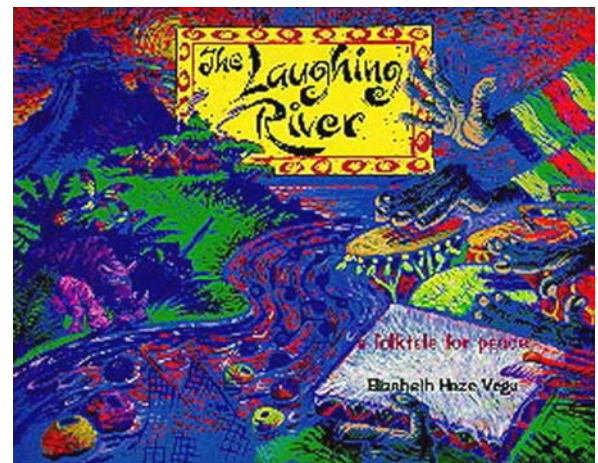
(Ages 5 - 12)

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Length: 44 minutes



Book:

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Dimensions: 10½ x 8½
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