

THE 3 Little Dassies

Hi Everybody! On a trip to Namibia, in Southern Africa, we camped near Twyfelfontein. The Rock Dassies who lived in the rocks would dive into their stone houses whenever the eagle flew overhead. When I returned home, I couldn't get the cute Dassies out of my mind. "they're like the Three Little Pigs", I thought, and they really do live in stone houses! At that moment, my book began.

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Petroglyphs

Twyfelfontein is named for clearwater spring that flows from the rocks in this desert like place. When the unstable rockshelf broke off, ancient petroglyphs were revealed. Africans had been visiting the spring for 12 thousand years. Petroglyphs is the name for artworks made by chipping away the surface of the rock to reveal the contrasting color underneath.

We climbed over piles of boulders that crumbled off from the cliffs called "Scree" a word I used to describe them in my book.