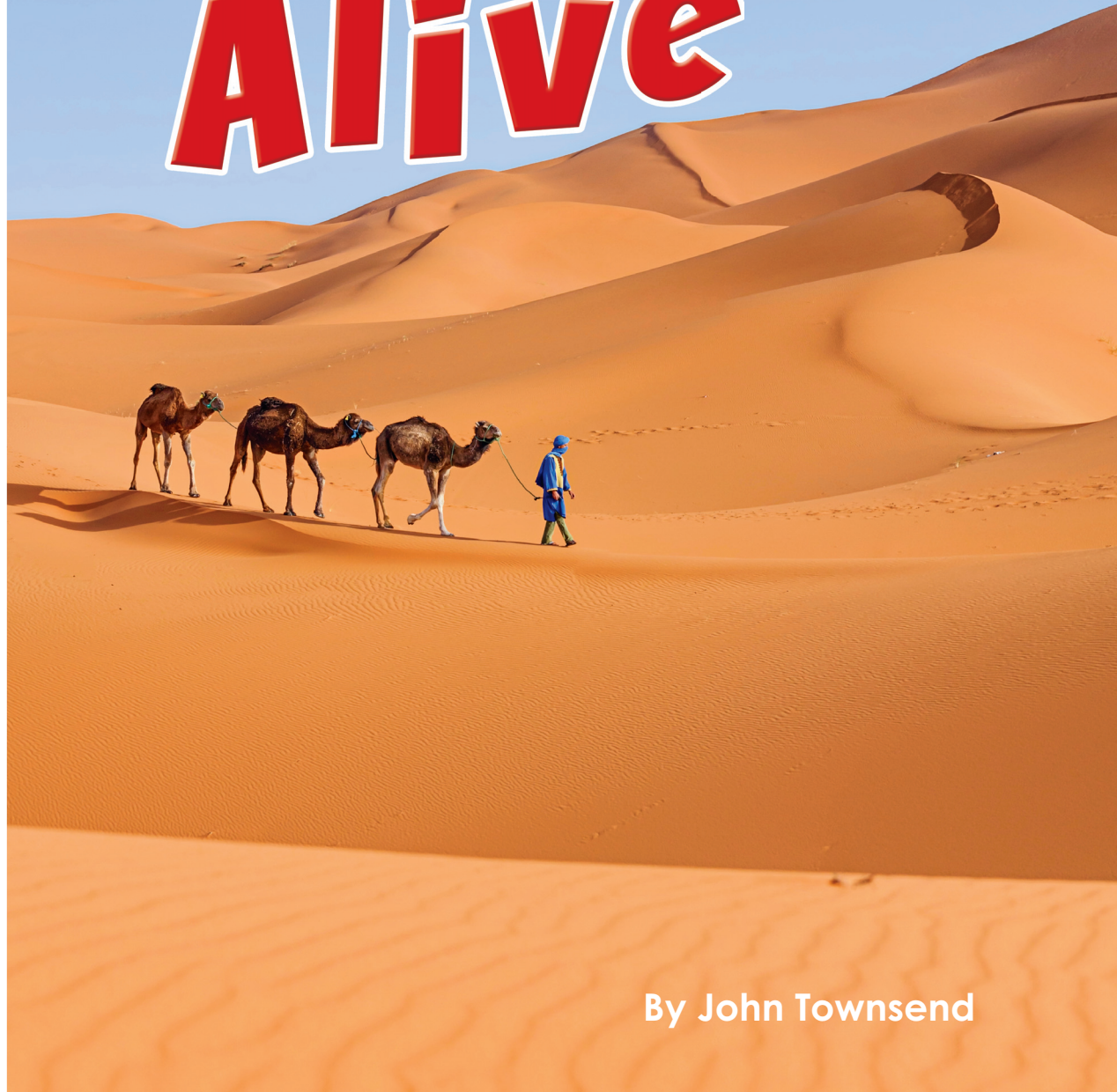


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Some parts of the world are very hot and dry.

They are too hot and dry for many plants and animals to live there.

It can be so hot you could fry an egg on a rock.

Some parts of the world are very cold and dry.

We call all these dry places deserts. Deserts can be hot or cold. Some deserts are very hot during the day and very cold at night.

It may not rain for years in a desert.



A hot, dry desert. Not many animals and plants can live here.

We all need water to live. It is too dry in deserts for most plants and animals, because there is not enough water there for them to survive.

Some animals can live with very little water. Some just don't need much water to live.

Other animals can store lots of water in their bodies. They use this water when there is nothing for them to drink. It's like carrying your own water supplies.





A camel's hump is full of fat. If it needs to, the camel can use this fat for food and to make water. That helps it stay alive when there is nothing to eat or drink.

Staying alive in a desert can be easy for some!

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