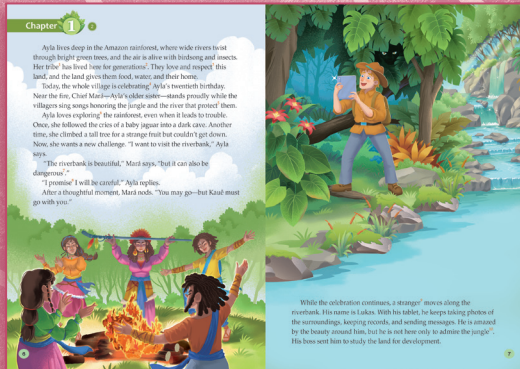


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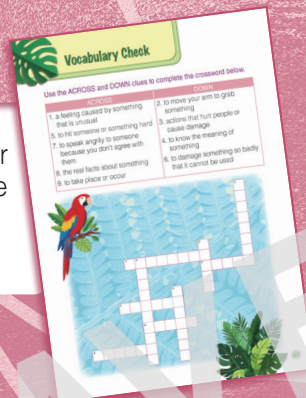


Story: Combining rainforest knowledge with fictional events, the book tells a story of discovery, understanding, and protection of the Amazon rainforest.



Facts: Three individual sections are introduced for readers to learn more about the Amazon rainforest, the Indigenous peoples, and how science and traditional knowledge work together.

Vocabulary Check: One or two vocabulary quizzes are added at the end of each chapter for review.



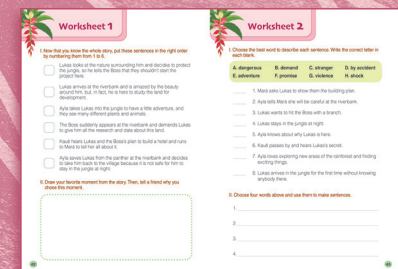
Songs: Three catchy and original songs, written and composed by ArtSpot, are provided as an additional resource. Readers can download these from Caves WebSource.



Comprehension Check: Each chapter includes different questions to check readers' reading comprehension and encourage them to express their own thoughts.



Projects: Two reading projects are offered to enhance readers' understanding of the story.



Worksheets: Four additional worksheets help readers to creatively apply what they have learned from the text.

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Chapter

1

Ayla's Birthday Adventure

Story Lead-In

The sun rises high
A new day begins
The Amazon comes to life
This land is our home
The river flows in yellow light
We listen and we learn
The jungle shows us how
To save our sacred land

Ayla lives deep in the Amazon rainforest, where wide rivers twist through bright green trees, and the air is alive with birdsong and insects. Her tribe¹ has lived here for generations². They love and respect³ this land, and the land gives them food, water, and their home.

Today, the whole village is celebrating⁴ Ayla's twentieth birthday. Near the fire, Chief Mará—Ayla's older sister—stands proudly while the villagers sing songs honoring the land and the river that protect⁵ them.

Ayla loves exploring⁶ the rainforest, even when it leads to trouble. Once, she followed the cries of a baby jaguar into a dark cave. Another time, she climbed a tall tree for a strange fruit but couldn't get down. Now, she wants a new challenge. "I want to visit the riverbank," Ayla says.

"The riverbank is beautiful," Mará says, "but it can also be dangerous⁷."

"I promise⁸ I will be careful," Ayla replies.

After a thoughtful moment, Mará nods. "You may go—but Kauê must go with you."



While the celebration continues, a stranger⁹ moves along the riverbank. His name is Lukas. With his tablet, he keeps taking photos, keeping records, and sending messages. He is amazed by the beauty around him, but he is not here only to admire the jungle¹⁰. His boss sent him to study the land for development.