

Book Knowledge Organiser - The Explorer

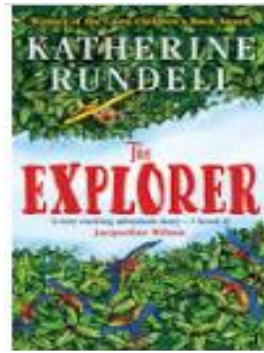
Characters

A pilot	a man who piloted the six-seater plane and crashed it
Fred	young, aspiring explorer with scientist parents
Con	young girl who was orphaned as a child raised by her great aunt and sent to live with nuns each summer
Lila	Brazilian older sister of Max
Max	naïve but loveable five year old boy from Brazil
Explorer	mysterious person living in the Amazon
Baca	an orphaned sloth

Plot When a plane crashes in the Amazon Rainforest, the group of survivors try to work their way out of the treacherous conditions and back to Manaus. Battling encounters with deadly creatures, plants, insects, rain and constant hunger, they stumble across a map which leads them to a secret they must hold onto forever.

Themes Environment, conservation, friendship, family, loyalty, survival, trust and honesty.

Setting The entire story is set in the Amazon rainforest, the biggest rainforest in the entire world, spanning the northwest of Brazil, Colombia and Peru. It is 5.5million km² and contains the longest river in the world, the Amazon River. The story contains vivid descriptions of the dense forest and the creatures and plants within it. The story itself seems to be set in the 20th century but it has a timeless feel and, therefore, is empty from the interference of technology.



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
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Did you know?

The author used the real explorer, Percy Fawcett, as inspiration. He spent much of his life searching for the 'City of Z', a city he believed was rich with gold. In 1925 he disappeared, never to be seen again.

Key vocabulary

adrenalin	 noun	a substance your body produces when you are angry, scared or excited. It makes your heart beat faster and gives you more energy
brusquely	 adverb	to say something in a quick, short way which sounds rude
canopy	 noun	branches and leaves at the top of trees in a forest
devoured	 verb	ate quickly and eagerly
eavesdrop	 verb	to secretly listen in on what someone is saying
hesitated	 verb	paused before saying or doing something
impenetrable	 adjective	impossible to pass through or enter
indignantly	 adverb	to do something showing you're annoyed
iridescent	 adjective	luminous colours that change at different angles
luminous	 adjective	giving off light, bright or shiny
topography	 noun	the study of physical features
tributary	 noun	a river or stream flowing into a large river