

THE BOY WHO *SAVED* a BEAR

Discussion Questions

WARNING!
SPOILERS
AHEAD!

- Nuwan decided to do Krish's delivery to the King's City so he could "prove to his parents, and everyone else, that he was as capable as his brother". (p.5) Why do you think Nuwan feels like this?
- What do you think are the most important ingredients in a thrilling adventure story? Make a list together either in pairs or as a group using *The Boy Who Saved a Bear* as inspiration.
- When Nuwan meets Karadi for the first time he is terrified! "All he could focus on was the fat, pointed nose and fierce bear face under bushy round ears. Even against his will, his eyes travelled to her claws." (p.36) What features make Karadi the bear so scary in your opinion?
- As the story develops, Nuwan gains Karadi's trust and says he feels "responsible for her safety". (p.89) Do you think humans should care about wild animals? What threats does Karadi face in the book? Discuss in a group the reasons why we need to protect animals and how we can help them.
- Sani joins Nuwan on part of his journey to the King's City. What qualities make Sani a good friend?
- Towards the end of the book Nuwan realises that he's the one who has been comparing himself to his older brother Krish, not his parents. Sani reminds him, "What you need is some self-belief. Don't compare yourself to anyone. You are you and you can do this." (p.129) What advice would you offer to a friend who keeps comparing themselves to someone else?
- Nuwan explores a lot of the island of Serendib. How would you describe the island? What were your favourite parts? Would you like to visit it?
- When Nuwan returns the key at the end of the book the Queen says, "You have done something very brave and selfless." (p.184) Can you describe what bravery is? Discuss moments in the book where Nuwan is brave and if any moments surprised you.
- How did you feel at the end of the book?



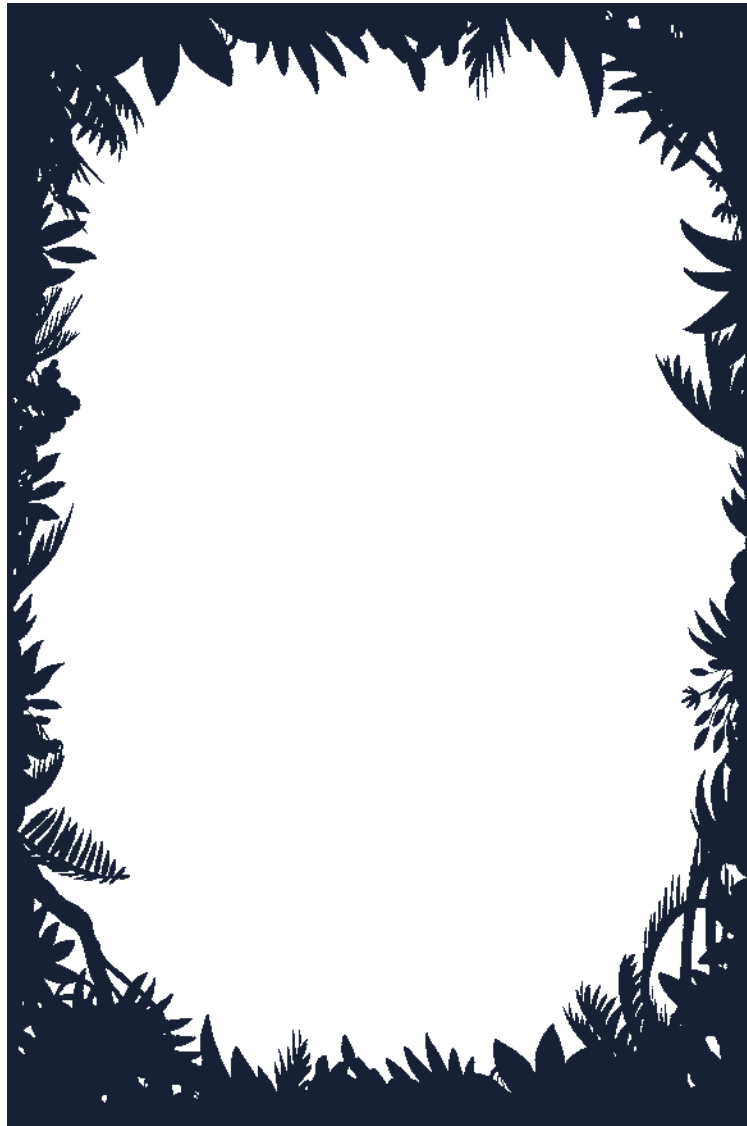
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Be an Animal Hero!

In *The Boy Who Saved a Bear*, Nuwan meets Karadi, a sloth bear who is under threat. He decides to protect her and save her life.

Choose an endangered animal that you would like to help. Using the front cover of the book as inspiration, draw a poster of yourself and your animal together with the title: **The Boy / Girl / Child Who Saved a**



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Nizrana Farook's thrilling animal adventures!

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Treasure Map

Find the secret treasure on the island of Serendib!

This amazing island is the home to many thrilling adventures. Can you follow our clues to find the treasure?

One pace = one square

1. It all begins on a rock that “never forgets” – stand here to start your journey.
2. Take two paces north and be prepared to climb!
3. Turn east and take one pace – you’ll now be hidden.
4. Trek north for one pace – watch out for leopards...
5. Turn west and trek one pace – find food and shelter.
6. Stay where you are and pay your respects.
7. The end is in sight! Take one pace north and enter the building.



You've found the secret treasure! Now you have to answer the riddle at the bottom of this page to find out what the treasure is.

The treasure is hidden in _____

Write the coordinates and the name of the location!



Riddle: I have a spine but I don't have any bones. What am I?

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Personality Quiz

Who is your animal hero?

Find your perfect companion for an adventure on the island of Serendib!

- Where do you like to hang out the most?
 - In town
 - At the beach
 - In the mountains
 - In the jungle
- Your animal hero would be described as:
 - Cheeky
 - Kind
 - Majestic
 - Loyal
- You'd rather spend your time:
 - Singing or dancing
 - Socialising with your friends
 - Playing sports
 - Relaxing at home reading a book
- Pick a colour:
 - Red
 - Blue
 - Green
 - Orange
- Choose a snack from Serendib:
 - Papaya
 - Roti and sambal
 - Coconut sweets
 - Chilli pineapple
- Pick a special item for your adventure:
 - Royal jewel
 - Treasure map
 - Anklet with bells
 - Secret key



Mostly As: Ananda the Elephant

Powerful Ananda is a royal elephant with lots of personality and a loud trumpeting call! He will protect you on all your adventures.



Mostly Bs: Maalu the Whale

Maalu is a breathtaking, mysterious blue whale. Despite being the largest mammal on the planet, Maalu is gentle and will help you when you need her.



Mostly Cs: Lokka the Leopard

Lokka is a beautiful, rare leopard. He likes to run and play with you, but has a strong independent spirit.



Mostly Ds: Karadi the Bear

Fierce Karadi is a furry sloth bear who will become your most loyal companion once you win her trust.



Nizrana Farook's thrilling animal adventures!