

Books - Children's: -Katherine Rundell's Amazon Adventure!-

From the heart-warming story of *Rooftoppers* and snow-chilling *Wolf-wilder*, award-winning Katherine Rundell once again transports you to the bustling Amazon Rainforest.

Rundell likes tightrope and rooftop walking and starts every day with a cartwheel. She says "It turns her world upside-down" and leaves her breathless, just like writing!

Her classic, but unique novel is full of quirks and excitement as four children are faced with the wild fear that the jungle throws at them.

With a crash landing onto the forest floor, their plane goes up in ferocious flames. They are left to face the challenges that the Amazon hurls at them. Luckily Fred, Max, Lila and Con stumble across a map which takes them on a raft down the river. There they discover a paradise of secrets – including how to eat a tarantula!

Rundell journeyed to the Amazon Rainforest itself in 2015 to gather evidence, confidence and a head full of ideas to write an incredible adventure story. Swimming with pink-river dolphins, catching tarantulas and fishing for piranha are all things that Katherine Rundell did when she was there, which were all activities that the characters did in the humorous - but wise - book.

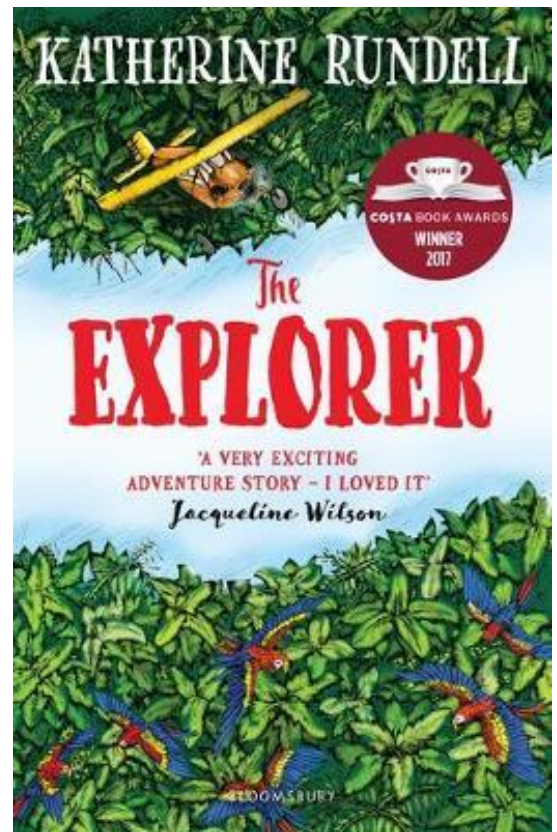
One line that the author especially wants young readers to take away from her book is when the Explorer stands, towering over Con and says, "You're right to be afraid. Be brave anyway." A message from Rundell: "I didn't have any real intention to convey a true message, but if the reader came away a little braver and a more aware of the fragility of the world then I would be thoroughly pleased."

Katherine Rundell wrote the book with a desire to illustrate the daringness and bravery that children show on their own, with unbelievable amounts of courage. She explains that she would love it if her readers would pay more attention to our world, as the lack of attention is what will blind us from the beauty of places like the Amazon Rainforest.

"Katherine Rundell just gets better and better. I loved *The Explorer*. On one level it's a very exciting adventure story of four children fighting for survival in the Amazon – but it's also saying profound things about human nature and love and loss" – *Jacqueline Wilson*

"There's a gritty solidity to the horrors and the beauties, and a completely convincing depth to the characters, all of whom I loved. Katherine Rundell is now unarguably in the FIRST RANK" – *Philip Pullman*

Sophia and Imogen



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