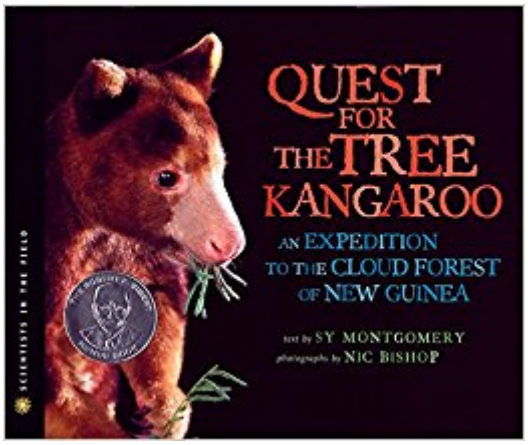
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The Quest For The Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition To The Cloud Forest Of New Guinea (Scientists In The Field Series)



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Synopsis

It looks like a bear, but isnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t one. It climbs trees as easily as a monkeyÃ¢â ¬â • but isnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t a monkey, either. It has a belly pocket like a kangaroo, but whatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a kangaroo doing up a tree? Meet the amazing MatschieÃ¢â ¬â„¢s tree kangaroo, who makes its home in the ancient trees of Papua New GuineaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s cloud forest. And meet the amazing scientists who track these elusive animals.Ã Â This title has been selected as a Common Core Text Exemplar (Grades 4-5, Informational Texts)

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Grade 4-9Ã¢â ¬â œMontgomery and Bishop continue their outstanding collaboration to introduce readers to scientists at work. Here, they document their participation in an expedition to the rugged and remote cloud forest of Papua New Guinea in search of the elusive and fascinating Matschie's tree kangaroo. Biologist Lisa Dabek heads a team of scientists from around the world who work with local guides to locate the creatures and fit them with radio collars to learn more about them. Bishop's photographs capture the expedition in detail. Stunning close-ups of plants, insects, and birds vie for attention with panoramas of moss-draped trees in the eerie, ancient

forest. Montgomery describes both the hardships and exhilaration of the enterprise. She also introduces readers to some of the local people dedicated to conservation efforts. Dabek's pursuit of her interest in animals despite problems with asthma and her suggestions about exploring the natural world should encourage young scientists. The book's fascinating glimpses into a little-explored region will hold the attention of anyone interested in unusual creatures and the efforts to study them.Ã¢â ¬â œKathy Piehl, Minnesota State University, Mankato Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Starred Review Montgomery and Bishop follow award-wining titles such as The Tarantula Scientist (2004) with another beautifully illustrated entry in the Scientists in the Field series. This time, they join researchers on a grueling expedition in Papua New Guinea to track the rare Matschie's tree kangaroo. Montgomery gives a chronological, sometimes moment-by-moment account of the challenging climb into the remote cloud forest, the conditions in camp (rice-and-fern dinners, icy waterfall showers), and the awe-inspiring encounters with barely studied animals. The text occasionally veers into a casual tone ("a leech dropped into Lisa's eye. Yuck!") that seems aimed at a young audience, while the small font, exacting detail, and meandering narrative may demand older readers. Still, Montgomery gives an unusually strong, visceral sense of the work and cooperation fieldwork entails and the scope and uniqueness of this particular mission. She also communicates the thrill of studying animals in the wild, making observations, and discovering new information. As usual, Bishop's color photographs are exemplary and extend the excitement in stunning close-ups of creatures and of the team at work. Web resources, notes about conservation, and a glossary of Tok Pisin (the language spoken by the team's Papuan members) are appended. Gillian EngbergCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Sy Montgomery,with a team, set out to photograph and continue their study of the elusive tree kangaroo. Although Sy discusses each member of the team, the book is filled with copious photos of the people,the cloud forest, and animals. Astonishingly clear pictures of the New Guinea flora show texture of every little frond on the many huge fern plants. The close up pictures of the tree kangaroo are clear, but not enough for this reader. The book is in picture book form and is classed as juvenile; however this reader feels all ages would enjoy seeing and reading about such an unusual animal. If you're looking for report information on the tree kangaroo, this title isn't enough. If

you’re looking for a good browsing title to enjoy, this is perfect. This book is part of the "Scientists In The Field " series.

Using this as a listening comprehension book was great. The kids were excited and it then became a great writing prompt in which we made travel brochures.

This book is an amazing way of expressing the expedition for the Tree Kangroo. This is the best nonfiction book ever!

This is a spectacular book. It is exciting and intriguing and the photography is awesome. I read this book while taking a Children’s Literature class and instantly changed my mind about non-fiction literature. This book would definitely hold kid’s attention. It is fantastic! I will definitely be purchasing more Scientists in the Field Series.

very informative book, great condition, shipped fast! thankswould recommend this book AND seller!my daughter enjoyed it, and wants a tree kangaroo for herself!The Roger WIlliams zoo in this book was unavailable to speak to however!

Really inspires people to help wildlife. If I were on the trip the author describes, I would do the same.

I got this book for my children’s lit class. It was wonderful. I would recommend this book to anyone with an interest in children’s lit.

Love this book. We live in Papua New Guinea and it is hard to find books that the school children can read and relate to in English this one is great.

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