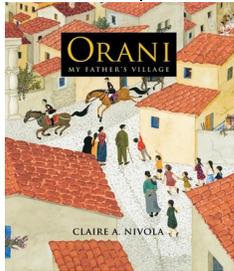


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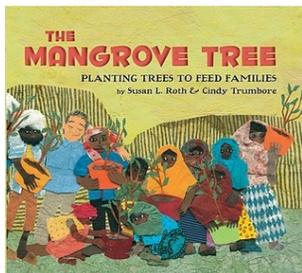
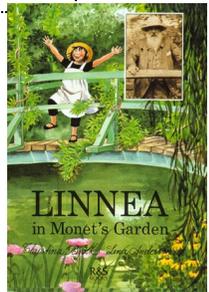


Orani: My Father's Village by Claire A. Nivola
(Sardinia)

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Based on the author's own memories of traveling to Orani, a city on the island of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean, as a child. Orani is where her father was from, a small village filled with cousins, friends, olives, goats, honey and flies, always flies! You'll feel like you've visited Orani yourself when you read this book.

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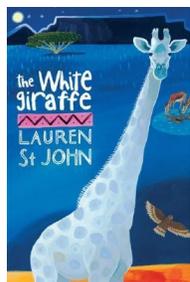
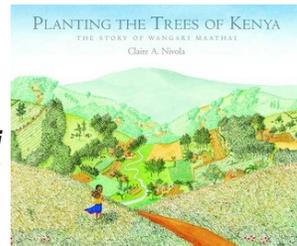


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The story of how planting mangroves in the dry coastal village of Hargigo, Eritrea, is helping the people and animals who live in the area to have more food and a better life. Most plants can't live in salt water . . . But mangroves can!

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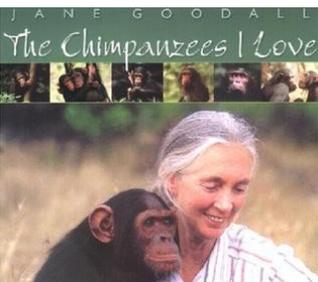
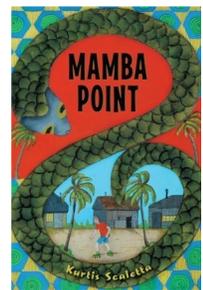


The White Giraffe by Lauren St. John

J St. John

After her parents die in a house fire, Martine is sent to stay with her grandmother (who she didn't even know existed) on a game reserve in South Africa. There are buffalo, elephants, ostriches, zebras, lions, baboons, but no giraffes, as poachers took them all a few years ago. Yet people keep reporting seeing a white giraffe. Will Martine see it too? What else might she discover in this new place?

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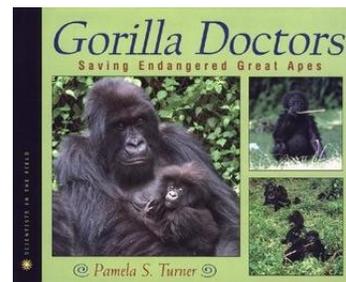


The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours by Jane Goodall

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Jane loved exploring the outdoors as a child and she dreamed of going to Africa. When she grew up, she did just that. Her observations about chimpanzees changed the way scientists thought about them. Meet the chimpanzees that Jane loves in this exciting book.

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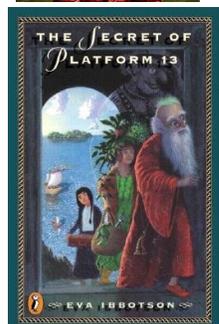
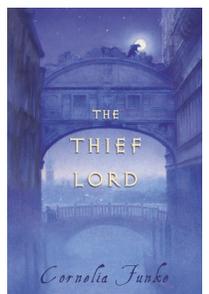


Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce
(Wales)

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Dylan lives in the rainiest town in Wales. Monad also has the lowest crime rate. His dad jokes that perhaps the two things are related. He has a ninja-turtle obsessed friend, two sisters and a baby brother, no one to play soccer with, and a family determined to survive, though it seems everyone is leaving Monod. Then one day a whole bunch of vans arrive and drive up the mountain road. And don't come back down. One of the men in charge is interested in Dylan when he hears him calling the chickens, Donatello and Michelangelo. He invites Dylan to see what is happening . . .

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The Thief Lord
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The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson
(England)

J Ibbotson

Every nine years, for nine days, a secret door opens under Platform 13 in King's Cross Station, London. It leads to a magical kingdom, where wizards, mermaids, ogres and many other magical creatures live. The prince's nannies smell fish and chips near the portal, and their longing leads them to go through. While there, the baby prince is kidnapped. The king and queen are devastated when the portal closes, as they must

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