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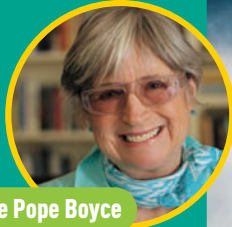
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VIEWS FROM THE TREE HOUSE

Mary Pope Osborne



Natalie Pope Boyce



We recently caught up with **Mary Pope Osborne**, author of *Magic Tree House* and *Merlin Missions*, and **Natalie Pope Boyce**, author of the *Magic Tree House Fact Trackers*, and asked them a few questions!

How long does it take to make a *Magic Tree House* book, from starting to write to when it actually hits shelves?

Mary: When I'm working on a book, I usually work many hours at a time. I could start work at 5 am or 5 pm—depends on what my day is like and how I'm feeling. I estimate it's about a year and a half between when I start work on a new book and when it hits the shelves.

What is the most exotic animal you've ever seen in person?

Natalie: Mary and I wrote books on pandas and spent time in the panda section of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. There was a brand-new baby panda there that was so small . . . just 6 inches long . . . it was hard to believe it could later weigh over 200 pounds!

If you were to ever go on a safari, what would you most like to see or experience?

Mary: I'd love to see giraffes. They seem miraculous to me. But then so do lions and rhinos and elephants and gazelles. Goodness, I LOVE all animals. They all seem miraculous.

What inspired you to write about the llamas of Machu Picchu?

Natalie: Most people in the United States have seen llamas but don't know much about them. We learned that llamas first lived in North America and then over thousands of years wandered down into South America, especially to the Andes Mountains. Even today, it isn't unusual to see a boy or girl in the Andes mountains taking care of their family's llama herd.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

SOUTH AMERICA

In *Late Lunch with Llamas*, Jack and Annie are whisked away—this time to South America!

Jack and Annie arrive on a mountainside in the Andes—the second-tallest mountain range in the world—home to wild and domesticated animals, including llamas and alpacas. Jack and Annie are surprised to meet farmers who live along the steep mountainside. Then they learn that a farmer's baby llama has been

stolen, and Jack and Annie vow to bring the little animal back to its owners. But the journey is treacherous and they must climb to the peak of Machu Picchu and back in order to complete this mission, all while learning about the different animals that inhabit the Andes. Jack and Annie have been on many dangerous travels, but can they survive this one?



HOMETOWN HEROES

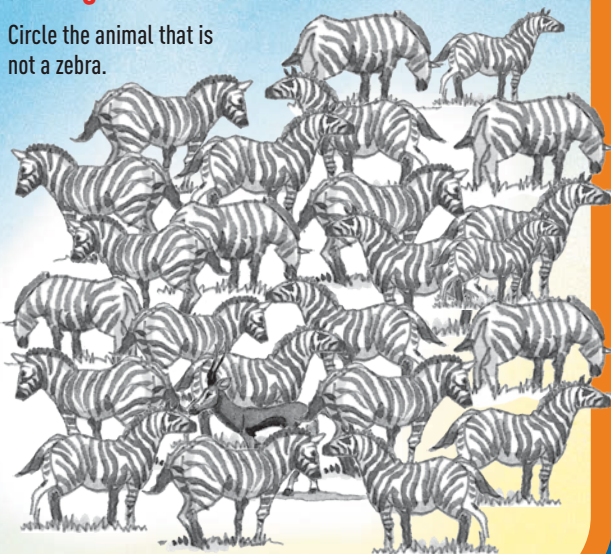
Our featured kid-hero Carter Blauser is from Marion, Ohio, and was nominated by his mother, Nicole Paul. Carter loves taking care of his community! He always finds a way to help out, whether it is big or small. When there is trash on the ground, Carter scoops it all up. He regularly cleans their local ball field and veteran's parks. Best of all, Carter encourages family, friends, and fellow Cub Scouts to join him in staying engaged in their community.



GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Find the Stranger

Circle the animal that is not a zebra.



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GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Word Search

Bee	B	N	G	A	Z	E	L	L	E	R	A	U
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Elephant	E	G	E	O	F	C	H	E	Q	E	S	H
Gazelle	V	I	Y	L	Z	E	B	R	A	F	E	Y
Giraffe	O	R	I	S	E	L	A	B	F	I	G	E
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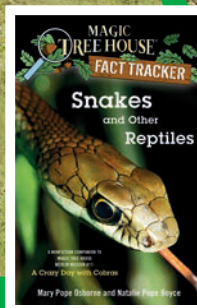
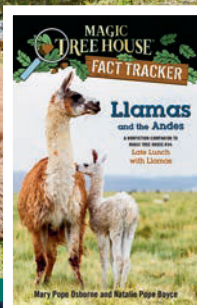
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LLAMAS are so important to the Aymara people of Peru and Bolivia that they refer to llamas as their "silent brothers." They love llamas and even make llama statues out of pure gold!

Llamas spit at other llamas to tell them to **BACK OFF!** If a llama's ears are down and flat against its head, this means it is mad!

Llamas do less harm to the ground beneath them than a hiker wearing hiking boots because of their **PADDED FEET**, which help them to feel and maneuver across rocky terrain.

When **OVERWHELMED**, llamas do not bite, spit, or kick, but will simply lie down and refuse to get up.

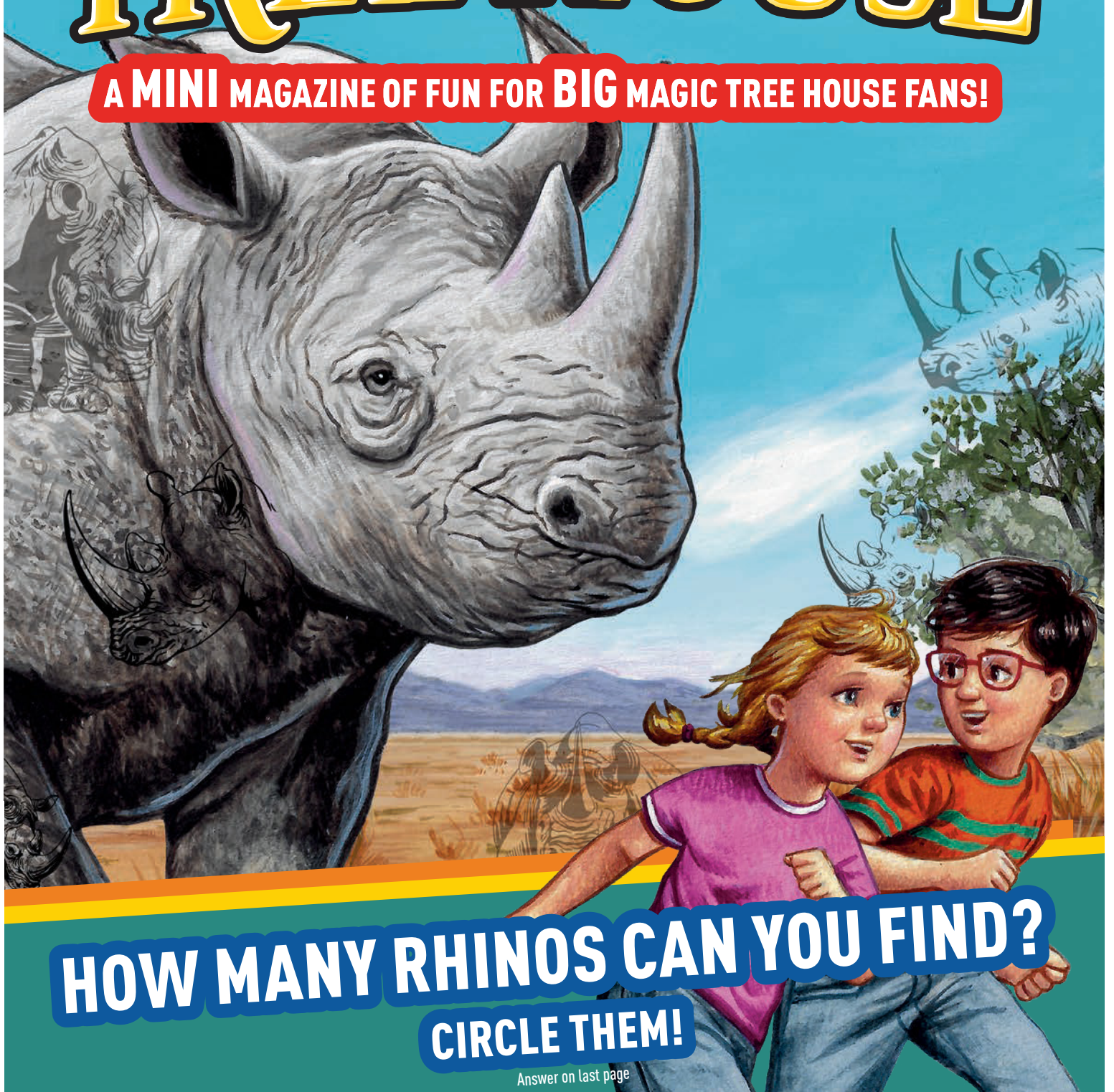


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HOW MANY RHINOS CAN YOU FIND?
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What is something that you hope readers learn in *Rhinos at Recess*?

Mary: I want kids to know that wonderful people all over the world are working in game reserves and parks to try to save endangered animals like rhinos. And I want them to know that rhino ancestors first appeared on Earth many millions of years ago, so it would be a terrible tragedy if rhinos disappeared.

What animal would you be the most excited to see on a safari and why?

Mary: I would love to see a huge lion. But I would want to be in a super-safe vehicle.

What do you enjoy most about writing?

Mary: When I write a book, I always feel as if I'm partly living the adventure with my characters. So with this book, I visited the African grasslands every day with Jack and Annie—it was so exciting.

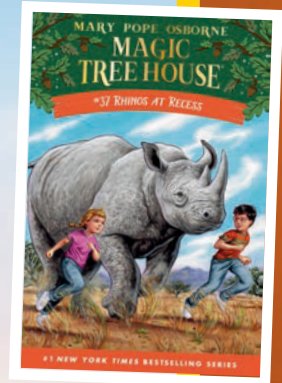
Who do you feel you are most similar to, Jack or Annie?

Mary: I'm a bit of both of them, but I'm not nearly as brave as Annie, and not nearly as smart as Jack.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

AFRICA

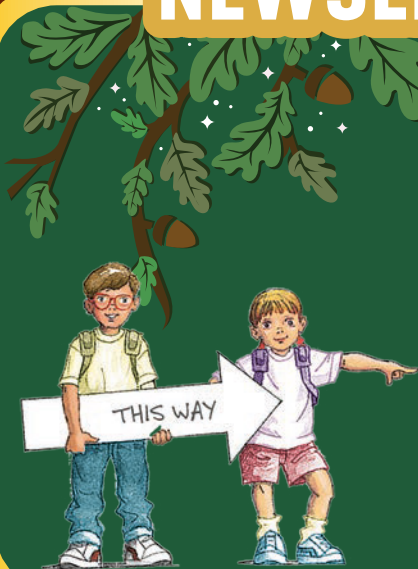
Jack and Annie are on the playground at recess when they feel the magic tree house calling them. They sneak away and are whisked off on an adventure in South Africa—the southernmost country on the African continent. South Africa is home to many different types of plants and animals, including rhinos!



Jack and Annie have a mission: a majestic rhino needs saving! There are swooping helicopters, strict park rangers, and—most terrifying of all—poachers. How do you hide one of the largest land mammals on the flat terrain of the African savanna? Jack and Annie are going to need a little bit of magic for this mission!



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QUIZ TIME!

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What do you like to do on vacation?

- A. Go to a zoo
- B. Go to a beach
- C. Go camping

Where would you most like to travel?

- A. South Africa
- B. The Caribbean
- C. California

What is your favorite kind of animal?

- A. Rhino
- B. Parrot
- C. Bear

What is your dream job?

- A. Veterinarian
- B. Sailor
- C. Park ranger

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Can you spot the five differences between the two covers?



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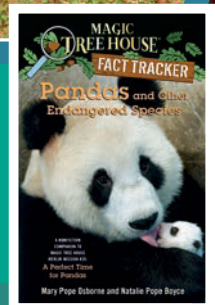
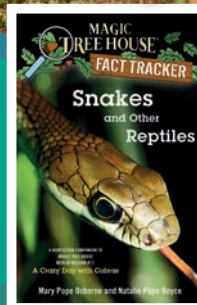
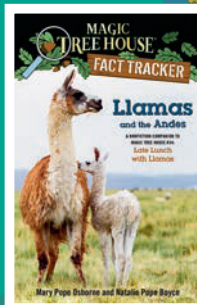
RANGERS at wildlife preserves will sometimes risk their own lives to protect the elephants, rhinos, and other protected animals from danger.

Rhinos are **PLANT EATERS**, but they are still very dangerous to humans.

DO YOU KNOW THESE RHINO FACTS?

Rhinos have no predators besides **POACHERS**.

The ancient rhinoceros was the **LARGEST** land mammal that ever lived! It weighed eight times what rhinos do today.



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Mary Pope Osborne

Camp Time in California takes place in Yosemite National Park. What was the most interesting fact you learned from your research?

I was dazzled by what I learned about the giant sequoias. Annie wept when she found out one of the trees had been cut down, and so did I! They are truly miraculous trees.

Have you ever gone camping? If so, what did you learn about nature?

I spent many months camping in different countries when I was young. I was most impressed by the beauty of the night sky and the experience of feeling wind and cold and warmth and rain. Never since has my life been so affected by natural elements.

What do you think EVERYONE should bring with them if they go camping?

A good sleeping bag, waterproof clothes, a tent, and a flashlight.

Which animal would you NOT want to run into while camping?

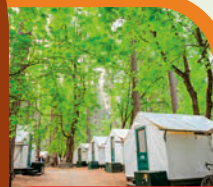
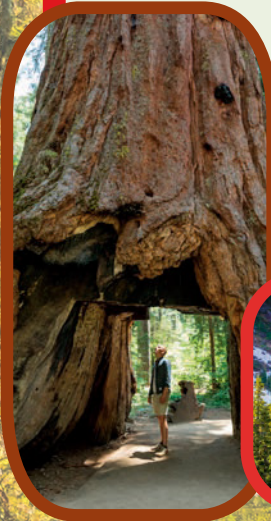
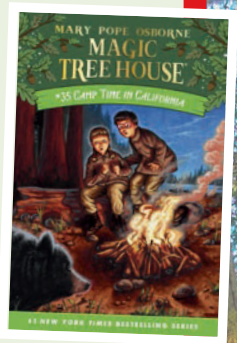
A grizzly bear or a Bengal tiger.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

U.S. HISTORY, EARLY 20TH CENTURY

The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie away to the Yosemite National Park in 1903. At Yosemite [yo-SEH-mih-tee] in California's wilderness, Jack and Annie are surprised to find themselves among the tallest trees they have ever seen—giant sequoias! They travel with cowboys who call themselves the Rough Riders, and they meet John Muir, a

naturalist and writer, and President Theodore Roosevelt. Together, Jack, Annie, and these historic figures go on the most significant camping trip in conservation history!



READ ALONG WITH MARY

Learn all about Jack and Annie's newest adventure *Camp Time in California*! Join author Mary Pope Osborne and listen as she reads from the latest book in the series by clicking [HERE](#). Grab your copy and read along!



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CAMP TIME WORD SEARCH

Jack and Annie go camping in Yosemite in *Camp Time in California*. Can you find the national park-themed words in the word search below?

Tent Yosemite Conservation Camping Campfire
John Muir Yellowstone Glacier Zion Environment

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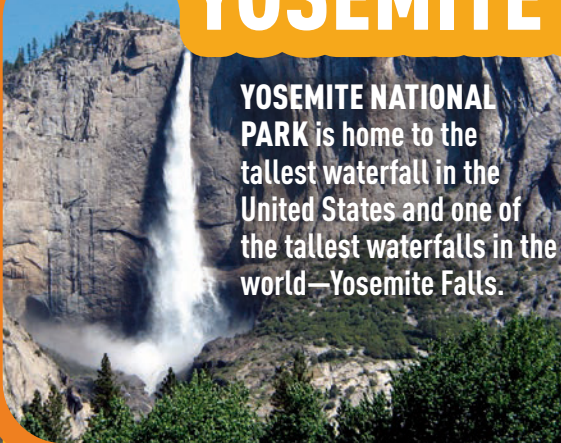
YOSEMITE MAZE

Uh-oh, Jack and Annie have gotten lost and need help finding their campsite! Can you help them find their camp?



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DO YOU KNOW THESE YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK FACTS?



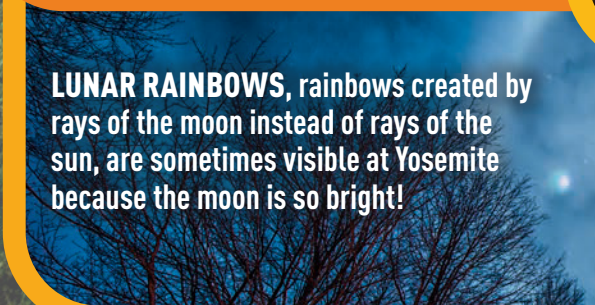
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK is home to the tallest waterfall in the United States and one of the tallest waterfalls in the world—Yosemite Falls.



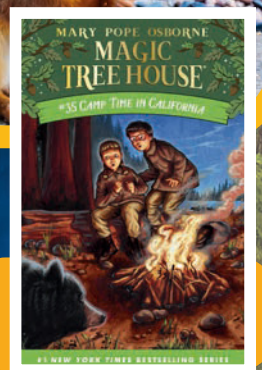
Some of the **GIANT SEQUOIAS** in Yosemite could be more than 3,000 years old!



THE DOUGLAS SQUIRREL—a tiny, tiny animal—is called the spirit of the sequoia tree. The Douglas will eat and scatter seeds from pine cones, enabling sequoia seeds to sprout.



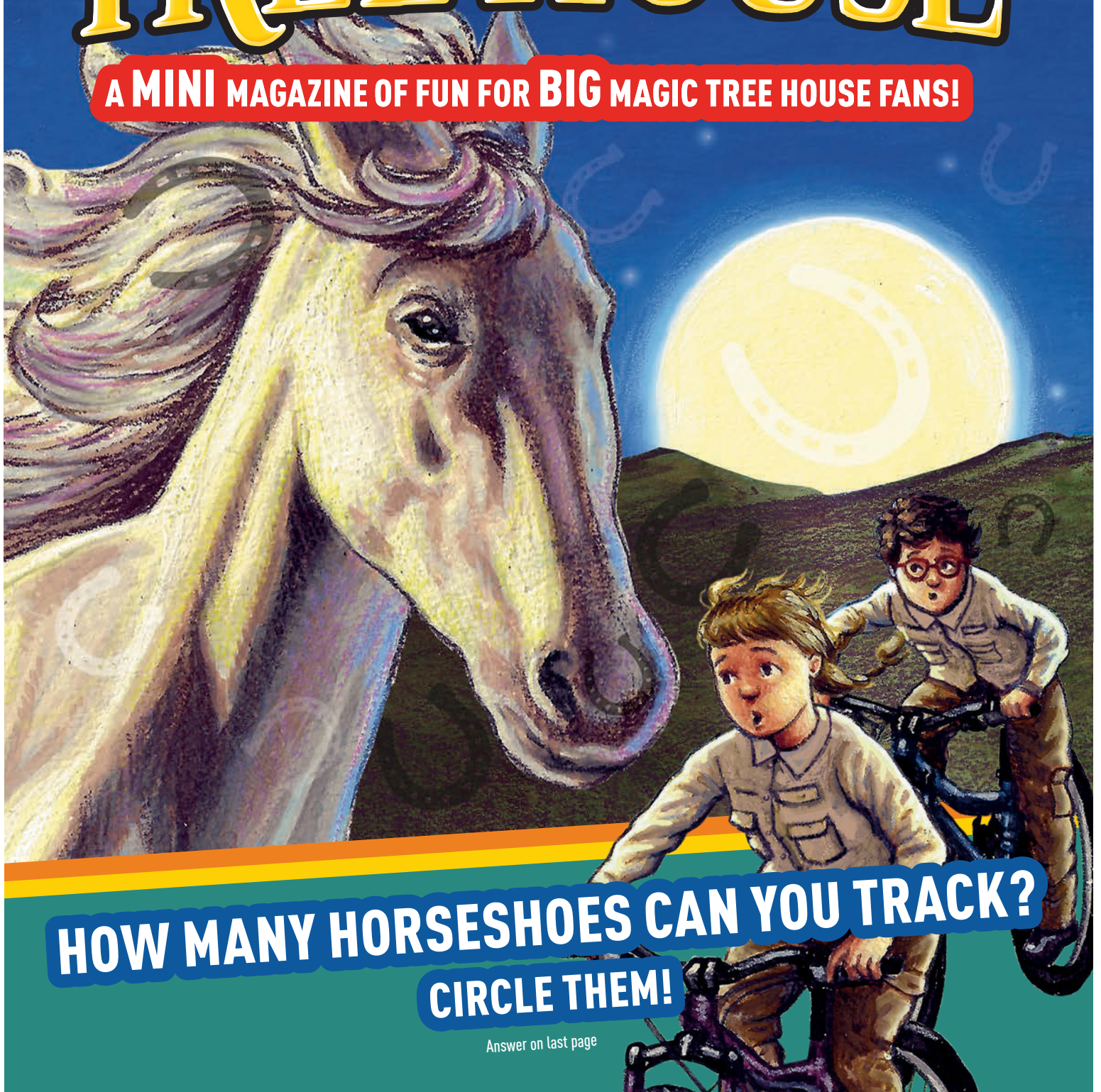
LUNAR RAINBOWS, rainbows created by rays of the moon instead of rays of the sun, are sometimes visible at Yosemite because the moon is so bright!



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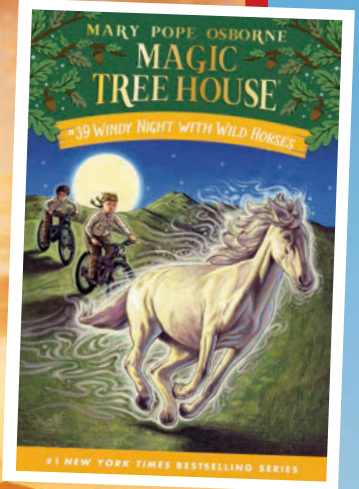
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AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

ASIA

The wind starts to blow . . . and a new magical journey takes Jack and Annie to bike with wild horses in Mongolia! The natural habitat of these horses used to be the steppes of the Gobi Desert, which has one of the greatest expanses of grassland in the world.

Jack and Annie have a mission in the desert . . . to save the wild horses! But what happens when hungry wolves are on the prowl? Jack and Annie are going to have to work together to protect the horses on one of their toughest travels yet.



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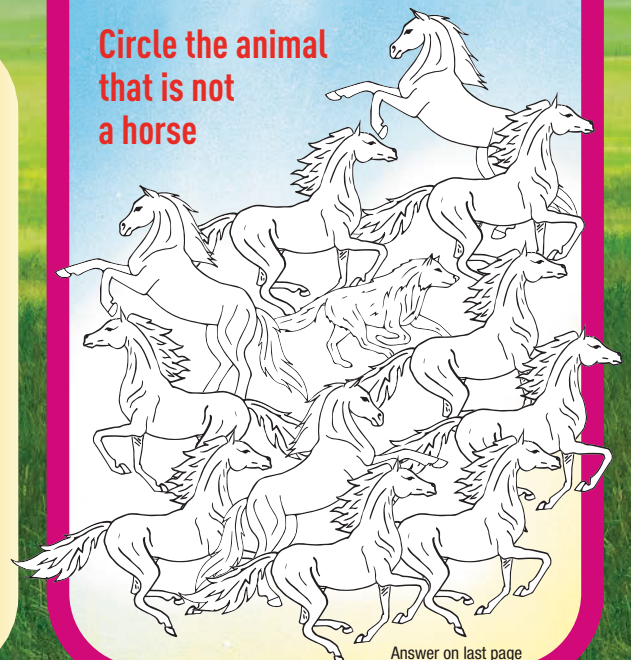


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FIND THE STRANGER.

Circle the animal that is not a horse



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MAZE!

Help Jack and Annie get to the tree house for their next adventure!



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WILD HORSES WORD SEARCH!

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Mongolia • Wolves • Yurt

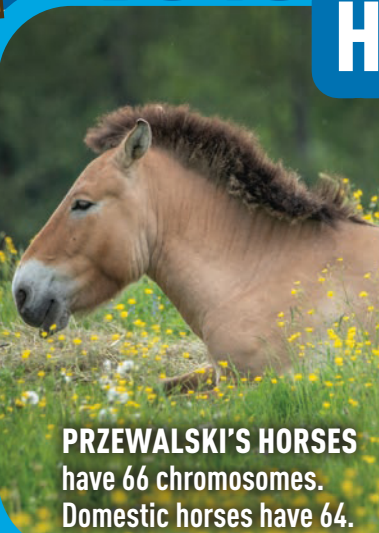
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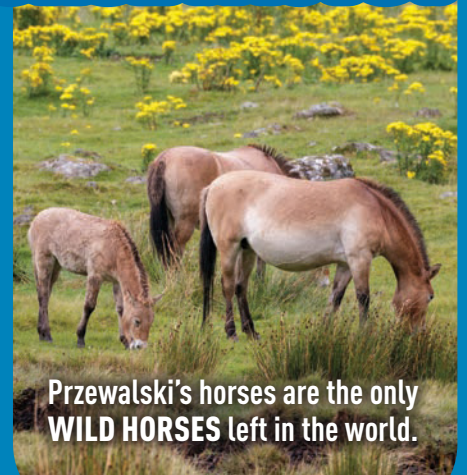
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Przewalski's horses are called **TAKHI**, which means **SPIRIT** in Mongolian.



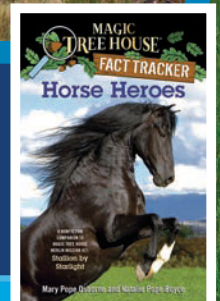
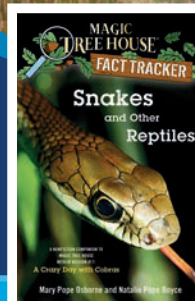
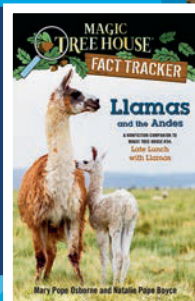
PRZEWALSKI'S HORSES have 66 chromosomes. Domestic horses have 64.



Przewalski's horses are the only **WILD HORSES** left in the world.



These horses can only be found in reintroduction sites in **MONGOLIA, CHINA, and KAZAKHSTAN**.



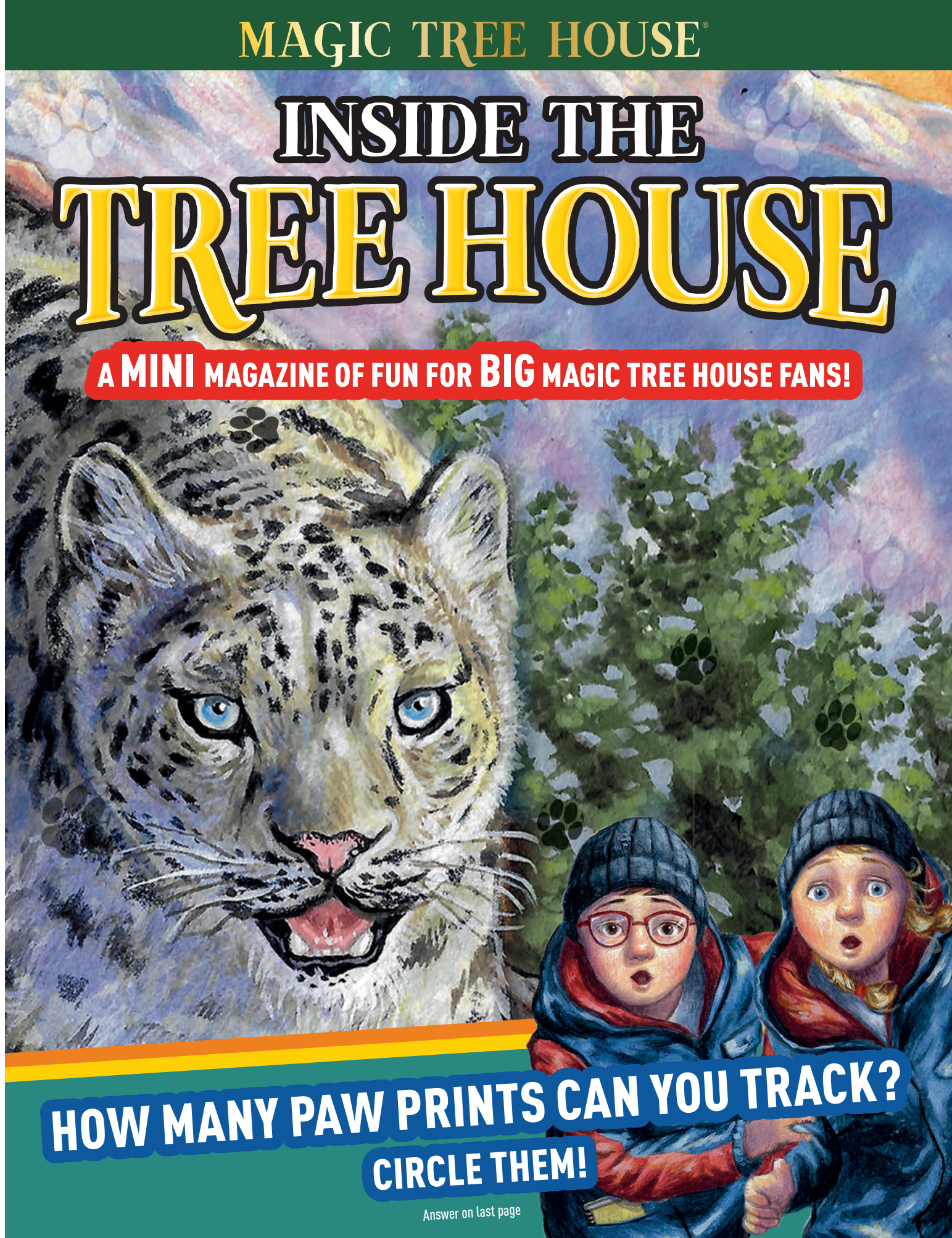
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What inspired the idea for *Sunlight on the Snow Leopard*?

Mary: I spent time in Nepal many years ago and have always fondly remembered the kind people I met and been haunted by the country's beauty.

What is your biggest piece of advice for Magic Tree House fans who are aspiring writers?

Mary: Write your story, then try to make it better by rewriting it. Rewrite, rewrite, rewrite. But don't think of rewriting as "hard work." Combining your language skills with your imagination can truly be an exciting adventure.

What new facts did you learn about Nepal when researching *Sunlight on the Snow Leopard*?

Mary: I learned more about the wonder and mystery of the snow leopard.

What wintertime activities do you enjoy?

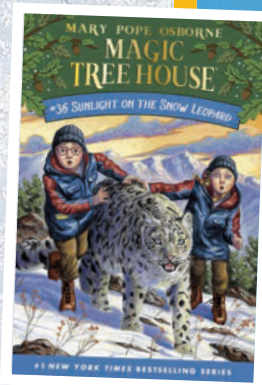
Mary: My favorite wintertime activity is to sit by a fire and read a good story. (Or sit by a fire and write a story!)

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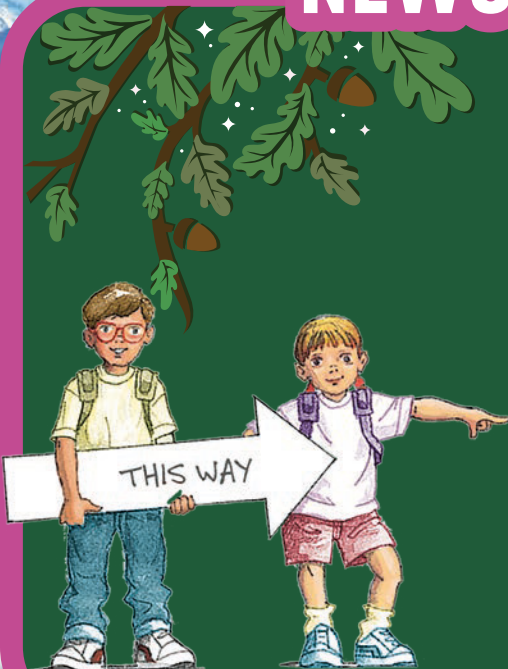
ASIA

The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie to Nepal—a country in Asia that borders the Himalayan Mountain Range. The Himalayas are home to big cats, like snow leopards, and Mount Everest—the world's tallest mountain!

Jack and Annie have a mission in the mountains . . . to find a ghost! But what does all this have to do with an old man and a snow leopard? The journey is dangerous and the path uncertain, but Jack and Annie can do this—they're the only ones who can!



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What is your favorite animal?

- A. Snow leopard B. Llama C. Horse

Where would you most like to travel?

- A. Nepal B. Peru C. England

What is your favorite time of year?

- A. Winter B. Summer C. Fall

What do you like to read about in books?

- A. Ghosts B. Animals C. Castles

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SNOW LEOPARD WORD SEARCH!

SNOW LEOPARD • NEPAL • GHOST • EVEREST • SUMMIT
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Scientists call cats that can roar "BIG CATS." They call cats that can purr "small cats."



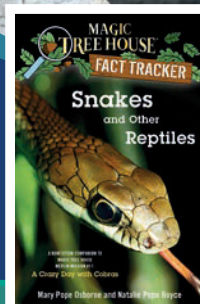
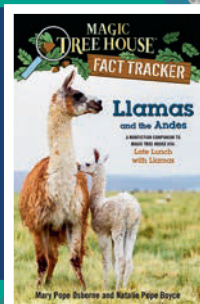
Why do cats scratch things? They're MARKING THEIR TERRITORY. They have scent glands in their paws!



A group of kittens is called a litter, but a group of cats is called a CLOWDER!



SNOW LEOPARDS have a high risk of extinction. Some Buddhist monks act as protectors for this vulnerable species.



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ATTENTION, EDUCATORS!



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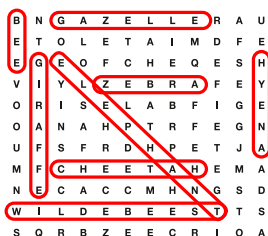
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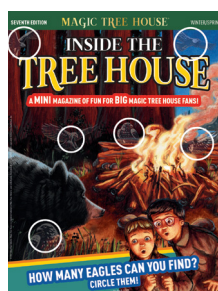
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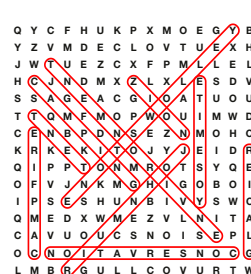
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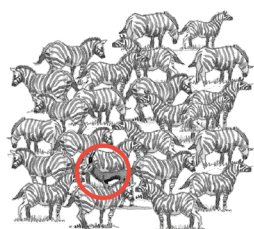
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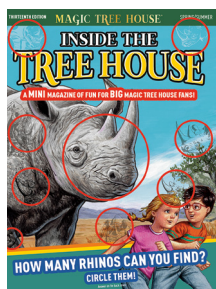
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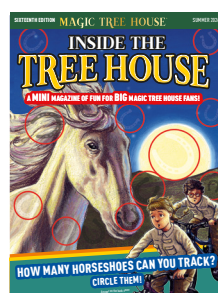
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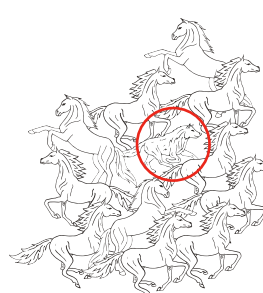
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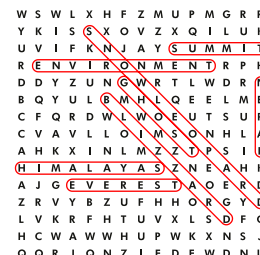
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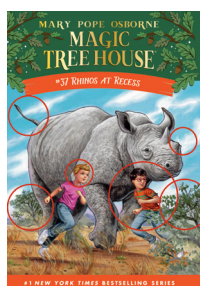
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If you chose mostly **As** ... read *Rhinos at Recess*.

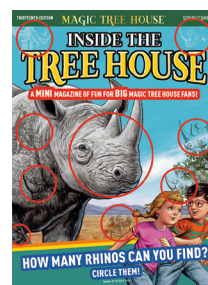
If you chose mostly **Bs** ... read *Pirates Past Noon Graphic Novel*.

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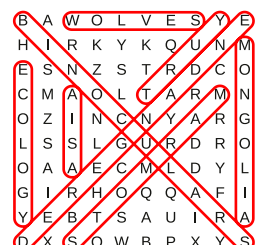
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If you chose mostly **As** ... read *Sunlight on the Snow Leopard*

If you chose mostly **Bs** ... read *Late Lunch with Llamas*

If you chose mostly **Cs** ... read *The Knight at Dawn Graphic Novel*