

MAGIC TREE HOUSE®

INSIDE THE TREE HOUSE

A MINI MAGAZINE OF FUN FOR BIG MAGIC TREE HOUSE FANS!



HOW MANY FISH CAN YOU FIND?
CIRCLE THEM!

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VIEWS FROM THE TREE HOUSE

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What are some of your favorite things to do when the weather warms up?

Mary: I love to walk early in the morning and late in the afternoon. I love watching leaves and flowers return. I love rolling down all my car windows and riding on country roads with my dogs sticking their heads out the windows. I just *love* spring and summer!

How do you cope with spring fever?

Natalie: In New England where Mary and I live there isn't much of a spring until the end of May. To be honest, I don't cope very well with spring fever and sometimes, believe it or not, I get very cranky that summer hasn't appeared yet.

What continues to spark your interest in learning new things?

Natalie: When you begin to learn new things, you realize how many more exciting new things there are still to learn.

Also many of the things I thought I knew, I really didn't. For example, do you think polar bears have white fur? Actually they don't! Do some research to find out why and impress all your friends!

What new adventures are in store for Jack and Annie?

Mary: Jack and Annie will travel back in time to Philadelphia, where they meet Benjamin Franklin and take him into the future to present-day Frog Creek, Pennsylvania.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

THE OCEAN

In *Dolphins at Daybreak*, Jack and Annie travel to a coral reef in the middle of the ocean! They learn that coral reefs are made up of skeletons of dead corals—tiny sea animals. Jack and Annie explore the ocean in a small diving vessel called a submersible and swim next to starfish, pink jellyfish, a blue sea horse, a giant clam, and many more colorful ocean creatures! When Jack and Annie find themselves next to an octopus, they learn that they are gentle, shy creatures with huge strength, and it is nearly impossible to free an object from the grasp of their tentacles! Have you ever seen an octopus?



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Can you imagine being an oceanographer, which is what we call scientists who study the ocean? Sometimes they dive super deep in their submersibles to gather information about the ocean floor. Oceanographers are able to look at and study so many beautiful sea creatures like fish, dolphins, and oysters but also have to be careful and respect these animals. Just remember, if you see a shark in the water, don't splash!

HOMETOWN HEROES

Our featured kid-hero Logan Poupore is from Kent, New York, and was nominated by his mom, Michelle Waters.

Logan volunteers with a local animal rescue that transports dogs from Puerto Rico to New York in search of forever homes. Last summer, Logan spent his time taking the dogs out to play and made videos of the dogs with facts about them to help them find the perfect home.



GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Travel Scramble

There are lots of places in the world to travel to! Can you unscramble some of the countries listed below?

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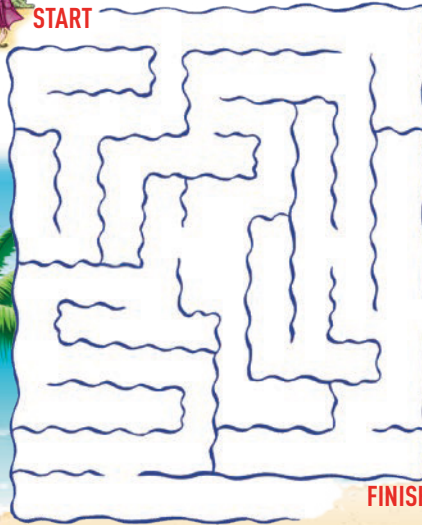
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GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Beach Maze Guide Jack and Annie to the beach!



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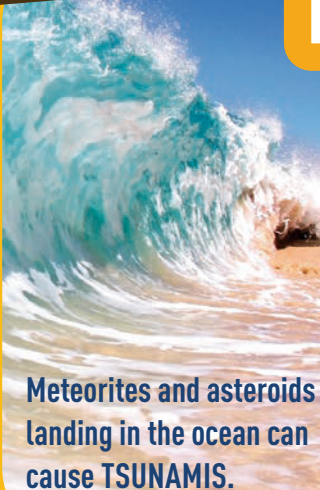
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FACT TRACKER

Most **CORAL REEFS** are 5,000 to 10,000 years old.



Meteorites and asteroids landing in the ocean can cause **TSUNAMIS**.



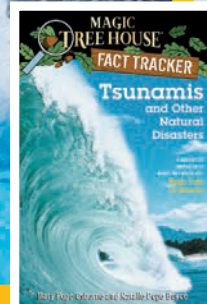
The **GREAT WHITE SHARK** can weigh up to 7,000 pounds and have 3,000 teeth.



Great white shark photo © by VisionDive Stock Photo/ Shutterstock

DID YOU KNOW THESE FACTS?

DOLPHINS find food by using echolocation. They make clicking and whistling noises, and when the noises travel through the water, they bounce off objects like fish or squid, letting the dolphins know where they are.



Track more facts in these books!

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Have any ideas in published *Magic Tree House* books come from kids?

Mary: Absolutely! Whenever I speak to readers, I ask them to share their ideas with me—or I have them vote on ideas that I'm thinking about. Kids have not only helped me decide where Jack and Annie should go but they've helped by voting on different titles that I'm considering.

Why do you think kids like narwhals so much?

Natalie: Because they are such unique creatures! Their tusks are reminiscent of unicorns, which are very popular with kids of all ages. You don't expect an aquatic animal to have a unicorn horn!

What is your favorite part about the *Magic Tree House* stage show tour?

Mary: There are many different *Magic Tree House* musicals being done around the country right now. One of my favorite moments is at the end of *Showtime with Shakespeare*, when the whole cast sings a song called "Thy Life Is a Miracle."

Out of all of the *Fact Trackers* you've written, which was the hardest to write, and why?

Natalie: The hardest *Fact Trackers* to write have been those that encompassed centuries of history. Several thousand years of Roman, Chinese, Japanese, or Viking history are hard to condense!

Does your dog Captain Wilson like the snow? Does he have a winter wardrobe?

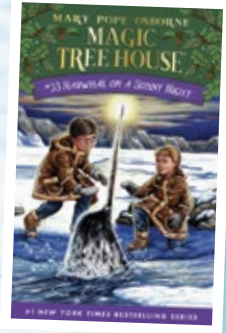
Mary: This will be Captain's first winter in the north. He has short hair and is quite skinny, so he definitely needs a little coat. In fact, he has three coats. The Captain loves adventure, so yes, he enjoys the snow.

Captain Wilson is fashionable in his winter sweater!



AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

ARCTIC CIRCLE In *Narwhal on a Sunny Night*, Jack and Annie are whisked away to Greenland, the world's largest island! Although you would think Greenland is green, it's actually covered in ice, and is partly located in the Arctic Circle, along with Alaska, Iceland, Scandinavia, Canada, and Russia. The Arctic Circle is one of the coldest regions in the world. On their adventure, Jack and Annie learn about icebergs, the Inuit people who live in Greenland, and different Arctic animals, like seals, walrus, reindeer, and a variety of whales—including narwhals! Jack and Annie meet a seafarer who helps them save a narwhal. They realize they've traveled to Greenland in the time of Vikings, and are with Leif Erikson—"the first European to step onto the North American continent . . . five hundred years before Christopher Columbus." (p. 54) Thanks to Jack and Annie's



book about Greenland, they know that narwhals can stay underwater for twenty-five minutes and communicate by using a variety of sounds. What else do Jack and Annie learn from Leif and the narwhal?

Read *Narwhal on a Sunny Night* to find out!



HOMETOWN HEROES

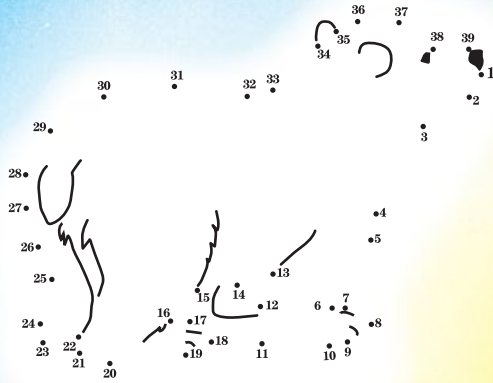
Our featured kid-hero Anna Wolcott is from Phoenix, Arizona, and was nominated by her mom, Heather Wolcott. Anna was inspired to build, paint, and stock her own Little Free Library as her Kindergarten Community Service Project. She chose this project because she loves reading and wanted to share books with her community so kids could borrow them and read anytime they want.



GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Connect the Dots

Can you connect the dots to reveal the animal?

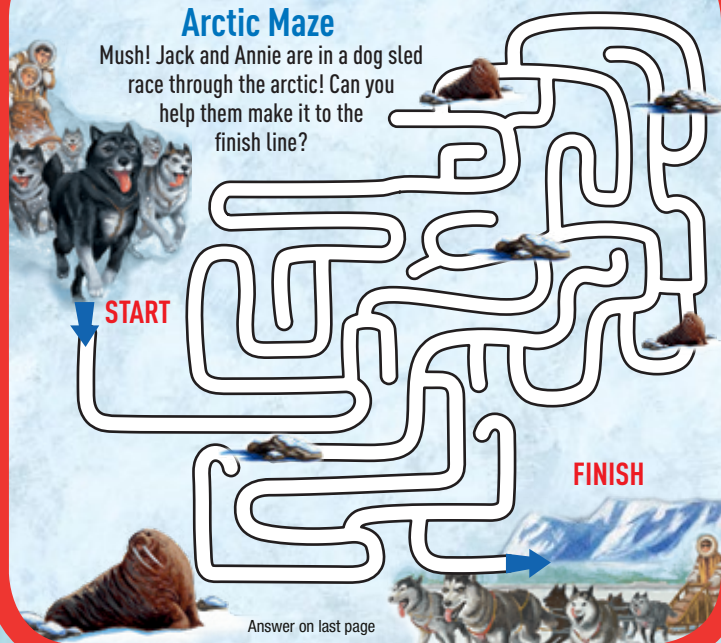


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GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Arctic Maze

Mush! Jack and Annie are in a dog sled race through the arctic! Can you help them make it to the finish line?



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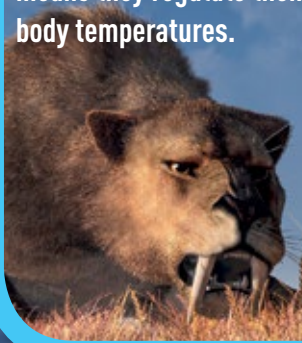
FACT TRACKER



POLAR BEARS have strong shoulders, big feet, and powerful front legs. Male bears often weigh over a thousand pounds.

DO YOU KNOW THESE ARCTIC ANIMAL FACTS?

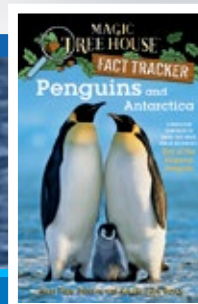
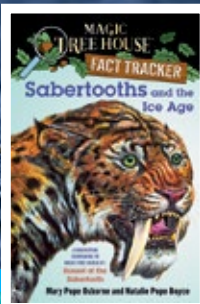
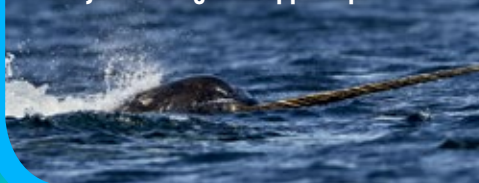
Many **ICE AGE ANIMALS** were mammals, which means they regulate their body temperatures.



PENGUINS' bodies are perfect for speeding through the water. Their webbed feet push the water aside as they swim, and they use their stiff, pointed tails as rudders for steering.



A **NARWHAL'S** tusk isn't a horn. It's a long spiral tooth that grows from its jaw through its upper lip.



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ATTENTION, EDUCATORS!



Check out the free downloadable Magic Tree House® resources available through Mary's own **Classroom Adventures Program** created for teachers, like you, who have inspired Mary for 30 years with your dedication and creative use of Magic Tree House® books.

Mary's program is a **Gift of Time** to teachers striving to find creative ways to inspire their students and still meet curriculum standards.

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- **Reading Level Guide** for all Magic Tree House® books and Fact Trackers
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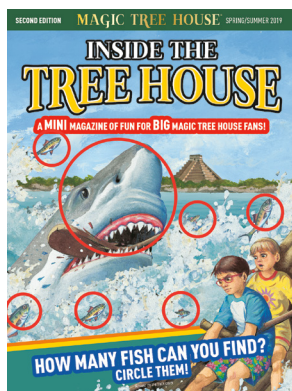
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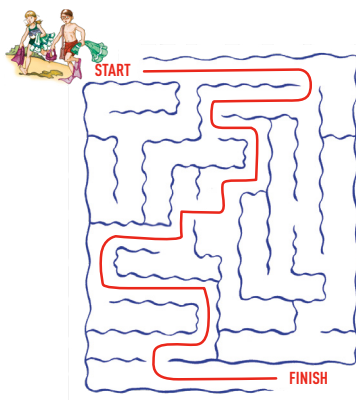
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ANSWERS

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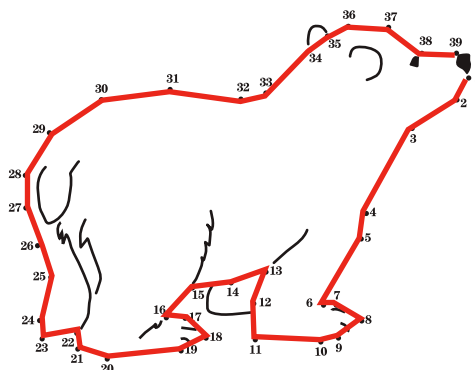
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