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MAGIC TREE HOUSE[®]

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INSIDE THE TREE HOUSE

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



**HOW MANY VULTURES CAN YOU FIND?
CIRCLE THEM!**

Answer on the back cover

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.

Does Captain Wilson have any summer plans?

Mary: Captain Wilson cannot wait to get back on our boat. He and his first mate, Little Bear, are serious sea-dogs.



These pups love summer, lakes, and sunshine!

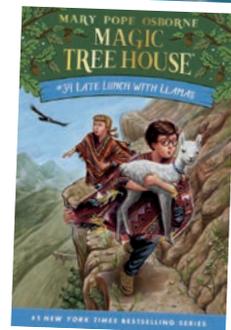
AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

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 down 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 Blausler 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.

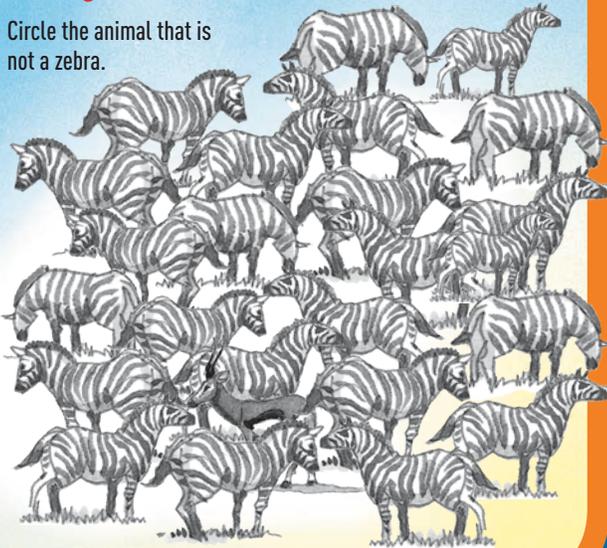
Submit your hometown heroes at HometownHeroStories.com for a chance to be featured on the website, on social platforms, and in *Inside the Tree House*!



GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Find the Stranger

Circle the animal that is not a zebra.



Answer on back

GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Word Search

Bee	B	N	G	A	Z	E	L	L	E	R	A	U
Cheetah	E	T	O	L	E	T	A	I	M	D	F	E
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
Hyena	O	A	N	A	H	P	T	R	F	E	G	N
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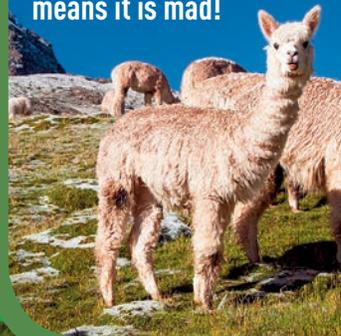
DO YOU KNOW THESE LLAMA FACTS?

FACT TRACKER

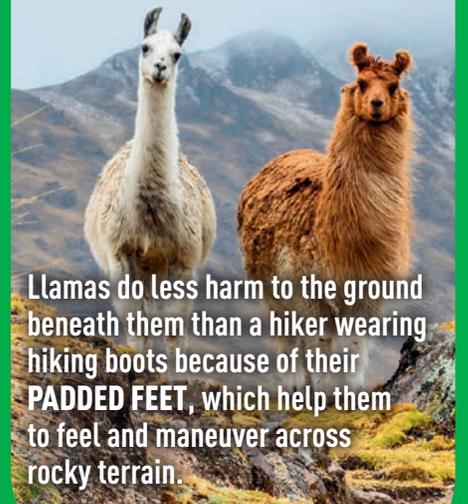
LLAMAS are so important to the Aymara people of Peru and Bolivia that they refer to llamas as their "silent brothers." They love llamas and even make llama statues out of pure gold!



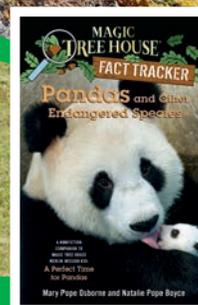
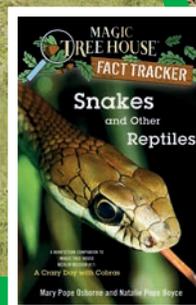
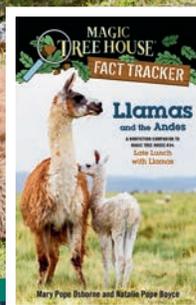
Llamas spit at other llamas to tell them to **BACK OFF!** If a llama's ears are down and flat against its head, this means it is mad!



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.



Track more animal facts in these books!

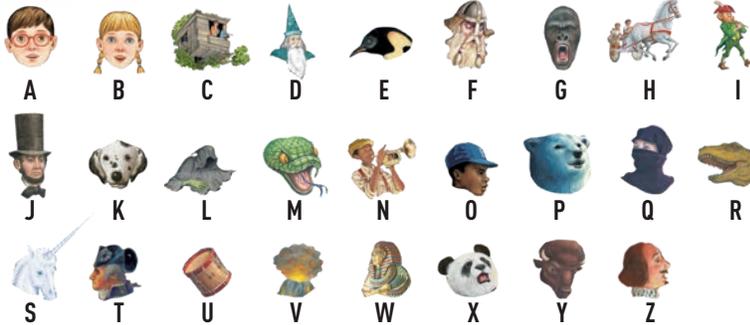
MERLIN'S WIZARD ZONE

Crack the code and enter Merlin's Wizard Zone!



Solve the puzzle, then go to WizardZoneCode.com and enter Merlin's secret code. Get it right to unlock his magical chest and receive a special treasure he put there for you. The treasure will disappear, so don't delay!

What's the best drink in the Andes?



EDUCATORS

The **Classroom Adventures Program** is Mary's gift to teachers who have inspired her with their dedication and creative use of MTH in the classroom.



The program provides the following free downloadable resources that allow teachers to use kids' love of Jack and Annie's adventures to stimulate interest in subjects across the entire curriculum, including **STEAM education**.

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- A **Reading Level Guide** for all books in the series
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... way, way back!

Join Jack and Annie when their magic tree house transports them to the land of dinosaurs! Check out this **deluxe edition** of *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, which has **ALL-NEW** full-color illustrations!



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ANSWERS

FRONT COVER



FIND THE STRANGER



CROSS WORDS

