

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

This book was about adventure in the Amazon jungle, following the characters Lila, Max (her younger brother) Con and Fred.

It's got thrilling moments and scary ones where you don't know what's going to happen. If you like action and adventure books I would recommend this as a great story.

It's a great read which can teach you some survival skills like making rafts and, how to start a fire quickly. The children have no clue that each other are and have to learn to gain each other's trust.

They meet a man who seems like a psychopath on their journey this was due to him grabbing one of the group at knifepoint and he has a vulture as a pet. Slowly they begin to learn more about his past and they realise this is far from the truth. He had trust issues as his wife and son had been killed in the jungle.

The man welcomes the children to stay in his camp as the one they had built wasn't very good or safe.

The children wake up to see Max not there, but find that he's been eaten by a colony of bullet ants and need medical support or he'll die in less than 10 hours. Then behind the vines they have been not to go past, it's a plane that can save this boy's life. They learn that the man was a pilot, but won't leave so he teaches Fred to fly. In the end max survives and to this and to this day they've never told anyone.

Its heart warming and will bring friends together. It's good because even they met in the jungle they've become life friends, once the group find the truth about the man they swear not to tell a living soul about the place because it is a place which shouldn't be disturbed by humans.

By Kenny Horsman