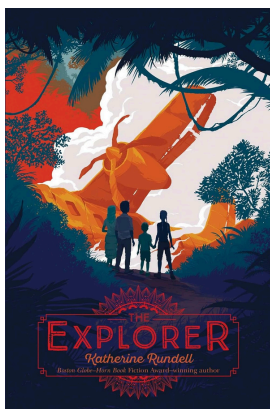


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# The Explorer

by Katherine Rundell



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

## What's It About?

Fred, Con, Lila, and Max are flying back to England from the Amazon jungle when their plane crashes—and the pilot dies upon landing. Stranded, scared, and totally alone, they must rely on their instincts, courage, and each other to survive. When Fred finds a mysterious map, it leads them not just to a hidden ruin... but to a secret that could change everything. This is one of my favorite middle grade books of all time—a masterfully written, high-stakes survival story with deep emotional threads and an unforgettable setting. Trust me, you'll be hooked from the first page.

## Who Wrote It?

Katherine Rundell spent her childhood growing up in 3 different countries: England, Zimbabwe and Belgium! She is now an internationally bestselling writer. Her books have sold millions of copies, been translated into 40 languages and have won numerous prizes. Her stories often feature adventurous plots, elements of fantasy, and connections to the real world, with themes of survival, discovery, and the natural world. She begins each day with a cartwheel and believes that reading is almost exactly the same as cartwheeling: it turns the



world upside down and leaves you breathless. In her spare time, she enjoys walking on tightropes and trespassing on the rooftops of Oxford colleges.

AR Reading Level: 4.5

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I want to read this book: YES / NO

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