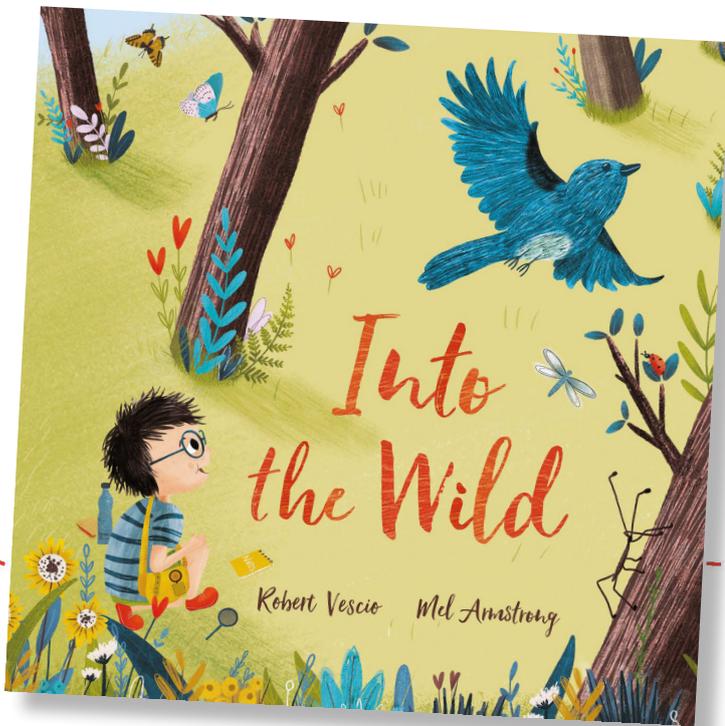


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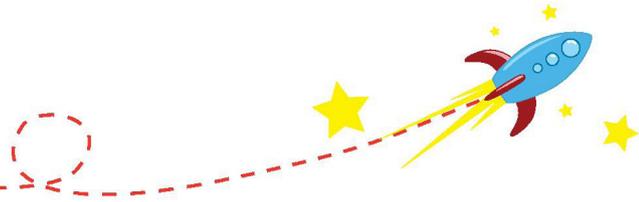


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Synopsis

Roman is a lone wanderer and the wild is his to explore. Yet despite his amazing adventures and fascinating discoveries, Roman is still searching for something. Is being alone really the only choice for a wanderer?

About the Author

Robert Vescio is an award-winning children's author. He is dedicated to inspiring children with his passion for stories. When he is not writing, he enjoys visiting schools to share his imaginative tales. Robert lives in Sydney and enjoys spending time with his children, who are an endless source of inspiration.

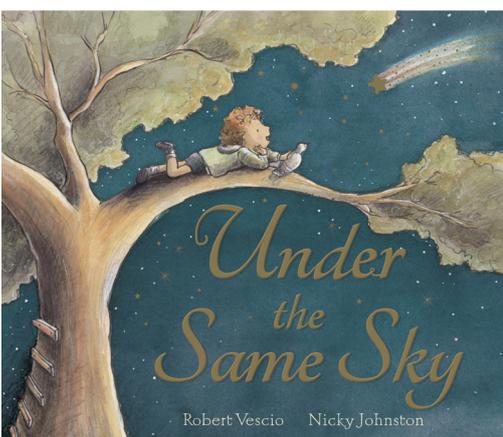
About the Illustrator

Mel is an illustrator and surface pattern designer from the coolest capital in the world Wellington, New Zealand. Her first book, *A Home for Luna*, published by New Frontier Publishing in 2019 won the Rubery Book Award Children's category and she has since gone on to illustrate more than 10 books. Her work, which is a mix of traditional and digital media using textures and pattern, is largely influenced by the beauty of nature and the funny stories told by her children.

Educational Applicability

Into the Wild is a stunning picture book that encourages children to explore and engage with nature. The story evokes a spirit of wonder and curiosity and demonstrates the joy of sharing your discoveries with a friend.

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Discussion Topics and Activities

Discussion Topics

1. Do you like playing outside, like Roman? What kind of games would you play? What is your favourite thing about exploring the outdoors?
2. Do you think it is important for children to play outside? Think of reasons for your answer.
3. Why do you think Roman likes to go wandering?
4. Think of the word 'wanderer'. What do you think it means to be a wanderer? Would you consider yourself a wanderer?
5. Where would be your favourite place to go wandering? This could be the beach, the forest, or even your own garden, or anywhere else you can think of.
6. If you were exploring the wild, what would you want to find?
7. If you discovered something interesting while you were exploring, who would you want to share it with?

Activities

Keeping a Nature Diary

Keeping a nature diary is a great way to keep track of your adventures in the wild. It's easy, just follow the simple instructions on the next page!

Colouring-In

Colour in Roman and his amazing surroundings.

Word Search

Find the five words hidden in the word search.

Drawing Activity

Where would you like to go exploring? Draw a picture of your dream destination for wandering.

Memory Game

How well can you remember what happened in *Into the Wild*? Play the Memory Game to find out!

Keeping a Nature Diary

You've read about Roman and the amazing adventures he has exploring nature. Would you like to have some adventures of your own and keep a record of them? Keeping a nature diary is a great way to record your experiences of nature and to refresh your memories of these events as you get older.

Getting started is easy, just find yourself any kind of notebook and a pen and start making notes of all the things you've seen or done in nature. This can be anything from going on a picnic to seeing a bird to going on a camping holiday.

You could also illustrate your memories of nature by drawing what you see or taking photographs. And nature is a great source of inspiration, so you might even be inspired to write poems or songs about nature!



Into the wild - Colouring-in

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Into the Wild Word Search

Can you find the five words hidden in the puzzle? Look carefully for the words listed below.

- Roman
- Wild
- Wanderer
- Discovery
- Friend

D	M	A	W	B	N	M
I	U	P	A	D	U	J
S	E	U	N	L	P	B
C	N	J	D	I	S	K
O	A	D	E	W	P	R
V	M	S	R	R	Y	G
E	O	O	E	V	T	C
R	R	L	R	G	I	G
Y	F	R	I	E	N	D



Drawing Activity

Which natural landscape would you most like to explore? This could be the seaside, the forest, a jungle or anywhere else you can imagine. Draw your favourite place to explore in the space below.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin red border, intended for drawing a natural landscape.

Memory Game

How well do you remember what happened in the story? Below are six pictures from *Into the Wild* but they are jumbled up. Carefully cut them out (ask an adult to help you!) and arrange them in the correct order. Try to retell the story in your own words.

