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A rich selection of engaging non-fiction stories, grouped into five themes:

- Incredible Animals
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- Amazing Science
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A Teacher’s Book is available for each level offering a step-by-step lesson planner for each reader, with concise story summaries and teaching notes for each of the Read, Listen, and Watch features. Photocopiable worksheets provide complete teaching instructions, answer keys, a grammar presentation based on story content, and additional research and communicative activities.

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Each National Geographic Footprint Reader tells an exciting story based on real-world events. Here we show how the story of a Beluga whale calf in Arctic Whale Danger! is told for learners of English.

READ

The text introduces the theme with an accessible first spread that introduces the key vocabulary and sets the story in its geographical context. The story is told in simple language (Level 1 contains 800 headwords), divided into sections and developed with varied exercises and organisational aids. These include predicting, scanning, skimming, checking facts, interpreting charts, sequencing events, identifying cause and effect, inferring meaning, summarising and more. Incredible photos taken from the DVD material and National Geographic archive encourage students to read on, while annotated illustrations extend students’ understanding. At the end of the reader, the After you read feature provides a comprehension check. Relevant vocabulary is collated in a Vocabulary List. There is a final spread expanding on the topic in the format of a newspaper or magazine article, diary, job description, reports or – as in Arctic Whale Danger! – interviews.

LISTEN

The audio programme, available packaged with individual readers and for each complete level, contains recordings of the full text of each reader, including the Expansion Readings. The Audio CD offers you the choice between British and American English. Suggested listening activities, for use with the Audio CDs, are included in the Teacher’s Book.

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Are you one of the teachers who combine foreign language teaching with other subjects, such as History, Geography, Biology or Social Sciences? If you are, the National Geographic Footprint Readers provide a perfect opportunity to integrate English and other teaching areas at varying levels of fluency!
Arctic Whale Danger!

In the Arctic Ocean, a baby whale goes too close to land. It cannot get back to the water. A group of whales are trapped by moving ice. They cannot get back to open water. Will the whales find safety before it is too late?

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Happy Elephants

Elephants are social animals. In nature, they live happily in family groups. However, people sometimes use elephants for work or put them in zoos. What can people do to make these elephants healthy and happy? How can they stay that way?

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Monkey Party

Monkeys are important animals. In parts of Thailand, monkeys are allowed to do anything they want. The monkeys have a party for the monkeys every year! What kind of party do the people of Lopburi have? Why do they have it?

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Essouira is a beautiful old town by the sea. Most local people are fishermen. However, the number of fish has gone down. Now, there are not as many jobs for the people. How will the fishermen make money to live? What will happen to the town?

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Footnotes include one-sentence definitions for the target vocabulary.

Predict comprehension activities encourage students to consider the text and remark on it.

A map on the first page shows where the story is set.

Stunning colour photos and informative illustrations bring the text to life. The headphones symbol introduces each listening activity.

Two Expansion Reading pages aid consolidation of newly learned language; two letters to a newspaper are shown here.
Columbus and the New World

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Dreamtime Painters

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The Young Riders of Mongolia

Horseback riding is a very important tradition in Mongolia. Each year the people there have a race to celebrate this tradition. However, the race is a little unusual. What kind of race is it? Why is it unusual?

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Two scientists are traveling through Ethiopia to study a very old volcano. Volcanoes can be dangerous, because they have hot, melted rock inside. But they also offer important information. Will the scientists make it safely to the volcano? What will they learn there?

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Wild Animal Trackers

In Africa, there is a group of people called “Bushmen”. These people know a lot about wild animals. However, sometimes they can’t tell others about the animals, because they don’t speak the same language. How can the Bushmen share what they know?

Amazing Science

A Disappearing World

A team of people is traveling through Africa. The team wants to photograph and document the wildlife of this beautiful part of the world. They want to do it before this beauty disappears, or goes away, forever. Will they complete their project? Can they do it safely?

The Knife Markets of Sanaa

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Cheese-Rolling Races

Many towns have special events. However, one town in England, has a very unusual one. At the start, someone pushes a piece of cheese down a hill. Then, the people run after the cheese. And after that? Well, things get pretty funny! What happens?

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Making a Thai Boxing Champion

In Thailand, boxing is an important sport. Thai boys start training to become boxers at a very young age. They all want to win and become the best; a real champion. Thai boxing offers these boys many opportunities. Why is boxing so important? What makes a champion?

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Taiko Master

“Taiko” is a kind of Japanese drum that people hit to make music. Taiko drumming is an ancient Japanese art and it’s difficult to learn. Now, many people are practising taiko drumming in the United States. They have a very special teacher. What makes him so special?

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In the village of Chinchero, Peru, weaving is an important tradition. Weavers use animal hair to make beautiful cloth. They have always used this cloth to stay warm. However, they are now also selling it to make money. How will this affect the local people and economy?

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The Last of the Cheju Divers

Cheju, South Korea, is known for its traditional women divers. They have long dived into the ocean to look for seafood. It's dangerous, but there were no other jobs available. Now, women in Cheju have more choices. What jobs can they do? What will happen to the Cheju divers?

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Varied and engaging vocabulary exercises help maintain interest throughout each reader.

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The Adventure Capital of the World
Queenstown, New Zealand considers itself “The Adventure Capital of the World”. Why? People go there to jump from high places, drive extremely fast boats, and walk into the mountains and fly back. Why is Queensland such a popular place for adventure? What would you do there?

Butler School
In the past, it was popular for rich people in England to have servants, or people to help manage their homes. The most important servant was the butler. Today, there are fewer butlers, but the job is still important. What skills make a good butler? Where does one learn them?

One Village Makes a Difference
People everywhere need water for drinking, washing, and other activities. In India there is not always enough water for everybody. Now, a group of villages is trying a different method to get water. Will they get the water they need? Can one village make a difference?

Night Hunt
In an Okavango wetlands area, a young serval cat is going out for his first night hunt. These cats catch small animals for food. However, they must be very careful. There are many larger animals that want to hunt them! Will the young serval be safe and successful?

Cambodia Animal Rescue
In some areas of Cambodia, there are few people around. Because of this, people go there to catch and kill animals illegally for food or for sale. If these animals don’t get help, there will soon be none left! Who will save the animals before it’s too late?

Birds in Paradise
Trinidad and Tobago is famous for its beautiful birds. One man has made it his life’s work to study them. He’s trying to photograph all of the 460 types of birds on the island. But there’s one special bird that’s difficult to find. Will he succeed?

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Graphs and diagrams help expand the theme of each reader for students who are interested to know more.

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Students refer back to the text in order to answer these questions.

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