



Sutton Grammar School

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Wild by Ele Fountain



Wild by Ele Fountain is an eco adventure story set in the South American rainforest. It is centred around troubled teenager called Jack. Jack is struggling with the sudden death of his father and starts to get into the wrong group of peers at school which lead into trouble by shoplifting and vandalising property.

Jack's mother, Sophia, becomes increasingly worried about his behaviour and decides to take him on a work trip during the Christmas holidays. The only thing is Jack has no idea what his mother actually does when she goes abroad for work trips.

When they arrive, Jack is introduced to a work colleague of his mother, Maria and her daughter, Pakyim. Together they begin a mission to trek through the rainforest in search of an indigenous tribe to protect them against illegal loggers. It is a dangerous journey that they embark on through the jungle. Jack must learn to overcome his anger and grieve in order to survive, help his mother and play a role in protecting both the tribe and their fragile habitat.

Wild draws readers deep into Jack's emotional and physical journey as he navigates adolescence and grief. Fountain cleverly combines a gripping adventure with exploration of contemporary global issues. The novel balances tense, immersive action with powerful environmental and social themes.

It is also available as an ebook and audiobook on Sora.

Recommended for students in KS3 and above.

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