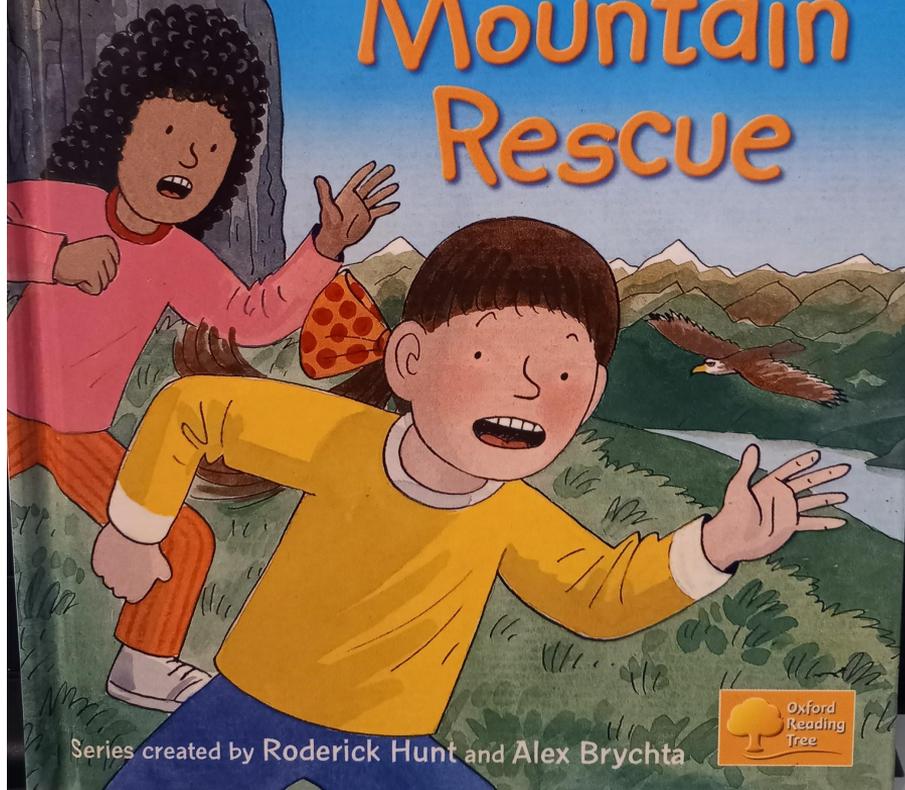


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# Read at Home

## Mountain Rescue



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## Tips for Reading Together

Children learn best when reading is fun.

- Talk about the title and the pictures on the cover.
- Discuss what you think the story might be about.
- Read the story together, inviting your child to read as much of it as they can.
- Give lots of praise as your child reads, and help them when necessary.
- Try different ways of helping if they get stuck on a word. For example, get them to say the first sound of the word, or break it into chunks, or read the whole sentence again, trying to guess the word. Focus on the meaning.
- Have fun finding the hidden hiking boots.
- Re-read the story later, encouraging your child to read as much of it as they can.

Children enjoy re-reading stories and this helps to build their confidence.

*Have fun!*

Find the 10 hiking boots hidden in the pictures.



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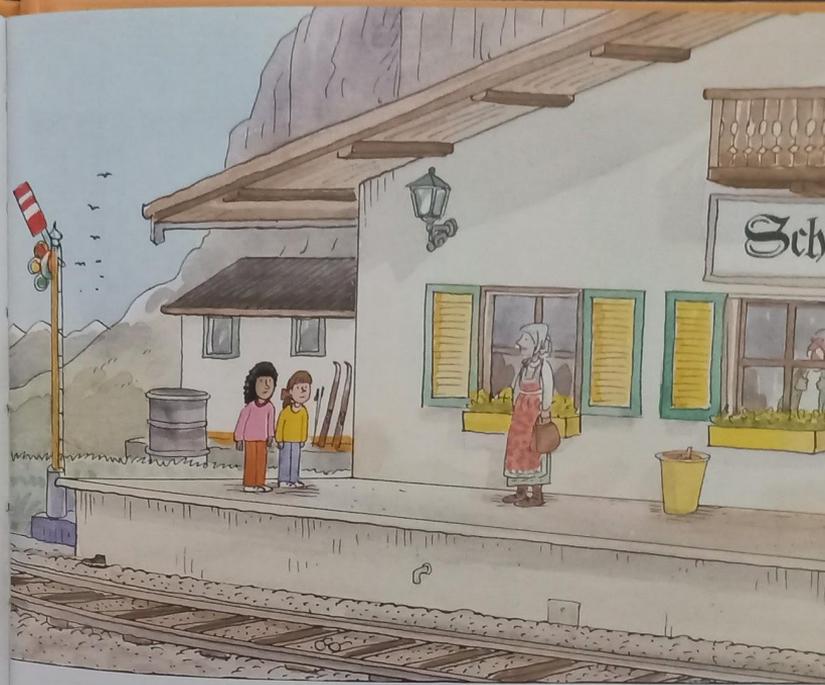


Biff was showing Wilma her new music box.

"It's like a little house," said Wilma.



Biff opened the box and the music began to play. Suddenly, the magic key began to glow.



The magic took Biff and Wilma to a mountain railway station. "The station looks just like my music box," said Biff.



There was a big wooden horn at the station. A boy called Max told them that it was used to send for the Mountain Rescue helicopter.

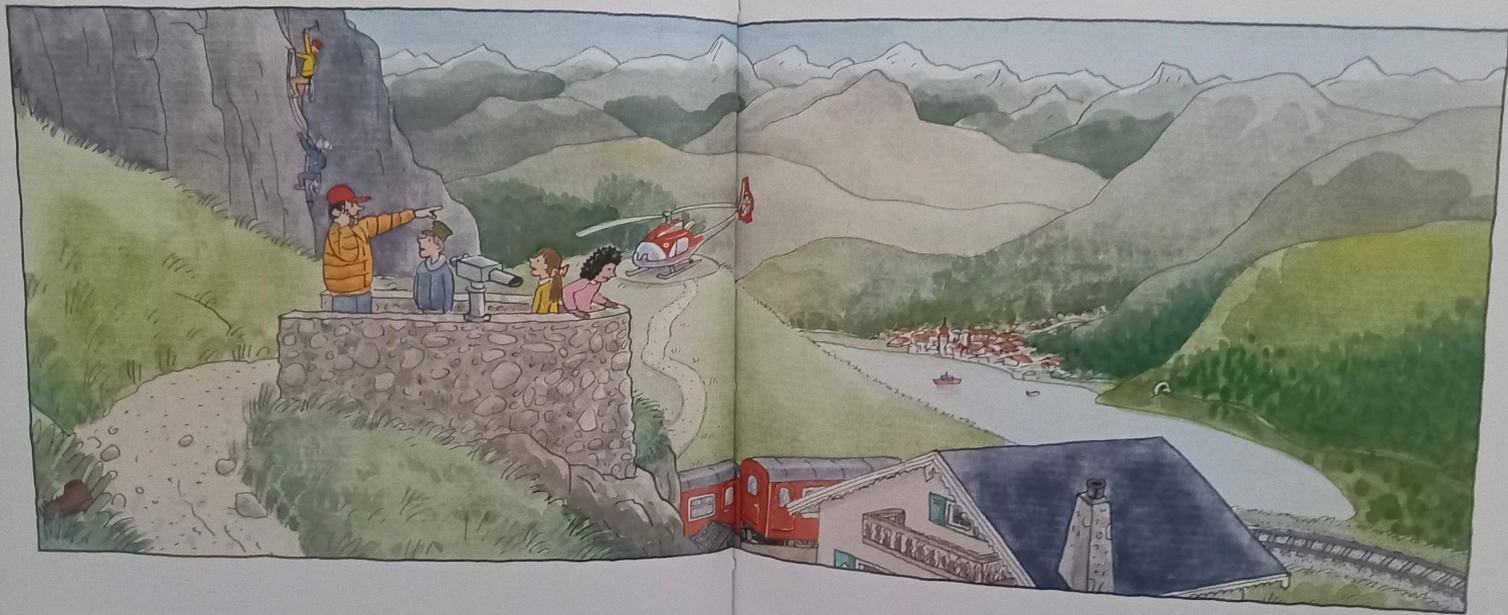
“My Uncle Hans flies the helicopter,” he said. “He’s taking me to see an eagle’s nest today. You can come with us.”



The children got into a train. It took them higher up the mountain. Uncle Hans was waiting at the station.



"Hi Max," said Uncle Hans. "I'm glad some of your friends have come with you."



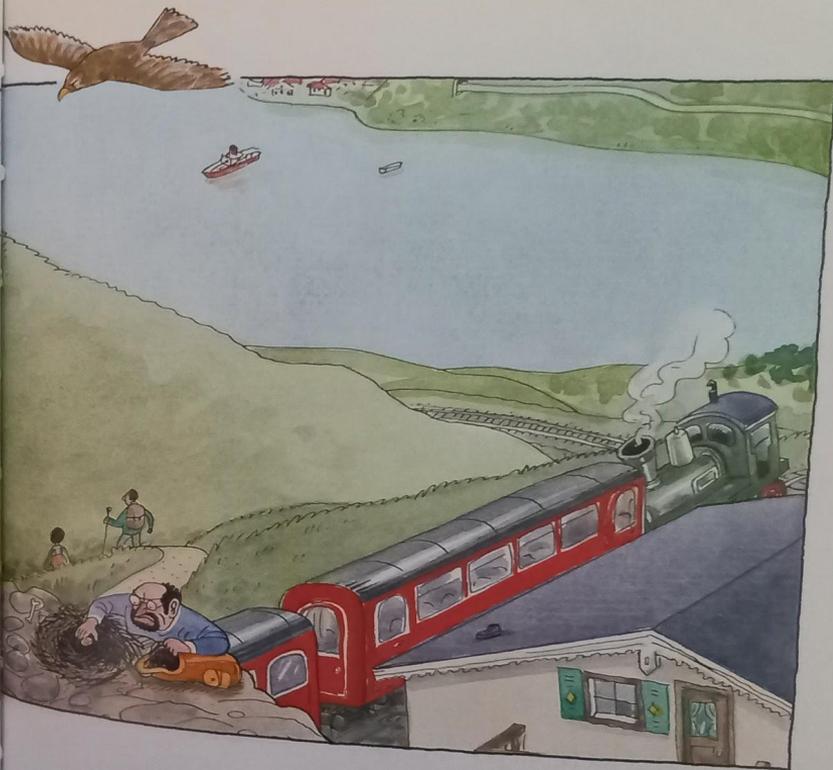
Uncle Hans and the children went up a steep track. They saw some people climbing a steep rock.

“That looks scary!” said Biff.

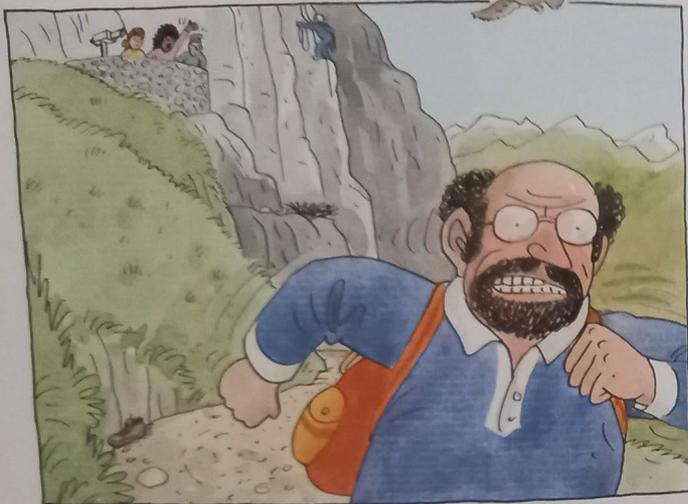
Just then, Uncle Hans’s phone rang. “I have to go back, but you can see the eagle’s nest from here,” he said.



The eagle was sitting on her nest.  
Suddenly, she squawked and flew  
into the sky.



"A man has climbed up to the  
nest!" said Biff. "He's putting the  
eagle's egg into his bag."



“Put that egg back!” shouted Wilma.

The man looked up. He saw the children watching him and started to run.



“He’s going to the station,” said Max. “Quick! Let’s follow him and get the egg back.” They slipped and scrambled down the steep path.



At last, they reached the station.  
Wilma ran up to the man.  
“We saw you take an egg from the  
eagle’s nest,” she said.



The man was angry. “I didn’t take  
an egg,” he said, and he opened his  
bag. There was no egg inside.



Suddenly, there was a shout.  
“One of the climbers has fallen!”  
said Max. “We must call the  
Mountain Rescue Team.”



Wilma ran to blow the horn, but  
the man tried to stop her.  
“Give me that horn!” he shouted,  
but Wilma pulled it away from him.



Wilma looked in the horn. "He's hidden the egg in here!" she said.

The man started to run but Biff tripped him up . . . CRASH!



Max took the egg and wrapped it in his jacket to keep it warm.

Then Wilma blew the horn.  
BOOM! . . . BOOM! . . . BOOM!



The Mountain Rescue helicopter flew into the sky. Everyone cheered as the climber was lifted to safety.



The helicopter landed and Max showed Uncle Hans the eagle's egg. "We must put the egg back before it gets cold," said Uncle Hans.



Uncle Hans climbed up to the nest and put the egg back. The eagle saw the egg and flew back to her nest.



Three big feathers floated gently down to the children.

“The eagle is saying thank you,” said Biff, as the magic key glowed.



“Look! There’s a wooden horn on your music box now,” said Wilma. “How did it get there?”

“It must be magic,” smiled Biff.

### Think about the story



What was the big wooden horn used for?

How do you think the children felt when the man showed them his empty bag?



Why did Max wrap the egg in his jacket?

How would you feel if you saw someone steal something?

