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## WEBSITE

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## LINKS

Resource pack of lesson plans and activities for KS2 written by Scott Evans:

<https://www.hannahgold.world/teaching-resources>

An excellent hour-long video with sections featuring Levi Pinfold, Hannah Gold (which includes a quiz) and a wildlife conservationist who has worked in Costa Rica:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZt7nsodR7w>



# TURTLE MOON

Younger Readers Shortlist 2025

## INTRODUCTION

As well as telling the story of the Trevelon family's exciting trip to work in a **turtle sanctuary** in **Costa Rica**, where Silver and her **new friends** track down the stolen eggs of a rare **leatherback turtle**, the story also touches on the sensitive issue of **fertility and IVF**. This is Hannah's most personal book as it's based on her own experience. See pages 331-2 to find out more. For a more detailed review read <https://justimagine.co.uk/childrens-books-review/turtle-moon/> written by deputy head teacher Helen Dearing.

Introduce the novel by reading pages 58-60 which describe Silver's first impressions of the **rainforest** and/or pages 93-95 which describe Silver's first night in the jungle.

## ACTIVITIES

**Read** and research about one or more of the other animals featured in the book - jaguar, tapir, sloth or monkeys - using available books and/or one or more of the websites recommended in the Resources and Further Reading list on pages 329-330.

**Write and illustrate** a leaflet about the turtle sanctuary designed to be used to raise awareness and appeal for support and funding.

**Create** Create a collage of a rainforest inspired by Rousseau's painting 'Surprised'. Replace Rousseau's tiger with a different animal/s. This could be an individual, book group or class activity.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAdFH-51YpM>

## NOW READ ON

*The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell & Hannah Horn (Bloomsbury, 2018). A thrilling story of adventure, friendship and survival set in the Amazon jungle,

*Up in the Canopy* by James Aldred & Good Wives and Warriors (Big Picture Press, 2023). Explore the layers of a South American rainforest with a huge fold-out surprise at the end.

*Making a Baby: An Inclusive Guide to How Every Family Begins* by Rachel Greener & Clare Owen (Nosy Crow, 2021). An honest accessible guide suitable for 9+.