

About the book

This picture book is for young children and adults alike. It can be read and explored together. The story is about three friends who went on an adventure down the river to build a playground. On their way they meet other animals who seem to put obstacles in their way. Read the story to discover what happens next.

The story was written and illustrated by a group of individuals from different parts of the world who worked together online over 6 months. They also had the help of many other educators from around the world who generously contributed their ideas and the characters of the story also originate from their contributions. All committed to creating a socially just world where education is available to all. Values such as sharing, collaborating and helping others are central to this mission of what is called open education and will help towards achieving the UN's Global Sustainable Development Goal 4, "Quality Education for All" https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal4

Some may recognise other stories and fairytales in this story. The illustrations are a remix of details of exhibits from the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, available under CCO and new illustrations.

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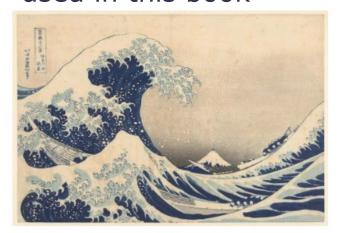








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The great wave at Kanagawa

Katsushika Hokusai

1829 - 1833



Tile panel from the ...

1725



Pecking rope, in roll
anonymous 1590 - 1596



Adolf and Catharina Croeser, known ... 1655



Box with year 1696 anonymous



A pitcher of beer 1800 anonymous



Seal bag Johan de Witt

1600 - 1700

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"That was a great story."

What did you like the most?

"When they became friends. They became friends because they saved each other. Go away go away... I would never do that to my friends, not even to people I don't know. We have to be friends with everyone, in case we need them and they need us."

Phaedra Maria Chatzidamianou, a 6-year-old girl

