



THE GREEN KINGDOM

ACTIVITY PACK



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Dear Reader,

This is a very special book to me - born into this world from my passion for plants, it is a secret favourite amongst all the stories I have sown and nurtured into bloom.

When I think of my own childhood, the memories that come flooding back to me are all connected to the natural world: or as I've always called it: the Green Kingdom. Pretending to cook soup from grass seeds - sitting under an almond tree and getting showered with pink flowers or building myself a fortress in a meadow of wild flowers...

I always believed that my enchantment with the Green Kingdom was quite common but over the years I noticed that no one else had quite so many potted plants on their window sill, or spent their time talking to them when they looked unwell.

Being a storyteller, I decided to use my skills to spark my passion for plants in my readers. When I came across Tammi Hartung, an ethnobotanical herbalist from Colorado, I knew I had found my collaborator. I felt the same love and delight I had for plants in Tammi's work. So... I wrote a story and Tammi made sure that everything it says about plants is true. We worked on the list of plants together (quite a difficult task, as there are so many wonderful ones), discussed the characters I came up with, and started to create a world of sheer (green) delight and wonder.

I've heard from readers, booksellers and librarians across Germany just how the seeds of this story have taken hold, it's been amazing to see the story grow and flower. Now that DK are publishing *The Green Kingdom* I'm looking forward to seeing this book bloom spectacularly as it finds new readers.

I hope this beautiful edition will flower on many bookshelves and awaken the yearning in many hearts to solve the riddle of the Green Kingdom!

With very best wishes from Italy,

Cornelia



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1.

Can you name these plants?

Match the picture with their names!

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



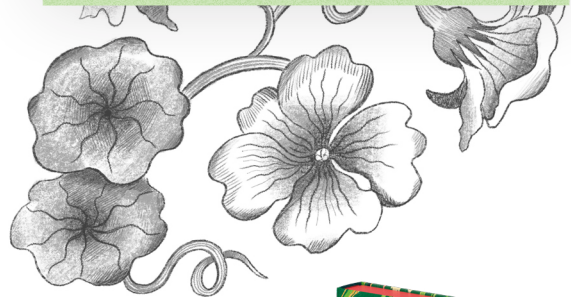
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Jasmine

Ivy

Oak tree leaves

Lavender

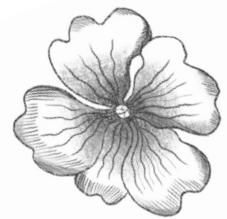


ANSWERS:

1. Ivy, 2. Lavender, 3. Jasmine, 4. Rose, 5. Oak tree leaves



2.



Caspia and her friends learned a lot about plants in their adventure.

Start keeping your own plant-spotting journal and learn about the wonders the Green Kingdom has to offer!

Name: _____

Where did I spot this?

What did I learn?

Name: _____

Where did I spot this?

What did I learn?



3.

Help Caspia uncover the mystery of The Green Kingdom!

Can you find all the words and solve this word search?



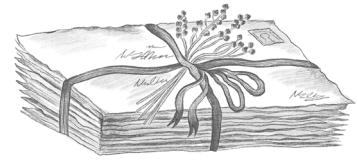
Rose
Jasmine
Lavender
Brooklyn
The Green Kingdom
Greenhouse

Caspia
Treasure hunt
Friendship
Mystery
Sisters
Ivy

AWNSERS:



4.



The letters that the sisters exchanged in the book all had plant riddles in them, like the one below.

Why don't you have a go at writing your own letter and plant riddle? Share it with your friends and family to see if they can solve it!

Dear Sister,

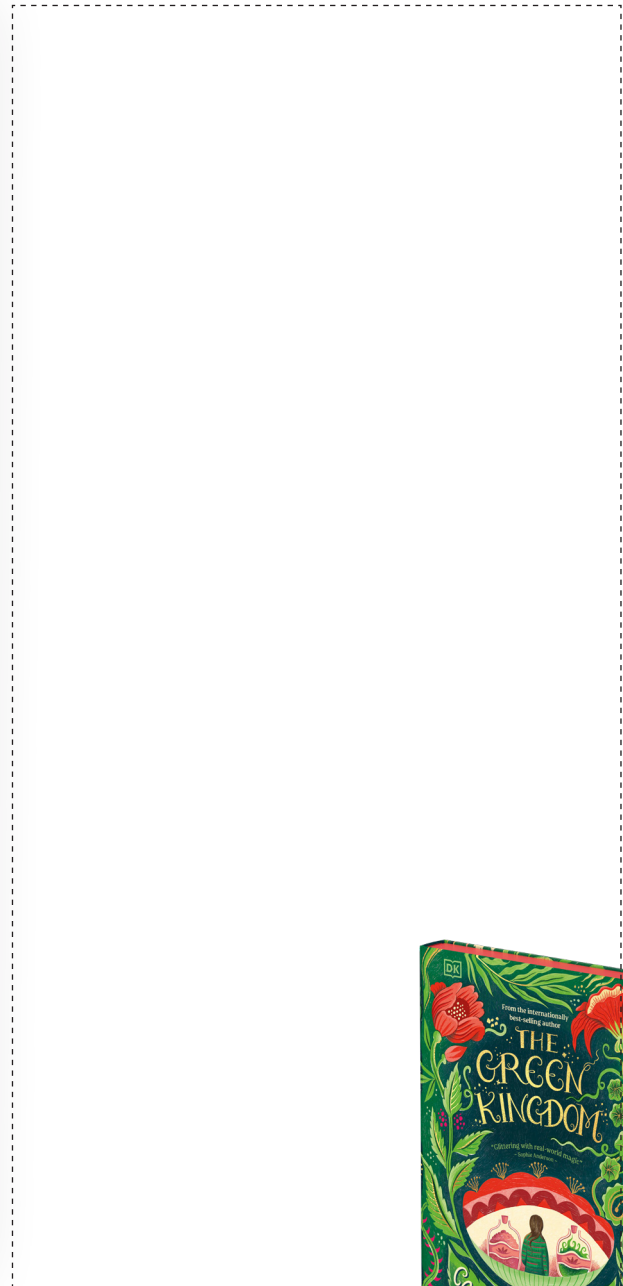
Here is my first riddle! So we can travel together even though you are so far away. As promised, the plants that you will have to guess will not be very rare nor unknown to you. Also, each one will have a connection to the human world.

Can you imagine, Minna, Papa and I are quite the celebrities by now!

The British botanist and his blind daughter, who travel the world together, to explore the Green Kingdom.

I make all the gardeners rather nervous when I touch their plants with my fingers to get to know them! But I think the plants like it!

So . . . as agreed,
here are your five clues
that will help you guess
the answer.



5.

Bring a little bit of the Green Kingdom with you every day!

Ask an adult to help you cut these out and use them to decorate your diary or your journal.



6.

Flower pressing for beginners!

Learn how to press your own flowers and use them to craft wonderful presents for your friends - or secret riddles!

BOOK PRESS

Materials needed:

- Large and heavy books
- Parchment or absorbent paper
- Fresh flowers

Steps:

- 1 - Sandwich your flowers between two sheets of parchment or absorbent paper.
- 2 - Place them in the middle of a book - the bigger the better! Close book and set a heavy object on top.
- 3 - Wait 2-4 weeks for the flowers to dry completely.



IRON

Materials needed:

- An iron
- Parchment or absorbent paper
- Fresh flowers

Steps:

- 1 - Sandwich your flowers between two sheets of parchment or absorbent paper.
- 2 - Ask an adult for help for this step! Turn the steaming function off and set the iron to low heat. Iron the flowers by pressing down evenly for 15-30 seconds.
- 3 - Let the flowers cool down before repeating step 2 until they are nice and flat.



7.

Do you have a keen eye for clues?

Spot the differences in the images below!

Hint: There are seven to watch out for...



ANSWERS:

1. Branch in the top left.
2. The center of the glass ceiling.
3. The second to the left semi-circular window.
4. The flower to the center right.
5. The tree in the center left.
6. The three people in the center.
7. The markings on the flower in the bottom left.

