

SEIMA

AND THE STORM

GROWN-UP'S GUIDE



WONDERBOOKS



Some helpful things to know



Why do Seima's family live on a lake?

Over a million people live in floating villages Tonle Sap Lake in Cambodia, coming and going as the water levels rise and fall. Most people make their living by fishing.

The lake fluctuates from 1 to 9 metres deep and the houses move with the water. Seima's dad tells us how it works: *"Because the water is high at the moment, we move closer together - when the water is down, the neighbours are further apart. I like it when there's more space - some neighbours are noisy!"*

What kind of animals live in the lake?

At least 149 species of fish and some very important birds rely on the lake's environment. The lake is also home to some incredible (but sadly nearly extinct) Siamese crocodiles!

How does Save the Children work with Seima's community?

Save the Children helps train teachers at Seima's school, provides teaching materials and makes sure the school building is safe for children to learn in. Due to monsoon weather, renovations are

needed almost every year. We also provide a boat so the children can always get to school.

We also run a brilliant reading programme in 614 villages in Cambodia. We're helping 30,500 children aged up to six years old learn and develop their reading, making sure more and more children start school ready to learn so they get the chance of the future they deserve.

"When I grow up

**I want to be a teacher, a nurse
and a doctor!"**

Seima, 5, Cambodia



Make your own Tin Can Telephone

Note: Make sure you have a grown-up with you!

You will need:

Two tin cans
Masking tape
String
Nail
Hammer
Paper and crayons (optional)



Step 1

Wash the tin cans and cover any sharp edges with tape to prevent anyone getting cut by the edges.

Step 2

Poke a hole in the bottom middle of each can with a nail and hammer. (Make sure that the holes do not leave any sharp edges.)

Step 3

Choose a length of string to connect the cans and poke the ends of the string through the holes in the cans. Once the string is inside the can, pull the thread through and tie a knot on the end of it, so that it stays anchored in the inside of the can.

Step 4

Once both knots are tied and the cans are secured to the string, two people can each take a can and walk away from one another until the string is taut. When you speak to one another, the sound will vibrate down the string and come out through the opposite tin can!

Step 5 (optional!)

If you'd like to decorate your phone, try drawing a design on a piece of paper, cutting it to size and wrapping it around the tin can, to give it that little something extra!



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Tips for reading this book with a child

Before you read

Look at the cover together
'What do you think this book might be about?'

While you read

Start each page with *'What can you see?'* to give the child reader space to respond freely.

After reading

What do you think it would be like to live somewhere where everything floats?

What parts made you feel happy or sad or scared?

What did you think of Seima's solution?

What have you learnt about Seima and her brothers?

What would you ask Seima if you could?

Learn to speak Khmer

Khmer is the official language of Cambodia, where Seima lives. Why not give it a try?!

Hello Suostei

What is your name?

Tae anak mean chhmoh avei?

My name is (your name)

Knhom chhmoh (your name)



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