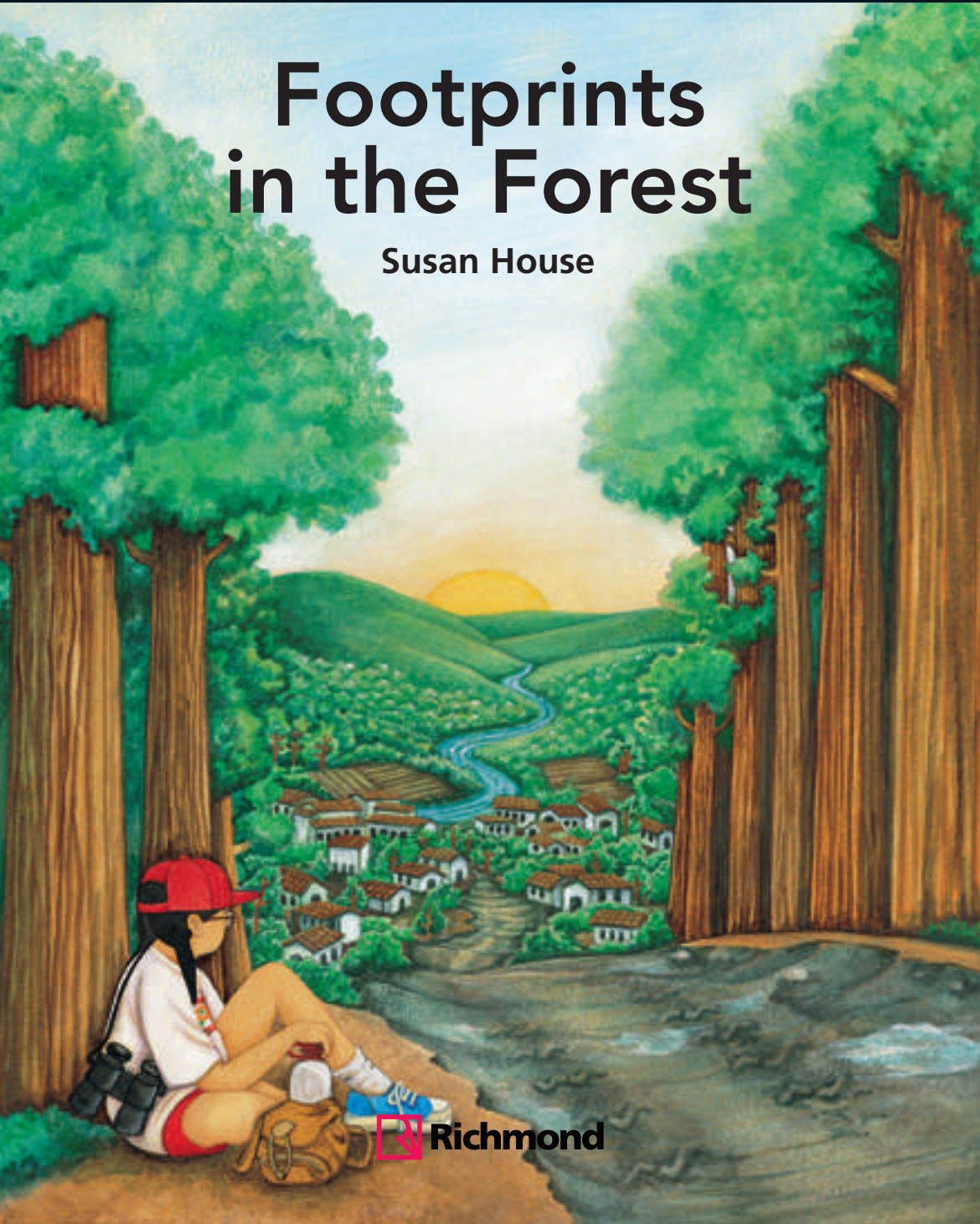


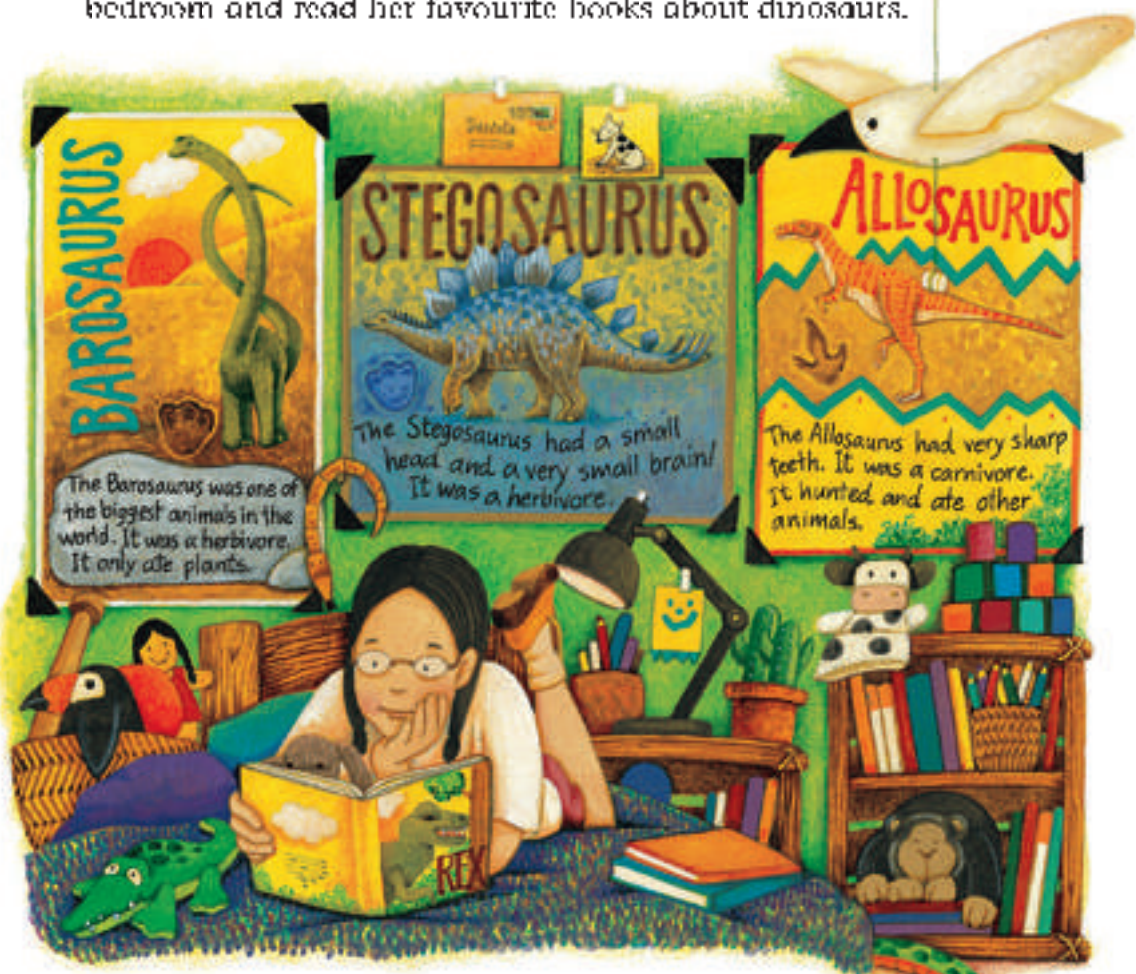
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Footprints in the Forest

Susan House



That spring, it rained hard for three days. Daniela couldn't go out. She hated staying inside, especially when her parents were angry with her. So she sat in her bedroom and read her favourite books about dinosaurs.



Her parents were always angry with her. Daniela didn't want to be naughty but she was always in trouble. Last week she found a baby snake. She brought it home and put it in a box. The snake escaped and went under the sofa. All the family were angry with her once again.

Very early one morning, when the rain finally stopped, Daniela decided to leave her house and climb one of the mountains near the village. Her family was still asleep. She took a bottle of water, some tortillas, some fruit and her father's binoculars and quietly left the house.

Before Daniela arrived at the top of the mountain, she stopped to rest. She sat down and looked at the valley. She saw the dark green forest and the blue river below. The sun rose in the distance. It was beautiful.

