

# GET OUT AND READ

## Activity Kit



# ABOUT THE BOOKS



## RED SKY AT NIGHT

By Elly MacKay

Red sky at night, sailor's delight. And, the next morning, when the dew is on the grass, no rain will come to pass. These are the perfect conditions for a grandfather to take his grandchildren out on a fishing trip. Especially since, as the saying goes, when the wind is from the West, then the fishes bite the best. The family takes a boat out on the lake, fishing and swimming and eventually camping out on a nearby island, taking full advantage of the gorgeous weather. But the next day . . . red sky in the morning, sailors take warning! The family ventures back home just in time to avoid a rainstorm. But not to worry — the more rain, the more rest. Fair weather's not always best.

Acclaimed paper artist Elly MacKay illustrates a lovely family narrative through the use of weather aphorisms, creating a beautiful and informational story which will appeal to children's timeless fascination with the natural world.

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eBook: 9781101917855  
Fountas and Pinnell  
reading level: M



## THE FOG

By Kyo Maclear,  
illustrated by Kenard Pak

Warble is a small yellow warbler who lives on the beautiful island of Icyland, where he pursues his hobby of human watching. But on a warm day, a deep fog rolls in and obscures his view. The rest of the birds don't seem to notice the fog or the other changes Warble observes on the island. The more the fog is ignored, the more it spreads. When a Red-hooded Spectacled Female (Juvenile) appears, Warble discovers that he's not the only one who notices the fog. Will they be able to find others who can see it too? And is the fog here to stay? Kyo Maclear's witty story, brought to life with the delicate, misty artwork of Kenard Pak, is a poignant yet humorous reminder of the importance of environmental awareness.

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## THE GOLDEN GLOW

By Benjamin Flouw

Fox loves nature. There's nothing he enjoys more than reading about and picking flowers. One evening he comes across a rare specimen in his old botany book — the golden glow, a plant from the Wellhidden family, found only in the mountains . . . a plant that has yet to be described. Fascinated, Fox decides to set off on a quest in search of the mysterious Golden Glow. He packs his knapsack, a map, a compass, a flashlight, a sleeping bag and other items for his hike. Along the way Fox observes many different kinds of trees and plants. He also encounters woodland friends who help him make it to the summit of the mountain. But when Fox eventually stumbles upon the object of his quest, he makes a surprising decision.

With spreads of educational content interspersed throughout, *The Golden Glow* is a charming story that details the simple pleasures of a nature hike and celebrates observing the beauty of nature.

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# ABOUT THE AUTHORS/ILLUSTRATORS

**ELLY MACKAY** is an acclaimed paper artist and children's book author and illustrator. She wrote and illustrated the picture books *If You Hold a Seed*, *Shadow Chasers* and *Butterfly Park*, among others. Elly's art was also featured on the covers of Tundra Books' reissues of L. M. Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables* and *Emily of New Moon* series. Her distinctive pieces are made using paper and ink, and then are set into a miniature theater and photographed, giving them their unique three-dimensional quality. A member of the Cloud Appreciation Society, Elly lives in Owen Sound, Ontario, where she watches the weather with her husband and two children.



**KYO MACLEAR** is a Blue-Hooded Word Gatherer whose sweet-whistled song has been known to attract and repel her offspring. In spring and summer, this chocolate-loving female can be found flitting about city parks and waterways. In the colder months, she is best spotted in bookshops, libraries and cafés. Common activities include restless foraging and picture-book making. Originally a migratory species, Kyo enjoys her current nesting ground of Toronto.



**KENARD PAK** is a Black-Coiffed Noodler whose magical scratchings consistently beguile human species far and wide. Formerly found pecking away in animation companies, he is now most often observed diving into picture books. Ken can be spotted primarily in foggy San Francisco with his nesting mate and three feline companions.



# WORD SEARCH

In *Red Sky at Night*, the family has to pay close attention to the clues in nature to determine the weather. Look carefully to find these key words in weather folklore in the word search below.

F P C Z S K X Y B W B D W O V  
M W R T J N W V O F L E J H T  
W M N U A K T C B R C X I A W  
O Y X D A W K M B D Z V Z P Z  
U K R B A Q J X R A I N Y T R  
I S N F M L A S V J P E T Y S  
T O S V L S S R P X O R K N R  
Q J G Y Q C K E W I A V Z U Z  
L A D Y B U G S A I H A U F T  
C X D I E X S E N B G S C I U  
Z W Y O R Q C S I H I H V S O  
D G I S G O R F S X X R K H R  
H N G N D Z Q T K M Q V D E T  
R L U R D J A W I X J V P S U  
B D X R I C Y E A V X A N S L

Look carefully to find these key words in weather folklore.

Cats

Fishes

Frogs

Ladybugs

Rain

Seabirds

Ships

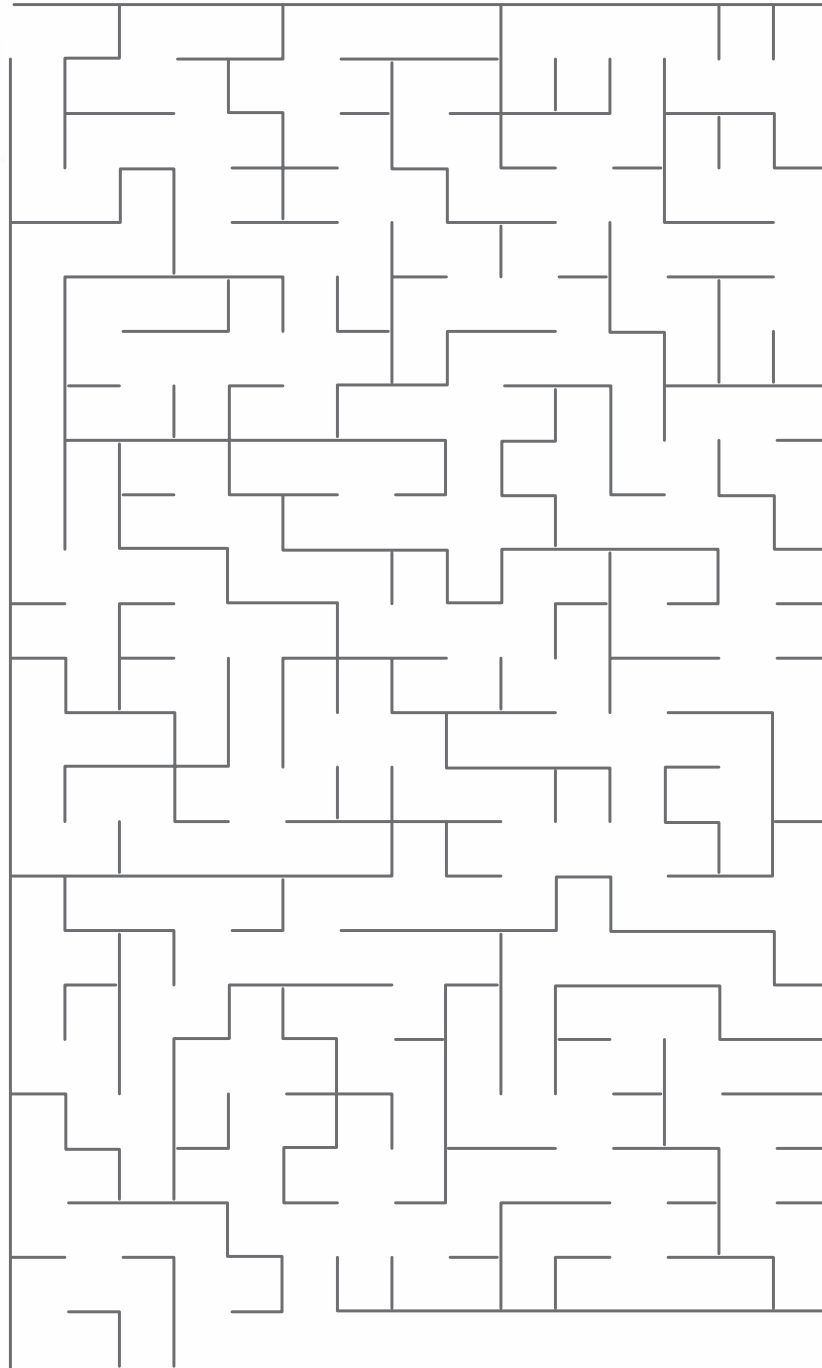
Trout

Trains

Wind

# A FOGGY MAZE

In *The Fog*, Warble is a small yellow warbler who lives on the beautiful island of Icyland, where he pursues his hobby of human watching. But on a warm day, a deep fog rolls in and obscures his view. Help Warble find a path out of the fog to his new friend!

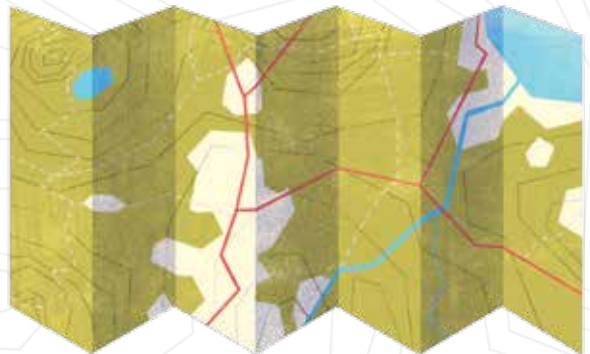


# MAP WORK

In *The Golden Glow*, Fox prepares for his quest with a handy map. Create a map of your favorite park in the box below. Don't forget to draw and label the paths, ponds, rivers, hills, benches, water fountains, playgrounds and any buildings of note.



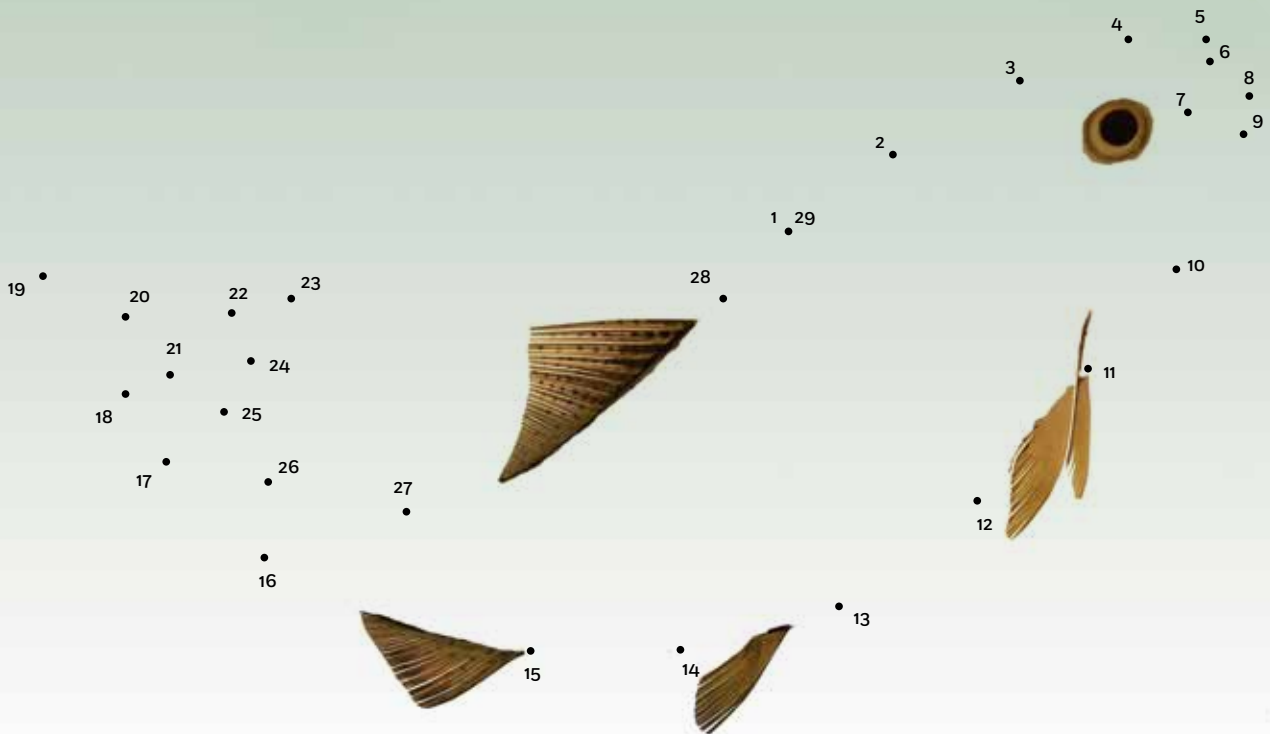
Maps are full of  
fun information!





# CONNECT THE DOTS

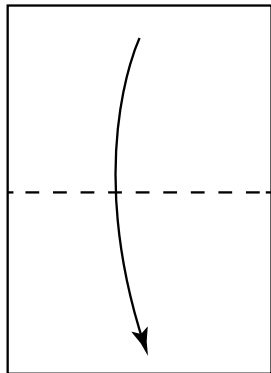
In *Red Sky at Night*, sometimes multiple clues help determine what the weather will be like. Connect the dots to reveal the picture and fill in the blank!



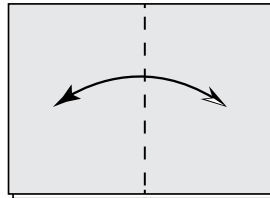
\_\_\_\_\_ jump high when rain is nigh.

# ORIGAMI

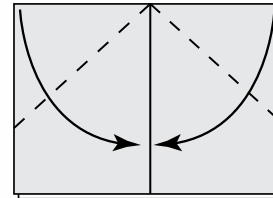
In *The Fog*, a girl and a bird send messages about a mysterious fog by paper boat. Help spread the message by making your own paper boat.



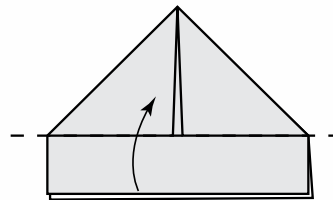
1 Start from a rectangle. Fold in half.



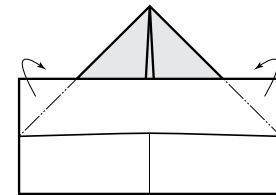
2 Fold in half and unfold.



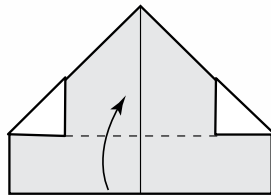
3 Fold to the center.



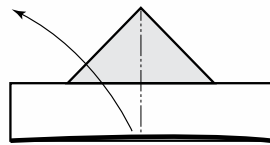
4 Fold the overlapping strip upwards.



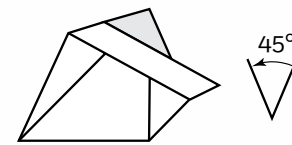
5 Fold corners backwards. Turn over.



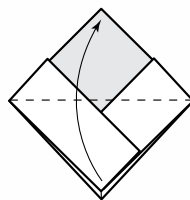
6 Fold strip upwards.



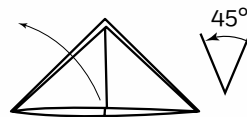
7 Open and flatten.



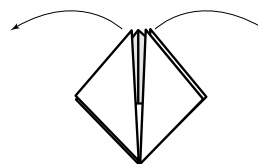
8 Opening in progress.



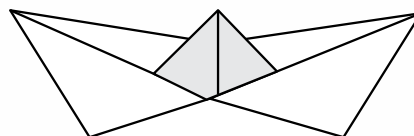
9 Fold triangle upwards. Repeat on other side.



10 Open (like in steps 7 and 8).



11 Take upper corners and stretch out.



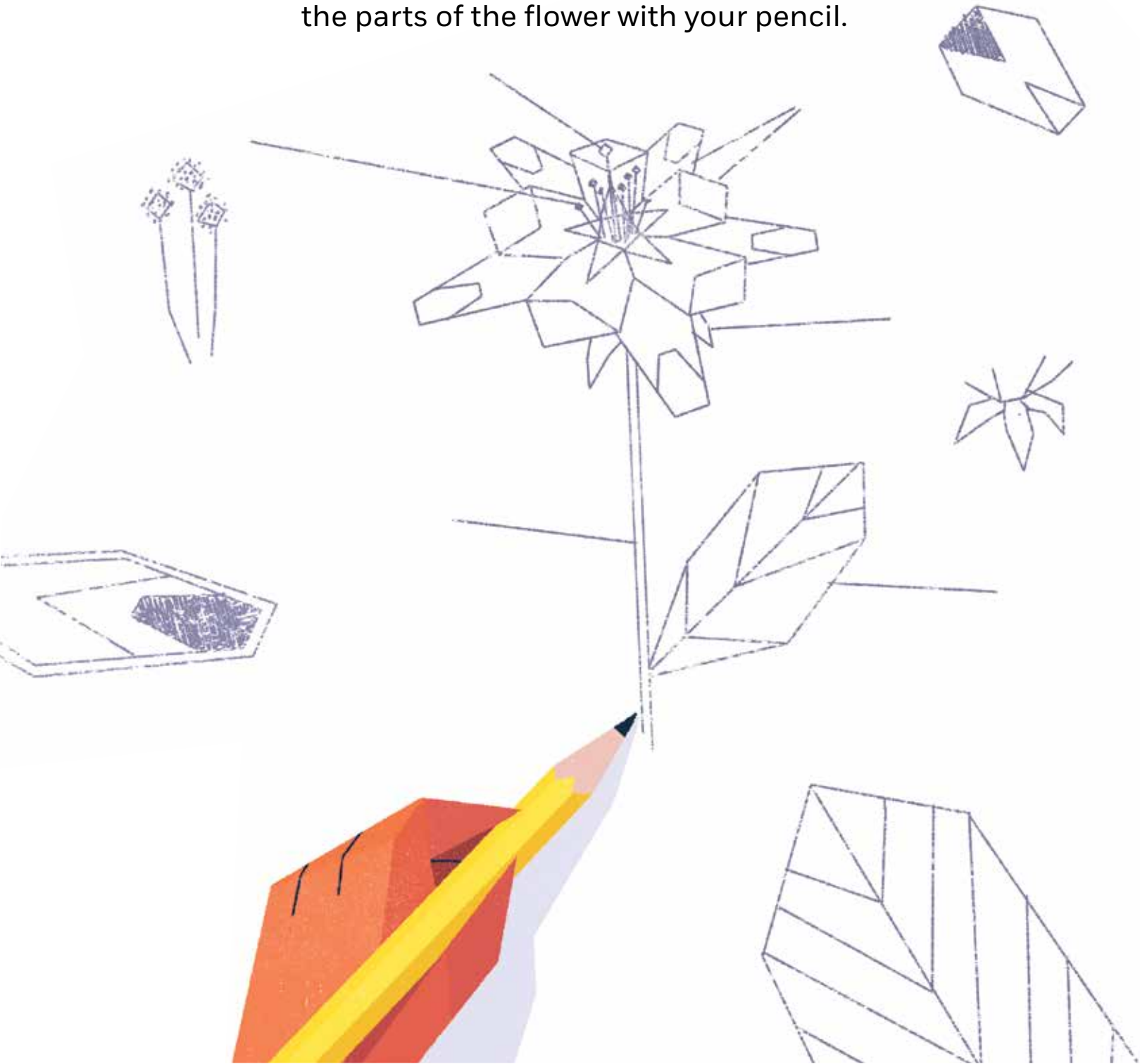
12 Using the black marker, write "CAN YOU SEE THE FOG?" on the side of the boat.

**What you need**  
 - Letter paper (8.5" x 11")  
 - Black marker



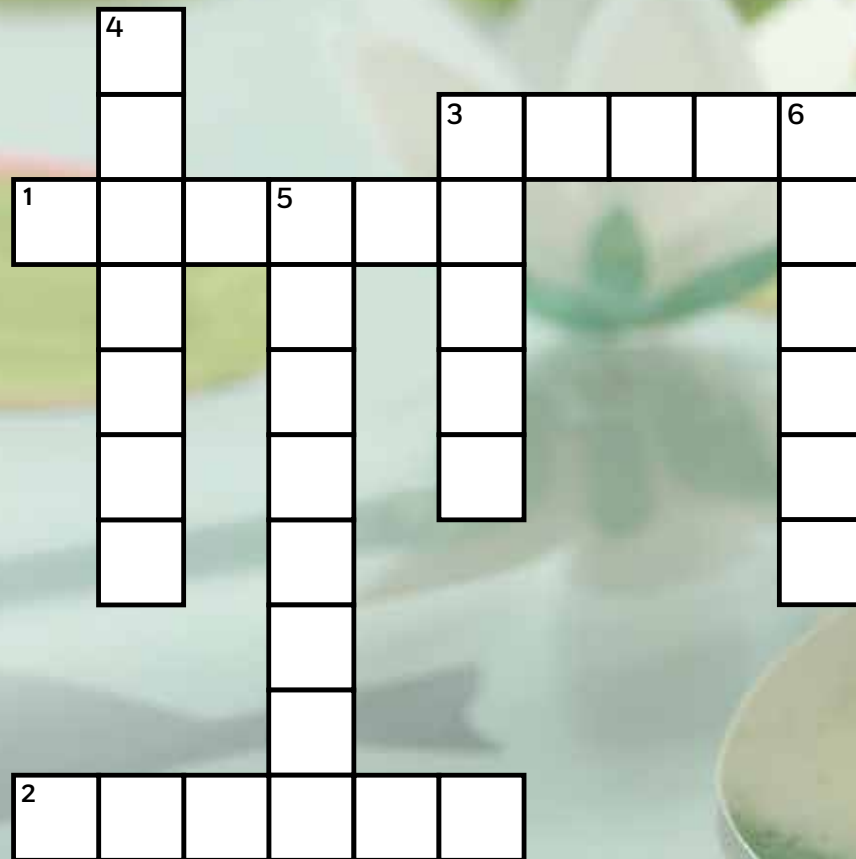
# COLORING SHEET

In *The Golden Glow*, Fox enjoys drawing the flower he found. Fill in the flower with your favorite colors and then label the parts of the flower with your pencil.



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Let's see how well you remember the sayings from *Red Sky at Night*. Fill in the blanks of these weather folklore and complete the crossword puzzle.



## ACROSS

1. Red sky at night, \_\_\_\_\_'s delight.
2. Yellow streaks in a \_\_\_\_\_ sky, wind and daylong rain are nigh.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ jump high when rain is nigh.

## DOWN

3. Hear the whistle of the \_\_\_\_\_?  
'Tis a sign it's going to rain.
4. No \_\_\_\_\_ is ill if the wind be still.
5. When \_\_\_\_\_ swarm, expect a day that's warm.
6. When clouds appear like rocks and \_\_\_\_\_, the Earth is refreshed with frequent showers.

# CLASSIFICATION

In the endpapers of *The Fog*, you'll notice that Warble has drawn and labeled the human subjects he's observed. Draw yourself or your friend in the box below. What stands out the most about your subject? Don't forget to include a short description.



#669  
HAIRY  
ORANGE-  
CROWNED  
MALE  
(JUVENILE)



#674  
SWIFT  
RED-CAPPED  
PITCHER

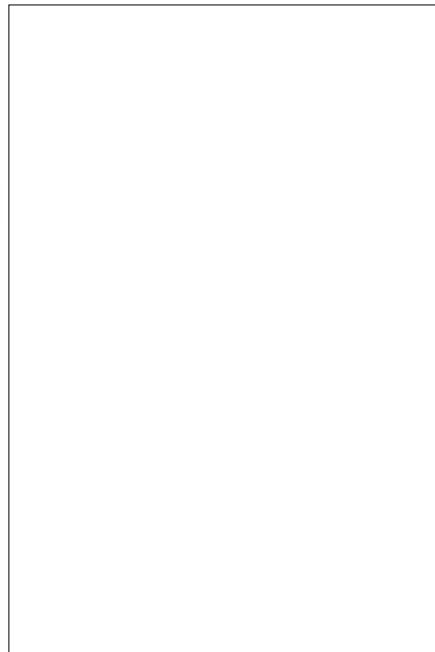


#670  
DAPPER BESPECTACLED  
BOOKLOVER

#664  
AMERICAN  
BUSHY-BROWED  
SURF-HEAD



#665 ROBIN  
(JUVENILE)



HEAD PHONES



#663 SPOTTED  
AUDIOPHILIC  
FEMALE  
(JUVENILE)



#660 MASKED BOHEMIAN  
WEAVER

# DRAWING

The Fox in *The Golden Glow* likes to leaf through old botany books for the next new plant to add to his collection.

Oh no! We're missing the flowers on these stems.

Draw and color them in.



**ANEMONES**



**VIOLETS**



**FORGET-ME-NOT**



**MOUNTAIN AVENS**