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of People  
and Ideas!





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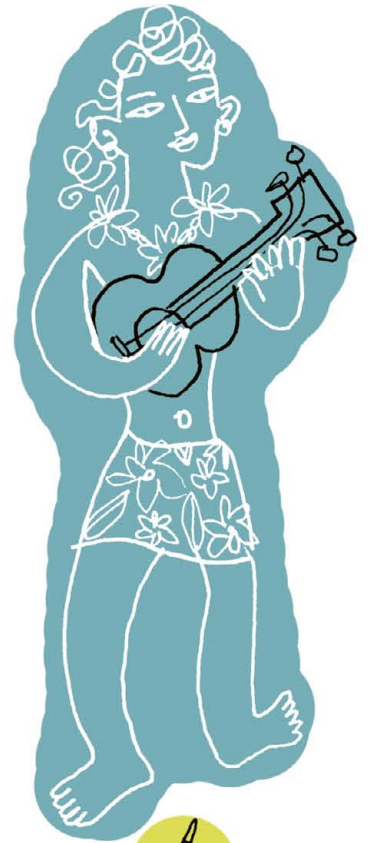
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# INTRODUCTION

Some scientists think that unless you were born in certain parts of Africa, every human being on the planet has the same great-great-great (add a lot more 'greats') grandmother. It doesn't matter if you're Indian, Iranian, Chinese or French and your neighbour is Irish, Russian, Caribbean or British. You may look completely different, speak different languages, sing different songs and eat different food, but you still share the same great-grandmother – a woman whose name is unknown made the journey out of Africa about 70,000 years ago. Deep, deep down in our history, every human being is part of the same family: a family that has journeyed to every part of the planet we call Earth.

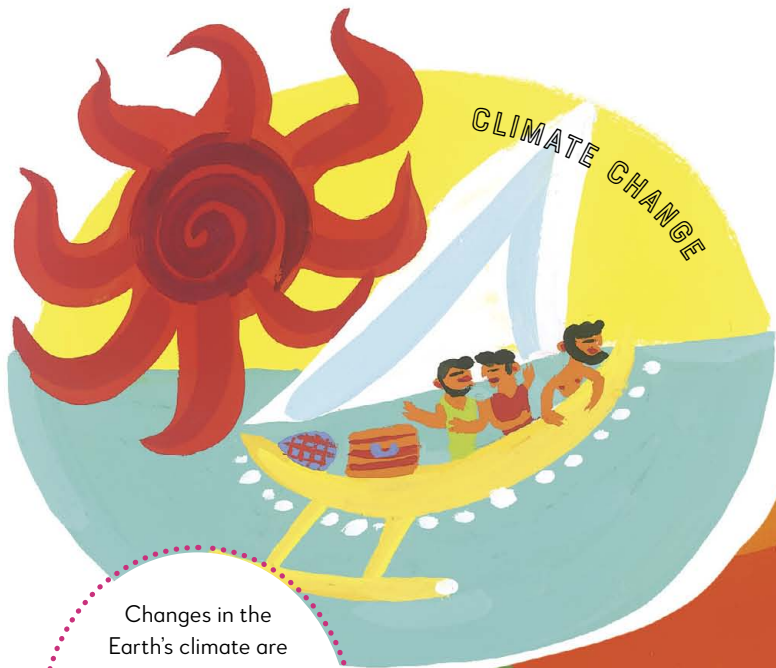
Scientists have looked at our DNA to find out where our ancestors came from. DNA is too tiny to see, but it is in every part of us and shows what part of the world our ancestors lived in centuries ago.

By studying our DNA, scientists have uncovered a story of human movement that goes back to the time when that one woman and her tribe left Africa. Since then, humans have journeyed around the world, sometimes over vast distances. Some settled down, while others carried on discovering different parts of the world and changing their ways. Some people lived apart for a long time and then found other humans again.



They mingled with each other, had babies, learned their neighbours' languages, told stories and played music. They swapped ideas that created exciting new ideas. They learned from each other, changing again and again down the years. And then they moved on once more in a slow, never-ending journey around the globe that still goes on today.

Inside you is a kaleidoscope of human history, and thousands of stories of travel and adventure. In this book we are going to discover over 50 of those stories. So what are you waiting for? Let's get ready to uncover a world full of journeys.



Changes in the Earth's climate are nothing new! Some of our ancestors were forced to move away from green and fertile lands because they turned into deserts.

# WHY WE MOVE

Some people in history never travelled further than the next village. Others made long and difficult journeys into the unknown, facing danger along the way. Below are just some of the reasons why people moved.



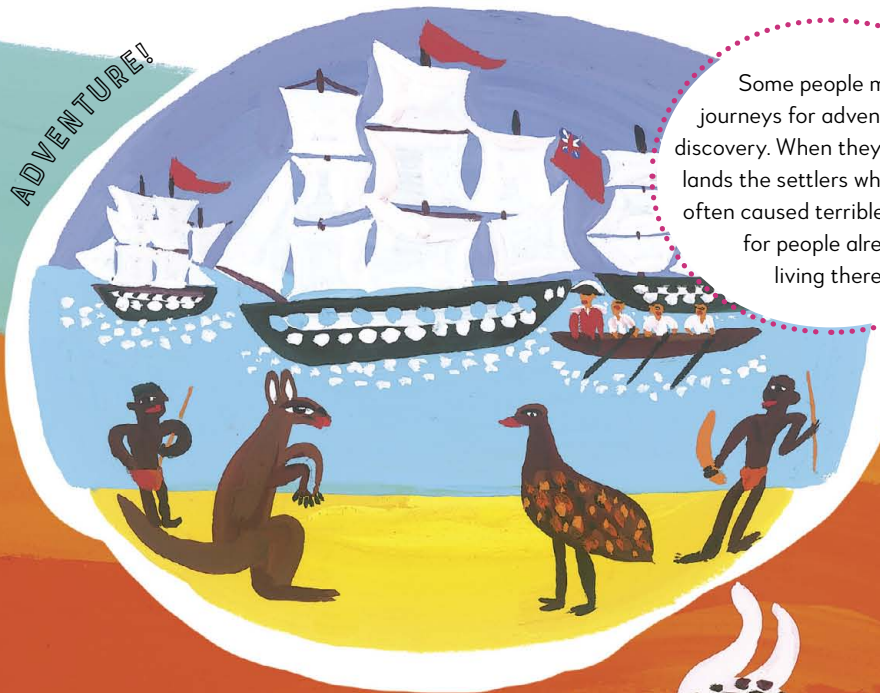
## SEARCH FOR FOOD

In ancient times there were no farms or shops selling food. Everything our ancestors ate, they found themselves. Most early humans were always on the move, following animal trails so they could hunt meat or go looking for new places to pick plants and berries.



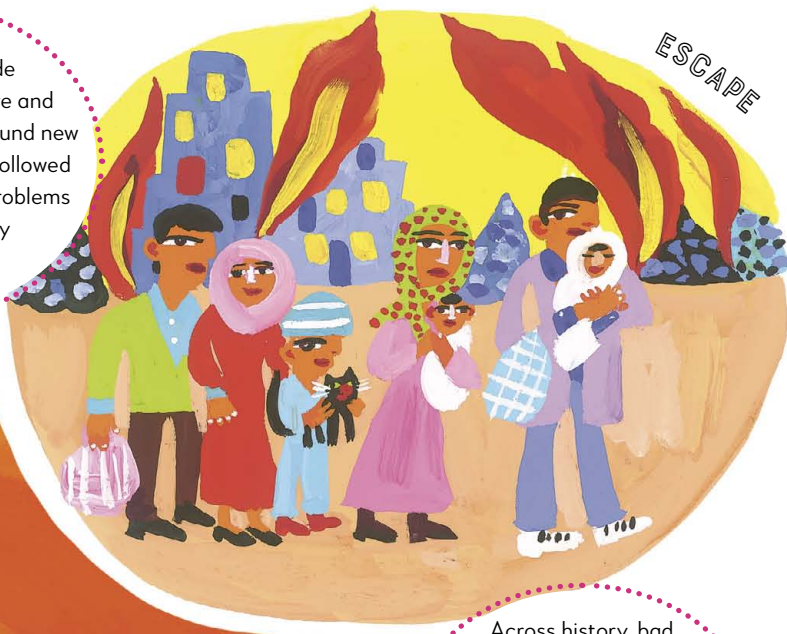
Merchants and traders took long journeys over land and sea to swap or sell goods such as wool or furs, metal for jewellery and weapons, and spices for food.

ADVENTURE!



Some people made journeys for adventure and discovery. When they found new lands the settlers who followed often caused terrible problems for people already living there.

ESCAPE



Across history, bad rulers made peoples' lives miserable. Armies invaded towns and villages, destroying farms and taking prisoners. Even today, people leave their homes to find more peaceful lives.



WAR

War brings terror and destruction, but it also brings new settlers. Throughout history, armies arrived with people who stayed in the conquered lands, changing the laws, languages, stories, clothes, food and ideas.





The San people of southern Africa still live similar lives to their distant hunter-gatherer ancestors. In 2012, a set of tools was discovered in a cave. They were almost exactly the same as those used by the San today, but were 44,000 years old!



# THE FIRST JOURNEYS

Even before our earliest ancestors evolved into humans, they knew how to make musical noises with their voices and clap their hands to make rhythms. Hunter-gatherers improved their musical skills by making drums and other instruments.

About 70,000 years ago a small tribe of human beings walked out of Africa and into the country we now call Yemen in the Middle East. With them was the woman who would become the grandmother to all humans outside of Africa. Others had made the journey before them, but eventually they all died out. But this group was different. They were true humans – or homo sapiens, to give the scientific name – just like us. They survived and spread, and slowly their numbers increased. Today, there are over seven billion of us, living in every corner of the world.

Some scientists believe that our ancestors ate a better diet than we do today! They hunted meat and foraged vegetables, fruits, nuts and berries.



Our distant ancestors were called hunter-gatherers. They discovered fire, danced, made stone tools and musical instruments and were always on the move – looking for animals to hunt or different foods to forage. At first, they stayed close to the sea, making simple raft-boats so they could catch fish. Some sailed from island to island until they reached a new continent – Australia. Later, people made even longer sea voyages, finding their way by following the stars and reaching new homes on islands scattered across the oceans.

Other humans began to journey inland, to what we now call China and Russia and westwards into Europe. They invented the needle so they could sew warm clothes and live in colder places. More time passed and finally, around 20,000 years ago, humans discovered a thin strip of land that allowed them to walk from Russia into a brand-new continent – America. Humans had discovered another vast new home.





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ASIA

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# MIGRATION OF MODERN HUMANS



NORTH AMERICA

PACIFIC OCEAN

SOUTH AMERICA