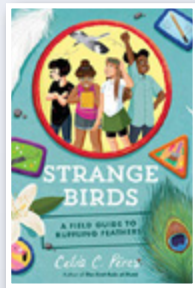


ADVENTURER'S FIELD NOTEBOOK



Dear Adventurer,

The **League of Literary Adventurers** officially invites you to join our ranks, should you meet the challenges along the way. We are a global and inclusive society of adventure-seekers whose purpose is to learn, explore, and improve the world.

To join, one must be dedicated to cultivating the following qualities:

- Curiosity about the world
- Integrity and resilience in the face of challenge
- An ability to make sense of patterns, clues, and other mysteries
- Powers of empathy and kindness toward others
- A deep desire to apply these skills to make the world a better place

We believe you have what it takes. So we invite you to embark on this journey and rise to meet the challenges within. Here's how it works:

- The **Adventure Map** provides your pathway through the quest as you read the book. The map key will show you what kind of task or challenge you will meet at each stop along your reading journey.
- Complete challenge clues to join the league. You will have only half of the clue, while a National Geographic Explorer will have the rest! Listen carefully as they share the clue with you through videos along the way, write them down, and meet each challenge.
- As you meet your goals, collect evidence of your accomplishments in your Field Notebook, such as photos, drawings, videos, or written accounts.
- Bonus tasks are meant to help you gain experience and knowledge to support you during the challenges. They are not necessary but can be very helpful, so consider them wisely.

Succeeding on this quest will grant you lifelong membership into the League of Literary Adventurers, where reading books is a superpower and making the world a better place will be your eternal mission. We know you are just the one to rise to this challenge, and we can't wait to see how your journey unfolds.

Yours in Navigation,

*Captain Atlas*

Mystery Literary Navigator



## ABOUT THE BOOK

*Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers* by Celia C. Pérez is a story about true friendship and the search for truth and justice. To learn more about this story, check out the [author's website](#). There you will find out more about the author and fun resources like a music playlist to accompany the story.

## ABOUT THIS BOOK QUEST

The challenges for this Book Quest will take you through a journey of curiosity, action, reflection, and empowerment. These challenges are meant to get you out of your comfort zone and to create change around you.

How a Book Quest Works		<b>PG 4</b>
Adventure Map		<b>PG 5</b>
Challenge 1		<b>PG 6</b>
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Certificate		<b>PG 24</b>

## AT A GLANCE

### How a Book Quest Works

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#### Get Ready!

- Read the letter from Captain Atlas, Mystery Literary Navigator.

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#### Complete Challenges



- Complete all the challenges to join the *League of Literary Adventurers*.
- You have part of the clue and a National Geographic Explorer will deliver the rest in a video.
- Watch the Explorer video to get the rest of the clue. Ask your **Adventure Guide** for the challenge - then complete it!

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#### Optional Bonuses!

- Increase your knowledge by completing the bonus challenges.

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#### Start Reading

- Keep an eye on the **Adventure Map** for the chapters and page numbers where you will stop along your route.



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#### Track Accomplishments

- Keep evidence of your challenge accomplishments along the way.
- Take pictures or videos or write about them in this **Field Notebook**.



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#### Join the League



- Once you have met all of the challenges and collected the evidence of your accomplishments you are a member.

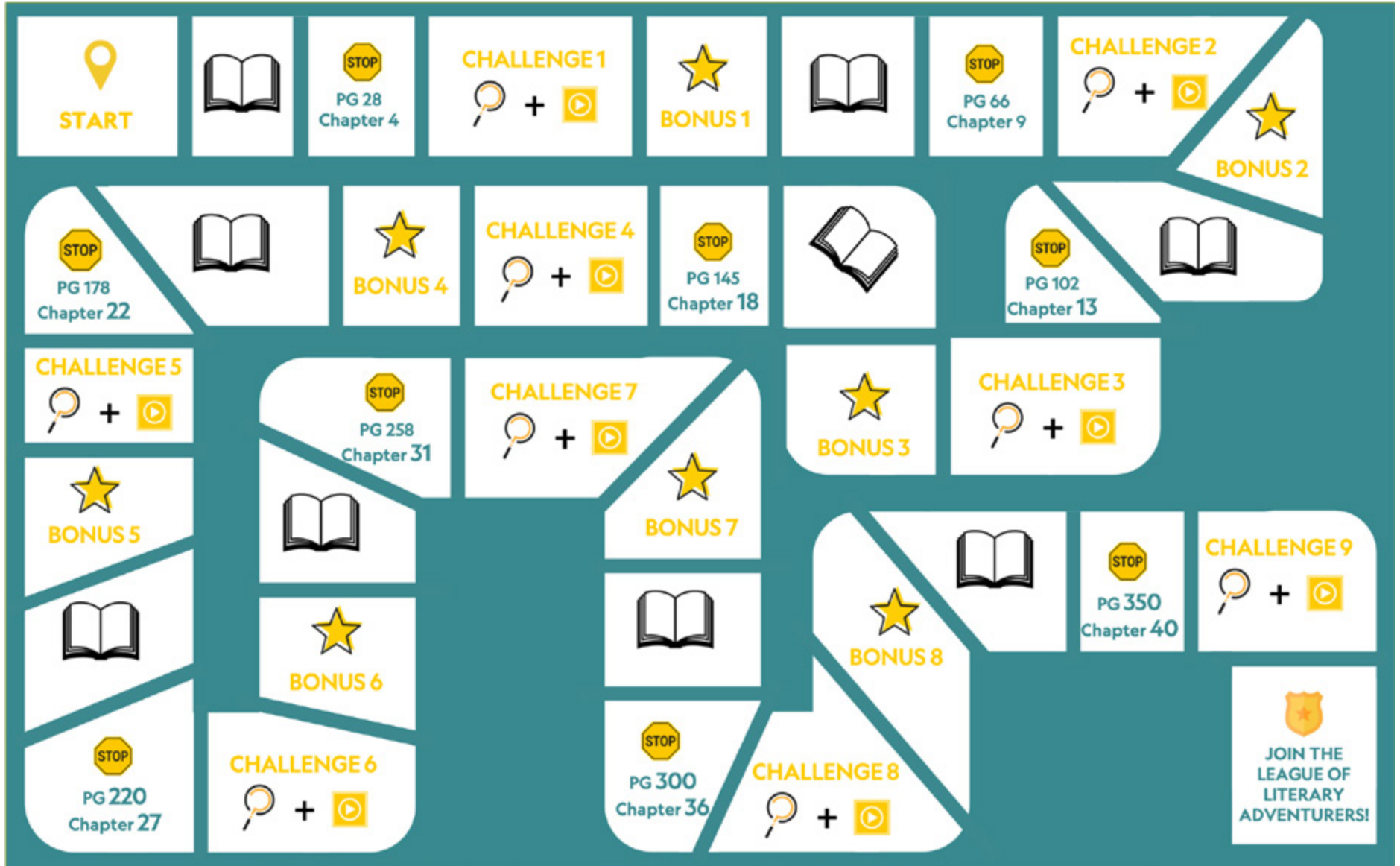


# ADVENTURE MAP

Follow the path on the map and track your progress. Visit [Learn Anywhere](#) to receive clues from National Geographic Explorers.

## LEGEND

-  Read
-  Stop Reading
-  Retrieve the 1st half of a clue
-  Receive the 2nd half of a clue & do a challenge
-  Do an optional Bonus Challenge



# CHALLENGE 1

Strange Birds | PG 28 | Chapter 4

## CLUE 1 | First Half



These four young explorers will trek a connected path,  
Each of them brings skills that differ and contrast.

Like Ofelia, Lane, Aster, and Cat -  
you too offer the world something unique,  
What is it only you can do?  
What is your special passion or technique?

Observe your best skills  
and put yourself to your own test.  
What is it that you - only you - can do best?

## CLUE 1 | Second Half



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## BONUS CHALLENGE 1

Strange Birds | PG 6 | Chapter 1



### CULTIVATE AN EXPLORER'S MINDSET

Who were the muckrakers and what impact did they make on the world? Explore the resources below and record any important information you discover.

- The Progressives
- Who Were the Muckrakers in the Journalism Industry?

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# CHALLENGE 2

Strange Birds | PG 66 | Chapter 9

## CLUE 2 | First Half



Lane designs the perfect invitations  
and leaves them in secret places,  
Hoping to bring new friends her way  
to get to know some new faces.

Ofelia, Cat, and Aster each find a secret invitation,  
And follow their curiosity to a brand new location.  
Invitations can come to us in all kinds of ways.  
Look around your world for a new question to raise.

## CLUE 2 | Second Half



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# BONUS CHALLENGE 2

Strange Birds | PG 52 | Chapter 8



## CULTIVATE AN EXPLORER'S MINDSET

What is an ornithologist and how do they make the world a better place? Explore the resources below and record any important information you discover.

- [Backyard Birding](#)
- [How Small Actions Can Make a Big Difference](#)

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# CHALLENGE 3

Strange Birds | PG 102 | Chapter 13

## CLUE 3 | First Half



New people, new ideas, new questions,  
and new places are never easy at first;  
Lane, Ofelia, Aster, and Cat are  
navigating experiences wholly unrehearsed.

Lane is learning how to make a friend,  
While Cat is learning how to take a stand.  
Ofelia wants to write her way to independence,  
And Aster is exploring ancestors and their descendants.

## CLUE 3 | Second Half



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## BONUS CHALLENGE 3

Strange Birds | PG 55 | Chapter 8



### CULTIVATE AN EXPLORER'S MINDSET

What can you learn from the Audubon Bird Guide App? What birds are in your area? Explore the app and record any important information you discover.

▶ [Audubon Bird Guide App](#)

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# CHALLENGE 4

Strange Birds | PG 145 | Chapter 18

## CLUE 4 | First Half



Ofelia and Cat have different  
opinions than their families,  
And Lane and Aster  
manage a tricky debate rationally.

Opinions and perspectives can vary  
as often as people do.  
If we don't listen and honor each other,  
our words can be misconstrued.

Issues don't have to divide us;  
we can often find a way,  
Beginning with listening  
when someone has something to say.

## CLUE 4 | Second Half



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**BONUS CHALLENGE 4**

*Strange Birds* | PG 97 | Chapter 13



**CULTIVATE AN EXPLORER'S MINDSET**

Who was David Fairchild and what does he have to do with avocados? Explore the resources below and record any important information you discover.

- [Like Lemons? Quinoa? Thank This Food Explorer For Bringing Them To Your Plate](#)
- ["The Food Explorer" author on the man who helped shape America's diet](#)

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# CHALLENGE 5

Strange Birds | PG 178 | Chapter 22

## CLUE 5 | First Half



Lane, Ofelia, Aster, and Cat are working collectively toward a common goal; They are contributing their talents and skills - each part important to the whole.

They want the Floras to drop the hat and return the feathers, And they plan to do what it takes to make others feel the pressure.

Lane designs a sticker, Ofelia writes a letter, Cat shares what she knows best, and Aster brings it all together.

## CLUE 5 | Second Half



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## BONUS CHALLENGE 5

*Strange Birds* | PG 137 | Chapter 18



### CULTIVATE AN EXPLORER'S MINDSET

What is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and why does it matter today? Explore the resources below and record any important information you discover.

- [Protect the Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#)
- [Biden Moves To Make It Illegal \(Again\) To Accidentally Kill Migratory Birds](#)

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# CHALLENGE 6

Strange Birds | PG 220 | Chapter 27

## CLUE 6 | First Half



Ofelia, Cat, Aster, and Lane  
have found a common cause,  
Collaborating to create change  
in hopes to create new laws.

Small revolutions like the one  
they hope to lead  
Require coming together,  
working within a collective creed.

Without people like these four,  
change might never come.  
It takes many to make the world a better place,  
not just one.

## CLUE 6 | Second Half



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ask your  
**Adventure  
Guide** for the  
challenge!



## BONUS CHALLENGE 6

*Strange Birds* | PG 155 | Chapter 20



### CULTIVATE AN EXPLORER'S MINDSET

What is a Portuguese man-of-war and how are they critical to ocean ecosystems? Explore the resources below and record any important information you discover.

- [Man-of-War: Killer Colony](#)
- [5 Facts about the Portuguese Man O' War](#)

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# CHALLENGE 7

Strange Birds | PG 258 | Chapter 31

## CLUE 7 | First Half



These four young explorers are really pushing the boundaries now, sneaking and plotting and raising some eyebrows.

They believe their cause is true and definitely worth the trouble. They are all taking big risks for the sake of feathers getting ruffled.

Is it ever OK to disobey the rules or break the law? So others might see how their actions are flawed?

## CLUE 7 | Second Half



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## BONUS CHALLENGE 7

*Strange Birds* | PG 197 | Chapter 25



### CULTIVATE AN EXPLORER'S MINDSET

What is the history of Bahamians in Florida and why does it matter today? Explore the resources below and record any important information you discover.

- [South Florida and The Bahamas Share a Long History Together](#)
- [Secrets of Spanish Florida](#)

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# CHALLENGE 8

Strange Birds | PG 300 | Chapter 36

## CLUE 8 | First Half



Grandpa says, "No one ever said activism isn't scary." Most things that matter include risks we must carry.

But the risk Lane, Aster, Cat, and Ofelia take this time comes to an end requiring a steep downward climb.

Are risks like these worth taking when we care so much? Could these young explorers have taken another path? You judge.

## CLUE 8 | Second Half



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## BONUS CHALLENGE 8

*Strange Birds* | PGS 232-233 | Chapter 29 

### CULTIVATE AN EXPLORER'S MINDSET

Choose one of the facts Lane, Ofelia, Aster, and Cat write on Post-it notes to explore further. Research what you can find and record any important information you discover.

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# CHALLENGE 9

Strange Birds | PG 350 | Chapter 40

## CLUE 9 | First Half



Taking accountability and facing consequences is a sign of growth, And Lane, Ofelia, Cat, and Aster have each done both.

But their passion for change never faltered, Even if the path they walk now may be a bit altered.

Grandpa told Aster that change may not come when we hope it might. These four explorers will keep going forward to continue their fight.

## CLUE 9 | Second Half



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Remember to ask your **Adventure Guide** for the challenge!

## EXPLORE MORE

### Ways to Continue Exploring

#### BOOKS

*The First Rule of Punk*  
By Celia C. Pérez

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*  
By William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

*Song for a Whale*  
By Lynne Kelly

*Hello, Universe*  
By Erin Entrada Kelly

*Rad American Women A-Z*  
By Kate Schatz and Miriam Klein Stahl

*Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters*  
By Laurie Ann Thompson

*Craftivism: The Art of Craft and Activism*  
Edited by Betsy Greer

#### DOCUMENTARIES

[Brave Girl](#)

[Wadjda](#)

[He Named Me Malala](#)

[Girl Rising](#)

[If You Build It](#)

[I Am Greta](#)

[Disobedience](#)

[This Changes Everything](#)

#### ACTIVITIES TO DO

Celia C. Pérez, the talented author of *Strange Birds*, created a [music playlist](#) aligned with the story. Check it out and create your own playlist for the change you will lead on your own!

The Reader's Guide in the back of the book has activities led by each of the four characters such as baking Aster's famous "Chips & Chips Cookies" or Lane's *Guide to Crystals*.

#### TOPICS TO EXPLORE

Social justice

Environmental activism

Bird conservation

Youth activism

# LEAGUE OF LITERARY ADVENTURERS

This certifies that

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has successfully completed the *Strange Birds* Book Quest challenges and demonstrated:

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- An ability to make sense of patterns, clues, and other mysteries
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