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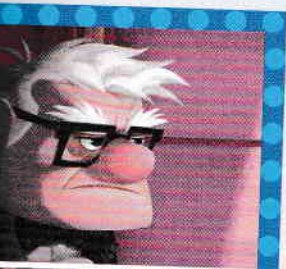
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In This Book



Carl Fredricksen

An elderly man, who dreams of adventures



Ellie Fredricksen

Carl's wife, who always wanted to go to Paradise Falls



Russell

A nine-year-old Wilderness Explorer, who needs one more badge



Charles Muntz

A famous explorer, who goes to Paradise Falls



Kevin

A large female bird who lives in Paradise Falls



Dug

A funny dog, who can speak with the help of a machine

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Before You Read

Introduction

Young Carl Fredricksen dreams of adventures and wants to explore South America. He meets Ellie, a little girl with a big dream to visit Paradise Falls. They grow up, become close friends, get married, and build a home together. But they never travel to South America.

After Ellie dies, Carl promises to follow his wife's dream to see Paradise Falls. This is the beginning of an amazing adventure. There are hundreds of balloons, a very large bird, and a talking dog. But Carl discovers that the biggest adventure is meeting a boy named Russell ...

Activities

1 Use the *Glossary* to find the meaning of these words. On which page do you first see them?

1 goggles

3 rope

5 helmet

7 hose

2 badge

4 net

6 porch

8 skeleton

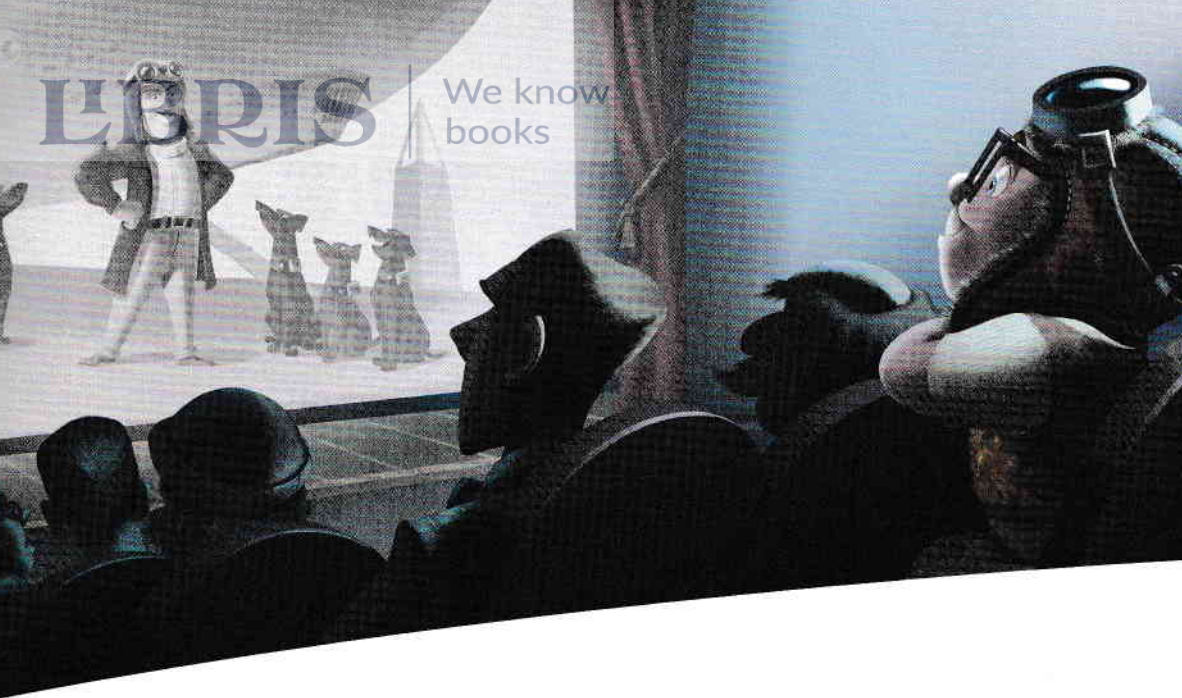
2 Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

1 (page 13) Why are balloons important in the story?

2 (page 14) Where is Russell? How does he feel? Why?

3 (page 16) Where are they? What's happening?

4 (page 19) Who is the boy giving food to? Why is he doing that?



Young Carl Meets Ellie

Young Carl Fredrickson dreamed of adventures. He often wore goggles and a helmet because he imagined he was an explorer. One day, he was watching a news film about the famous explorer Charles Muntz.

In the film, Muntz returned in his airship from Paradise Falls in South America. A crowd was waiting. Everyone wanted to see what he had. Muntz proudly showed them the skeleton of a very tall bird!

But after scientists looked at it, they were unhappy. They said the skeleton was not real. Muntz promised to return and bring the bird back alive. There, the news film ended.



Afterward, Carl imagined his blue balloon was his airship and he was flying home. His balloon floated over his head. Suddenly, he heard a loud voice coming from an old house, "Adventure is out there!"

He walked up the steps and on to the porch. He listened, then went inside. Upstairs, Carl found a girl at an open window. She was wearing goggles and a helmet and she was steering her "ship." Carl noticed photos on the wall of his favorite explorer—Charles Muntz. Suddenly, the girl turned and saw Carl.

"This is a clubhouse!" the girl shouted. Surprised, Carl let his balloon float away. Carl noticed her badges, which she made from the tops of used bottles. She took off a badge and put it on Carl.

She smiled and said, "You and me—we're in a club now. I saw where your balloon went. Let's go get it!" she said. "My name's Ellie."

Carl's balloon was near a hole in the roof. Slowly, he walked toward his balloon ... then ... *CRASH!* Oh, no! Carl fell through the floor and broke his arm!

