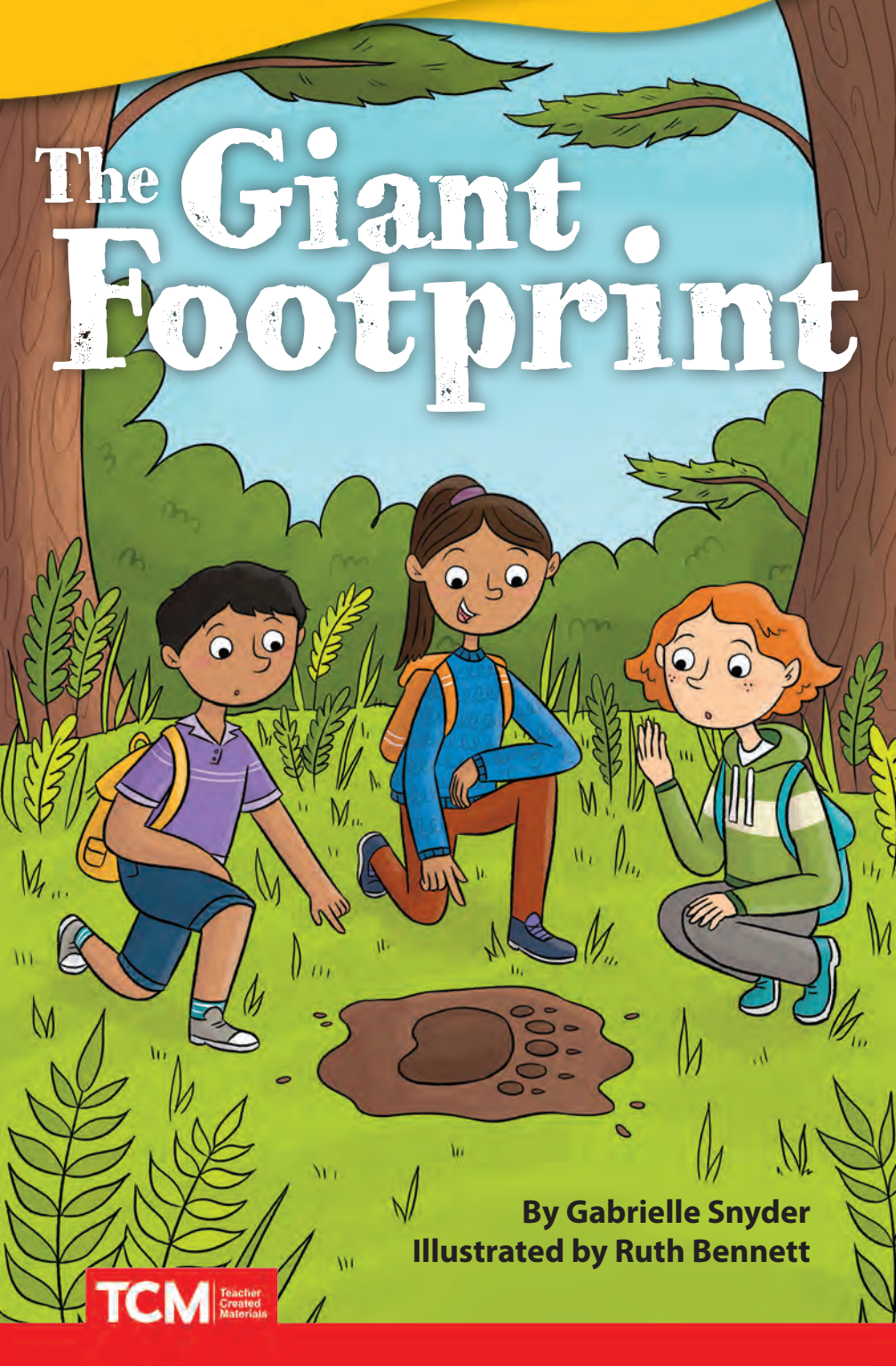

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Chapter One

The Field Trip

The day of the school hike had finally arrived! Izzy had been waiting all year for the chance to trek through the woods with her friends.

Izzy wanted to be a wildlife biologist when she grew up. Today was her chance to start learning how to identify animal signs in the wild. She had checked out a stack of books on animal tracks from the library. And she had traced a lot of them in her nature journal. She couldn't wait to see if she could identify real tracks in the wild!

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"Today's hike will be led by Dr. Susan Blakely," said Mr. Lu, Izzy's teacher. "Let's all give her a warm welcome."

Izzy and her friends clapped.

"Thank you!" said Dr. Blakely. "I can't wait to see what we'll discover along the trail. The conditions are perfect for finding animal tracks today. Does anyone know why?"

Izzy raised her hand.

"Yes, you in the blue sweatshirt," said Dr. Blakely.

"It's muddy," said Izzy.

"That's right," said Dr. Blakely. "Our shoes may get a little dirty today, but we'll also find plenty of tracks from critters large and small. I will be watching, but I am counting on you to spot tracks, too. Let's get started!"

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At first, the trail was wide enough for Izzy and her friends, Carlos and Paula, to walk side by side. But as they moved deeper into the forest, the trail narrowed. The trees provided a canopy overhead.

"It's getting darker," said Carlos. Izzy's feet squished into the mud as she walked.



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"Everyone will be able to see at least one type of footprint on the trail," said Dr. Blakely.

"Ours!" shouted several kids at once.

"That's right," said Dr. Blakely.

"Wow," said Izzy, "our shoes leave all kinds of crazy tracks."



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The Giant Footprint

On a school field trip, Izzy and her friends discover a large and mysterious footprint. Was it left by Bigfoot, a Yeti, an alien, or something else?

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