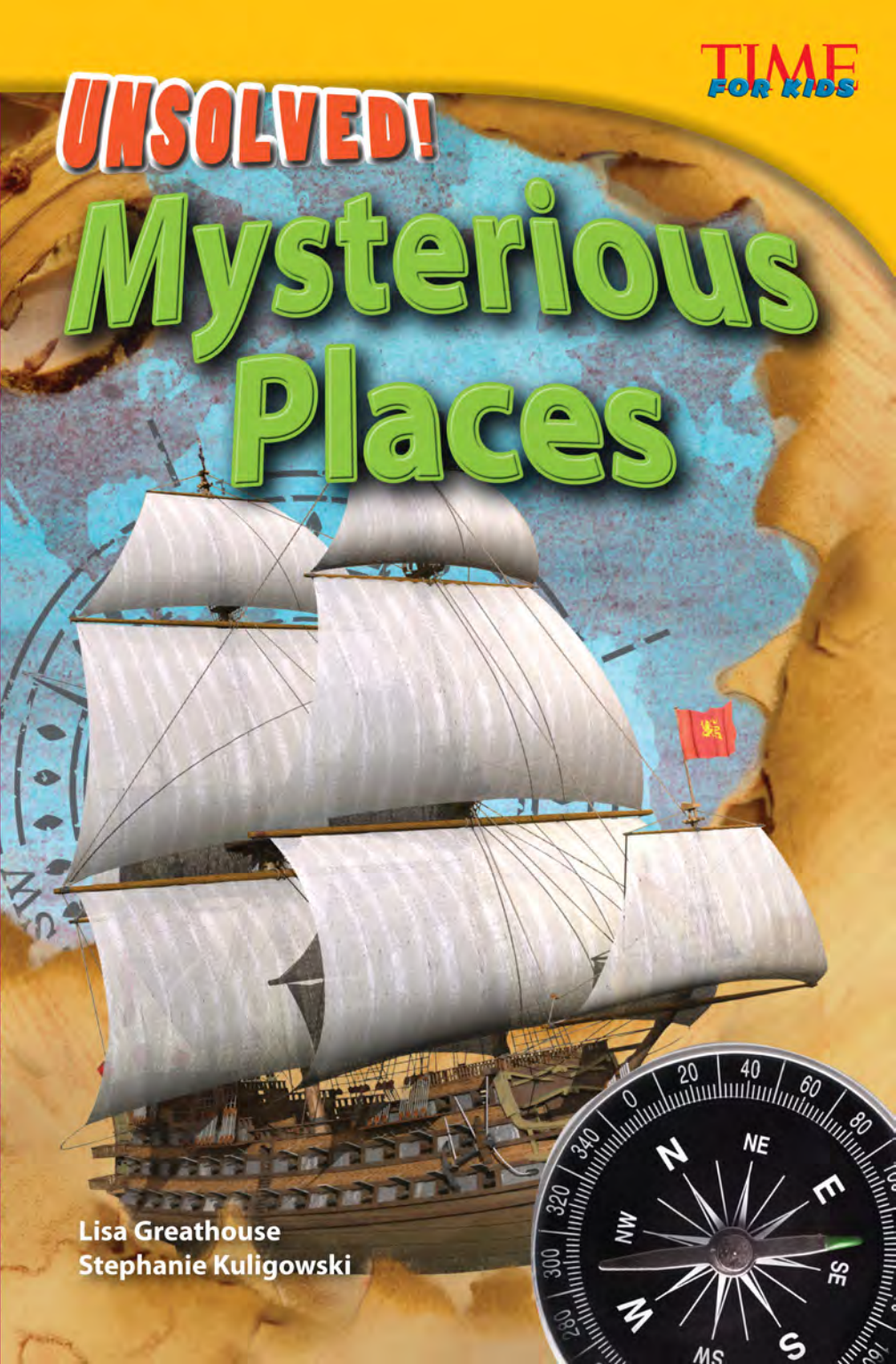
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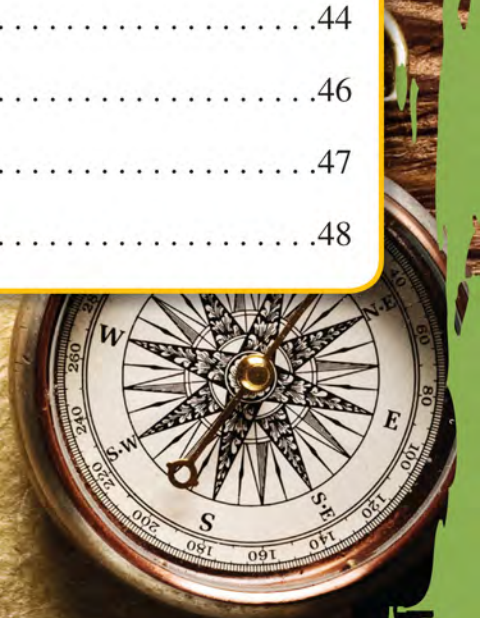
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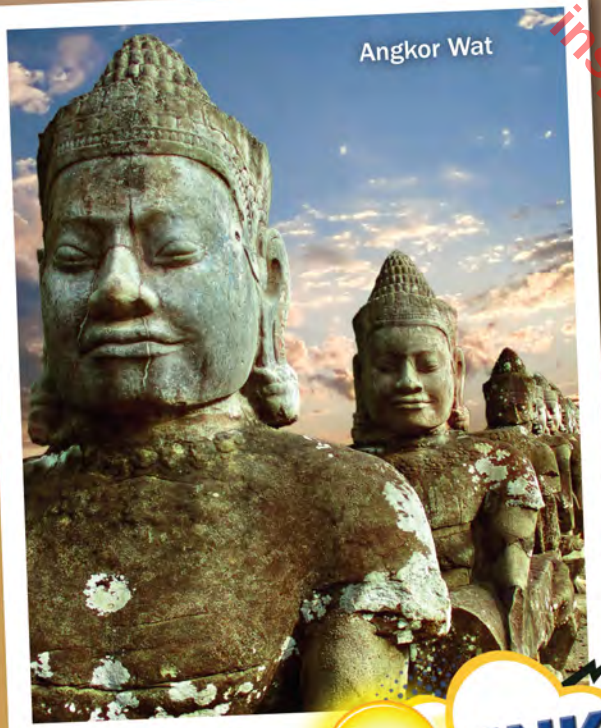
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Mysteries You Can Visit

Lost **civilizations**. Missing airplanes. Buried pirate treasure. These sound like great mystery stories. But they are not fiction. They are reality. They exist in some of the world's most mysterious places.

In this book, you will trek through the mountains. You will search for a city below the sea. And you will look for signs of life on other planets. You are about to discover the secrets behind some of Earth's unexplained places.


Angkor Wat




Chaco Canyon

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THINK LINK

Today we know a lot about the world, but there is also a lot we are still learning.

- How did people in the ancient world build monuments without modern tools?
- Have aliens visited Earth?
- What happened to lost cities like Angkor Wat, Atlantis, and Chaco?

Mysterious Monuments

People have always wanted to create things. They made fire, built crude tools, and wrote on cave walls. Then people began to think bigger. They made **monuments**. Statues are monuments made to honor someone. Early monuments paid respect to gods or rulers. Other statues were built to honor the dead.

New **technology** helped people build great stone structures. And now, these amazing places are proof of **ancient** human creativity.

Technology Through the Ages

Technology is anything that humans use to solve problems or make work easier. People first used technology when they turned sticks and stones into simple tools. Making fire was an advance in technology. So was the invention of the wheel. These were major technological discoveries in **prehistoric** times.

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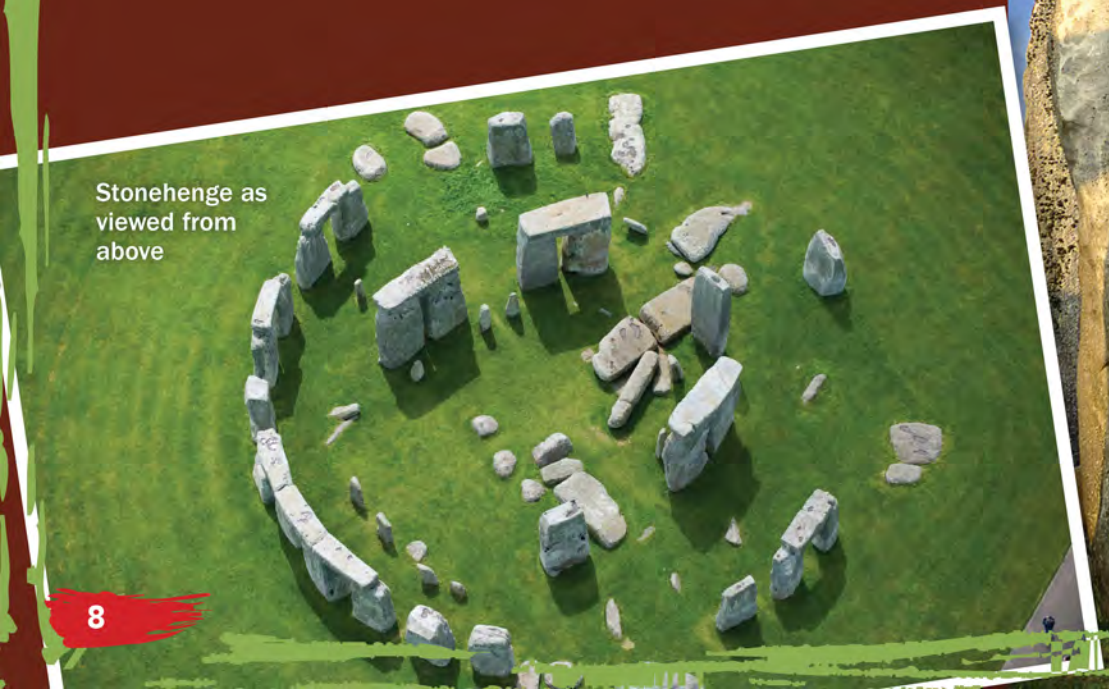


Sacred Stones

A circle of huge stones rises from the plains of England. This ancient monument is called Stonehenge. It has puzzled people for centuries.

Scientists know it was built 5,000 years ago. But everything else is a mystery. How did the builders move the huge stones? Some weigh more than 25 tons. And they came from 150 miles away! How did they stack them? And why did they work so hard to build this monument?

Some people think Stonehenge was a calendar. Many points match up with **astrological** events. Others say this was a burial place. **Archaeologists** have found human bones at the site.



Stonehenge as viewed from above

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Other Ideas

The most accepted theory today is that Stonehenge was a burial site for ancient leaders. A more far-fetched theory suggests Merlin, the magician from the King Arthur legend, used magic to move the stones. Others say that aliens placed the stones.

Ancient Calendar

In 1965, an astronomer named Gerald Hawkins wrote a book called *Stonehenge Decoded*. In it, he linked 165 points at the site to astrological events. For example, at dawn on the summer **solstice**, the center ring, two nearby stones, and the sun all line up.