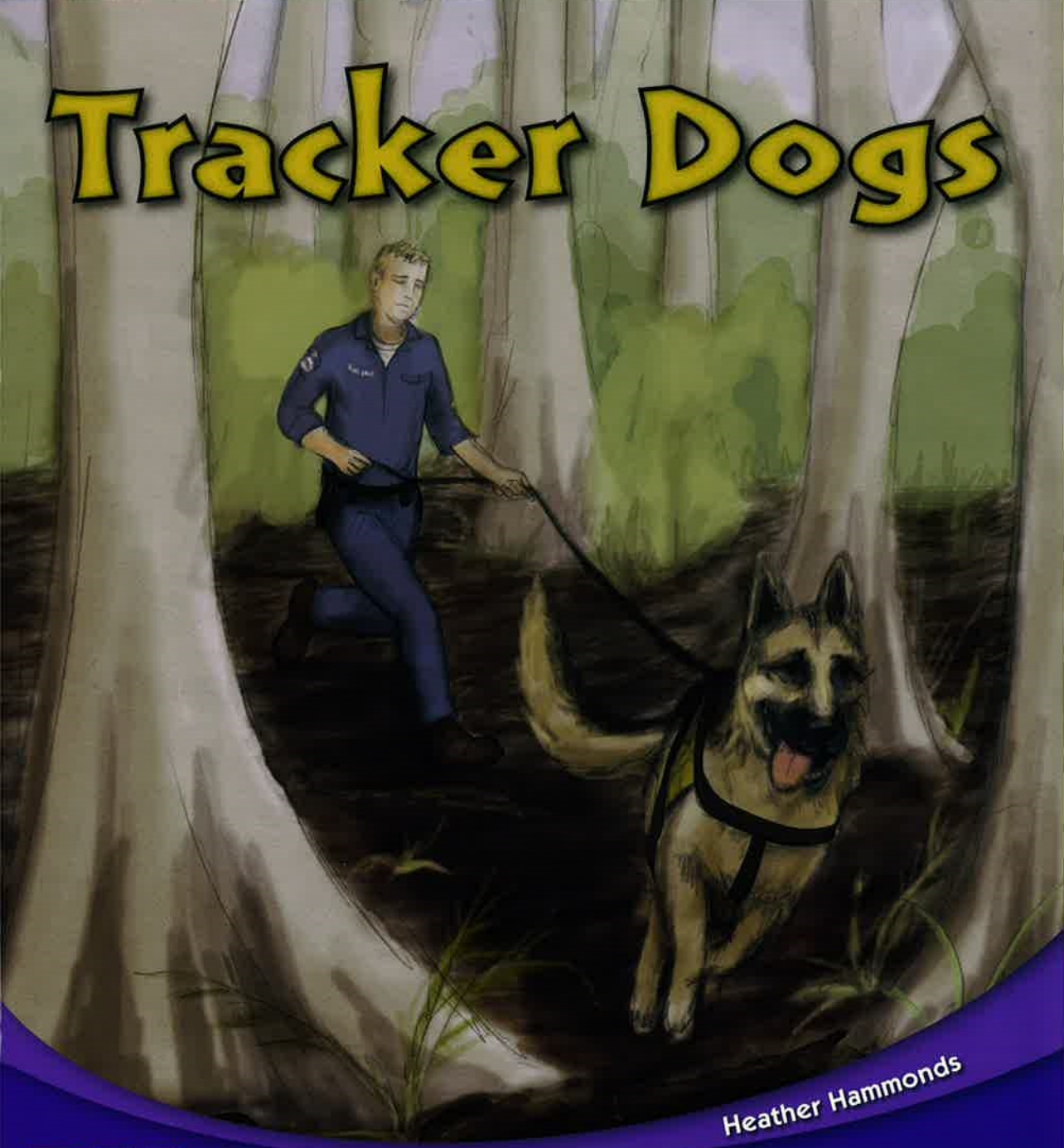
Tracker Dogs



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Recount & Information Report

Tracker Dogs

Level 28 Ruby

Key Learning Area **Science**

Theme **How dogs use their noses to track and search**

Title **Finding Amy**

Text Type *Recount*

Pages **2–9**

Text Form **Story**

Genre **Fiction**

Purpose **To retell and evaluate events and experiences**

Text Structure

Orientation: Provides information about who, where and when *(Pages 2–3)*.

Sequence of Events: Presents events in chronological order *(Pages 4–8)*.

Personal Comment: Evaluates the events that took place *(Page 9)*.

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. Forest Reserve Picnic Ground, family, doll, child)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. she, her, They)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. plastic)*
- Past tense verbs *(e.g. were held, commenced)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. safely, quietly)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. for their prompt action)*
- Time and sequence words *(e.g. Dusk had fallen)*

Title **Dogs That Track and Search**

Text Type *Information Report*

Pages **10–16**

Text Form **Reference**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To present information that classifies living or non-living things**

Text Structure

General Statement: Identifies and classifies the subject *(Pages 10–11)*.

Description: Provides information about the subject's physical appearance and other characteristics *(Pages 12–15)*.

Evaluation: Provides a summary statement about the subject *(Page 16)*.

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. victims, scent, members)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. their, they, it)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. dangerous, many, Wild)*
- Present tense verbs *(e.g. sniffing, track, seem)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. sometimes, also)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. in the line of duty)*

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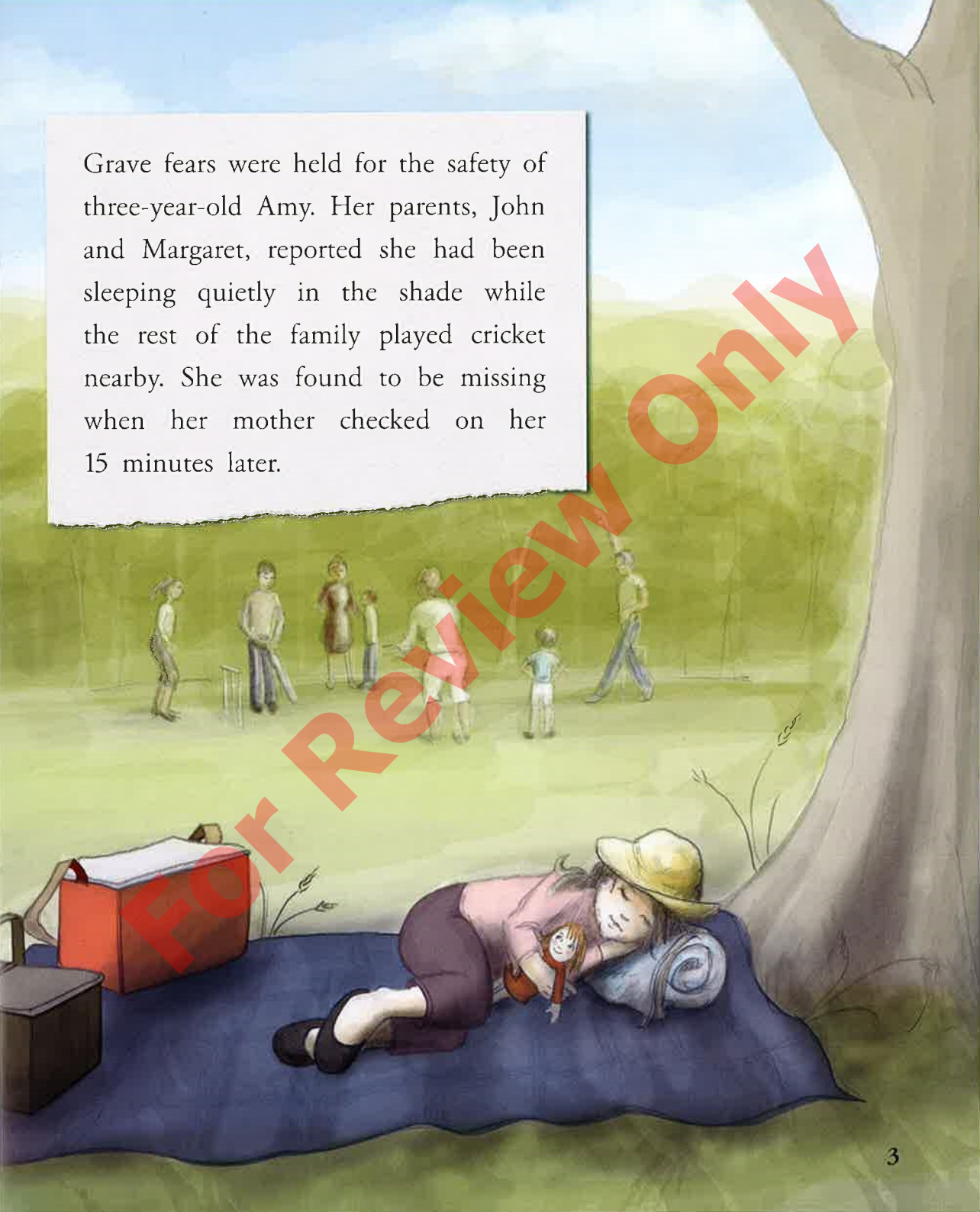


by Police Reporter,
Tess Wheeler

The Millward family has returned home safely, after a family gathering at Forest Reserve Picnic Ground went awry yesterday.



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Grave fears were held for the safety of three-year-old Amy. Her parents, John and Margaret, reported she had been sleeping quietly in the shade while the rest of the family played cricket nearby. She was found to be missing when her mother checked on her 15 minutes later.

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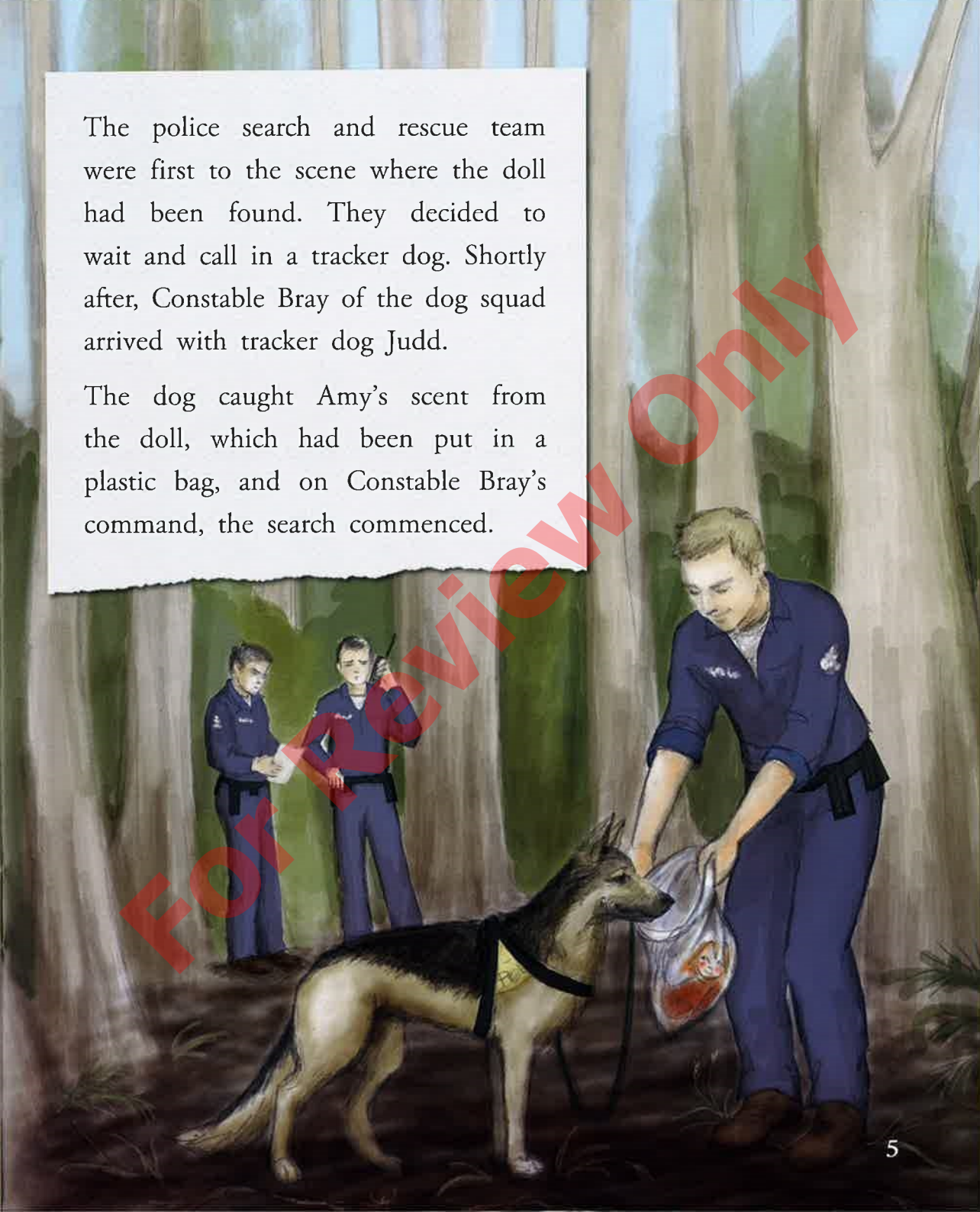
When the area was searched, Amy's favourite doll was discovered beside a track leading into the bush. With Amy nowhere to be seen, her parents immediately contacted the police.



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The police search and rescue team were first to the scene where the doll had been found. They decided to wait and call in a tracker dog. Shortly after, Constable Bray of the dog squad arrived with tracker dog Judd.

The dog caught Amy's scent from the doll, which had been put in a plastic bag, and on Constable Bray's command, the search commenced.



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At once Judd tracked the scent into the bush, and led the way with the rest of the search team following some distance behind. Unfortunately, after only a few hundred metres, the search ground to a halt. Judd had lost the scent at Fraser's Fire Track. After sniffing the doll again and then sniffing around the area, Judd regained the scent and continued to track the lost child.



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