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The Krakatek Team



The ship Mola-mola

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Five children, each one from a different continent, make up the **Krakatek Team**. They will travel around world in a big ship, the *Mola-mola* (Latin name for the “ocean sunfish”), with the most sophisticated equipment and in the company of the captain, an English scientist and a German professor, along with the rest of the crew made up of various sailors, the chief engineer, the cooks and so forth.

An enigmatic character, the Greek patron Fassoulas, is the person responsible for the adventures, having sought out five children with special virtues so that they could see at first hand certain problems that affected the planet, such as climate change, overfishing and pollution.

In the course of their adventures the five children are backed by some very special help, in the form of an amulet made of an extraterrestrial substance called *Krakatek*, from a meteorite that fell down onto the Earth 65 million years ago. That substance is able to raise the good qualities of each of the children to unsuspected heights.

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Nature is endangered and our planet needs help. Lola, Claudine, Alex, Pang and Ricardo, five children from different parts of the world, are to be the ones chosen for this important mission. They each have an amulet that lends them special powers. Together they will travel on a large ship and will acquaint themselves first-hand with the most fabulous corners of the Earth.

In this first adventure they will find themselves at the **North Pole**, where the ice is beginning to melt. The bad thing is that there are some characters who wish to take advantage of the situation, threatening to do away with the fauna of the zone and the way of life of the Inuits (the famous “Eskimos”).

Together the children will experience an adventure full of dangers, mysteries and discoveries, and they will learn the value of group work in overcoming any obstacle.

When you read this novel, you too will become part of the **Krakatek Team!** The book includes scientific charts with anecdotes and curious pieces of information. How do the Inuit live? Why is the ice melting? How do you make an igloo? How can you hunt an enormous walrus without any guns? Why do polar bears attack? What is an aurora borealis? Those are just a few of the interesting things you will learn in these pages!

The Krakatek Team is waiting for you to help them take care of nature!



Lola

Age: 11 years

Where she is from: El Puerto de Santa María (Cádiz, Spain).

Likes and hobbies:

She knows everything about animals from any part of the world

Personality: Curious, helpful to others and good fun.

Krakatek talent: Ability to make contact with animals.



Ricardo

Age: 10 years,

the youngest in the group

Where he is from: Leticia,

a town in the Amazon jungle in Colombia.

Likes and hobbies: Going off into the jungle, discovering new trails ... He loves imitating animal sounds.

Personality: Shy, calm and daydreaming.

Krakatek talent: Can predict the future and is a good pathfinder.



Alex

Age: 12 years.

Where he is from:

Wellington (New Zealand).

Likes and hobbies:

Climbing, skiing, playing basketball ... taking part in anything going.

Personality: Sure of himself, even with (an only apparent) effrontery.

Krakatek talent:

Becomes amazingly agile and strong.



Pang

Age: 11 years.

Where he is from: Baotou, in northern China, though he now lives in Shanghai with his aunt and uncle.

Likes and hobbies:

He submerges himself almost hypnotically in any electronic or computer appliance ... and into any tasty food, sweet or salty.

Personality: Friendly, though a little introverted (goes with being a genius ...).

Krakatek talent: Able to understand and incredibly quickly make sophisticated electronic and mechanical appliances.



Claudine

Age: 12 years.

Where she is from:

Tiko, a small town in the interior of Cameroon.

Likes and hobbies:

Likes to know about everything that is going on around her.

Personality: Likeable by nature, always helps others and has a great sense of friendship.

Krakatek talent:

Becomes the leader of the group at times of greatest trouble. At such times, they will all follow her.



Toni Polo



... is a journalist who has worked in various forms of media.

He has also been a publisher and translator.

He very much likes to go out and enjoy nature, as well as reading adventure novels.

He has written several novels with Sergio Rossi, although **The Krakatek Team** is his first project for children.

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Sergio Rossi



... is a doctor in Biological Sciences. He specialises in marine biology and has taken part in various scientific expeditions around the world: the Antarctic, California, Reunión, Chile, the Red Sea, and others.

By the time you are reading this book he will most probably be on an important mission to some little-known and almost inaccessible zone of the Antarctic Peninsula.

He has written several novels with Toni Polo, although **The Krakatek Team** is his first project for children.

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Juan M. Moreno



... was born in 1972 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He specialises in creating designs and illustrations for CD covers.

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He also works as a designer.

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Lola

Edad: 11 años.
Lugar de origen: El Puerto de Santa María (Cádiz, España).
Gustos y aficiones: Lo sabe todo sobre los animales de cualquier parte del mundo.
Personalidad: Curiosa, solidaria y divertida.
Talento Krakatek: Capacidad de contactar con los animales.

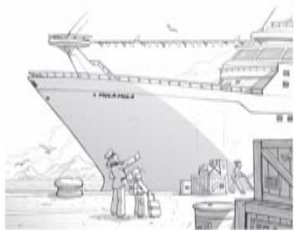
Lola siempre se embalsaba en la bajada del pinar, antes de llegar a su casa, muy cerquita de la playa de la Punilla, en El Puerto de Santa María. La llave, que colgaba de una cuerda alrededor de su cuello, se balanceaba al ritmo de las curvas que tomaba a toda velocidad. En un plis aparó la bici en el garaje y entró por la puerta de la cocina. Como siempre desde que empezó las vacaciones, tenía la comida preparada en la nevera. Ahora, con once años, ya se la calentaba sola, almorzaba y recogía la casa antes de que llegara su madre, sobre las cuatro de la tarde. Hasta entonces podría conectarse a internet. Nunca le dejaban hacerlo durante más de

firió esperar a su madre. Ya iría a la playa al día siguiente, ahora debía leer la carta que tanto la intrigaba...



del barco en el que vivirían la primera gran aventura en tierras (mejor dicho en aguas) de Groenlandia. Él también era español, hacía veinte años que había dejado su Tarragona natal y presumía de no tener domicilio fijo. Si de verdad existía alguien capaz de proclamar que era ciudadano del mundo, ése era Marcos.

Eran cerca de las diez de la noche cuando Lola y Marcos aparecieron en el muelle del puerto de la pequeña ciudad de Akureyri, en el norte de Islandia, pero el sol brillaba con fuerza. Lola sabía perfectamente que en pleno mes de junio, al norte del Círculo Polar Ártico, había veinticuatro horas de sol al día, pero comprobarlo con sus propios ojos lo impactó. Como a cualquiera.



The course charted by the Krakatek Team

The **Krakatek Team** is conceived of as a series in which the central strand of the action revolves around ecology and a different planet.

Taking that as an excuse, the children travel in the vessel *Mola-mola* from one part of the planet to another, discovering the truth about how we are acting on the environment and the most ancestral cultures in the world.

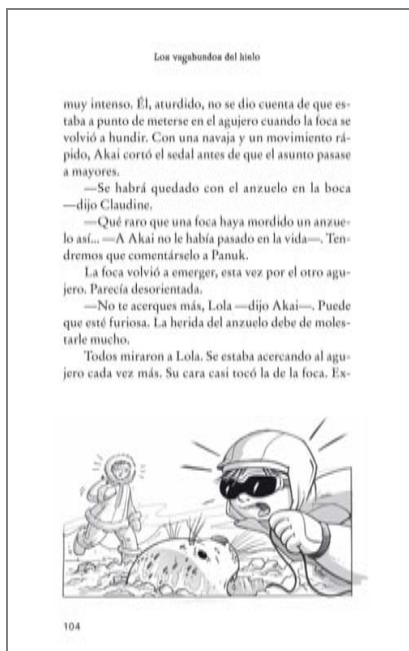
In the course of their voyage, the plot hinging around the amulets themselves becomes more complex, as do the relationships between the children.

The amulets serve to continue lending greater consistency to a central story that seeks out the curiosity of the children and affords us an opportunity to introduce something akin to “superpowers”.

The vessel is equipped with the latest technologies: a mini-submarine, a helicopter, robots, special diving suits, machines for taking readings of parameters of the water, air and organisms, jet skis, a very fast pneumatic launch, etc. The children learn how to use many of those things.

Apart from the five children in the **Krakatek Team**, important roles are played by **Professor Higgins** and **Sylvia**, the children's tutors. Higgins is a doctor and scientist aged about fifty, while Sylvia is younger, nicer and very sporty.

Also on board the *Mola-mola* is **Marcos**, the vessel's captain, and **Fassoulas**, a wealthy Greek businessman who bears all expenses of the expeditions.



The chief engineer on the vessel is **Matilda**, who is also the pilot of the helicopter on board the *Mola-mola*.

Uberto is the chef and is a strange, silent and solitary man. He is quite the opposite of **Yi** and **Yu**, his two Indonesian kitchen assistants, who joke and laugh and are always at loggerheads with one another.

Moan is an mixed-race Indonesian who in the first instance gives them the amulets, without telling him what they are exactly.

The villain of the series is **Murphy**, an unscrupulous American. He knows of the existence of the amulets and wants to get hold of them any way he can. He has a fortune that has come from rather murky business such as open-cast mining, trafficking coral, getting hold of hoards of treasure, etc.

Each adventure includes scientific charts to find out more about the subjects that each story deals with.

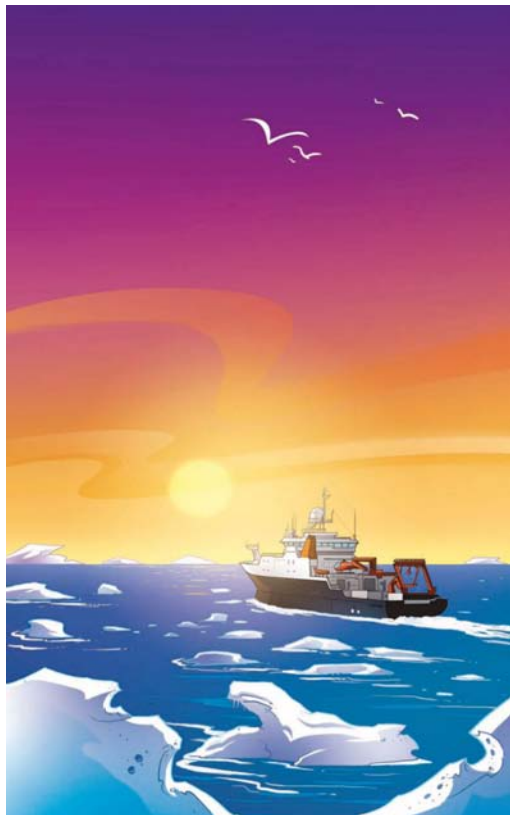
The **next volume** in the series will be published in **summer 2011**, when the voyage will be taking the **Krakatek Team** to Indonesia.

The third volume will come out in autumn 2011, and from then on there will be a further adventure every six months.

The adventures will take the **Krakatek Team** to various parts of the world:

the Amazon, China and Japan, the Caribbean, Mauritania, California, the North Sea, the Mediterranean, Madagascar, Hawaii, Australia, the Antarctic, etc.

In all those places and regions the children will be confronted by the issues that are threatening our environment, such as the oil industry, industrial fishing, coral fishing, climate warming, water, etc.



4-colour insert to the 1st volume

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