

A Cloud in a Jar

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ACTIVITY GUIDE

It's just after midnight on Walton Wharf West, but there's no time for sleeping—adventure awaits! Get dressed, grab your oars, let's not delay. Lou Dozens is here, and we're sailing to Firelight Bay!

In this modern, young, bold, and inventive adventure, Lou drags her more cautious friend on a daring voyage across the sea. Though their destination is a glorious land of year-round summers, long slides, and picnics a hundred yards wide, the children there have never seen rain, even once.

The mission is simple: bring Firelight Bay a cloud in a jar. But the journey is anything but. Readers will delight in the story's twists, turns, and unexpected solutions—from a sail of patchwork handkerchiefs to a net crafted from recycled cell phone chargers that saves a beached whale. It'll take every knick knack in Lou's pockets and all the cleverness the pair can muster to safely deliver their gift.

With captivating illustrations and whimsical yet delightfully intricate rhyming text reminiscent of classic children's poetry, this seafaring quest is one young readers will not soon forget.

Aaron Lewis Krol lives with his family in Lowell, Massachusetts, where he writes about climate change science and solutions for the MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative. Like many, his early education included many "invention challenges" where students were tasked with building structures from everyday materials, and he's pretty sure that's where the idea for Lou Dozens came from. This is his first picture book.

Carlos Velez Aguilera lived in the oceanside town of Puerto Vallarta for a time and drew from his memory of those beautiful landscapes and the sense of adventure they gave him while illustrating this book. He also poured in his general love of clouds, the sea, and whales. In addition to drawing, Carlos also likes to dance. He lives in Mexico City, Mexico, with his cat, Benito.

IT'S A JOB FOR...!

The two friends pull out items to help them along their journey to Firelight Bay.
What do they use?

1. When a storm rolls in, it's a job for a _____!
2. When a whale rolls up on the beach, it's a job for a _____!
3. When a throng of razorbills approach, it's a job for a _____!
4. When they reach the town of Firelight Bay, it's a job for a _____!

Answers: 1. Sail 2. Net 3. Cloud 4. Whale!

WORD SEARCH

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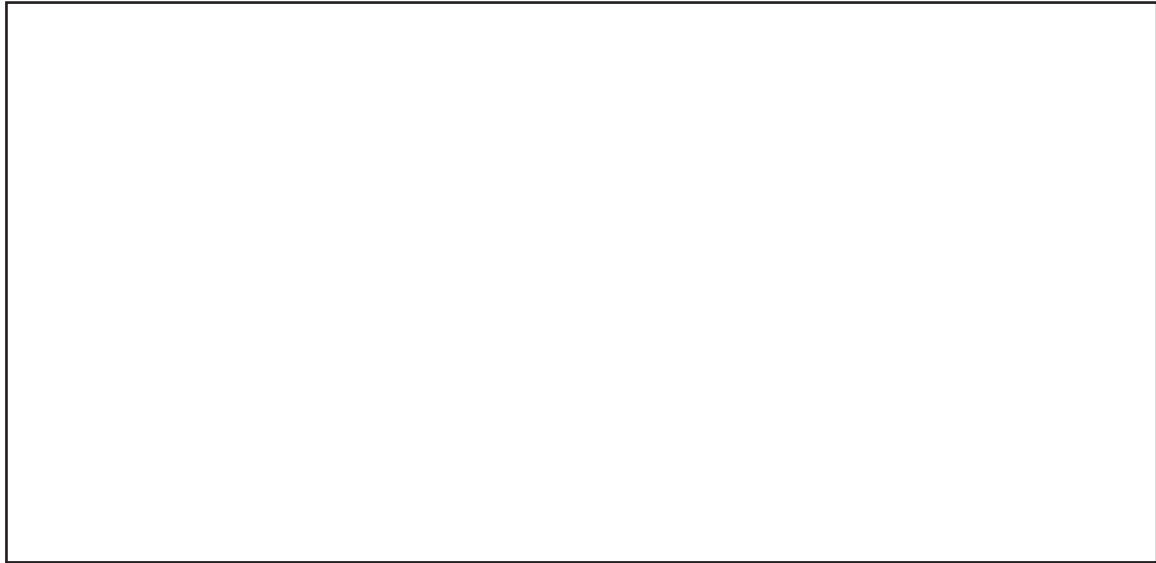
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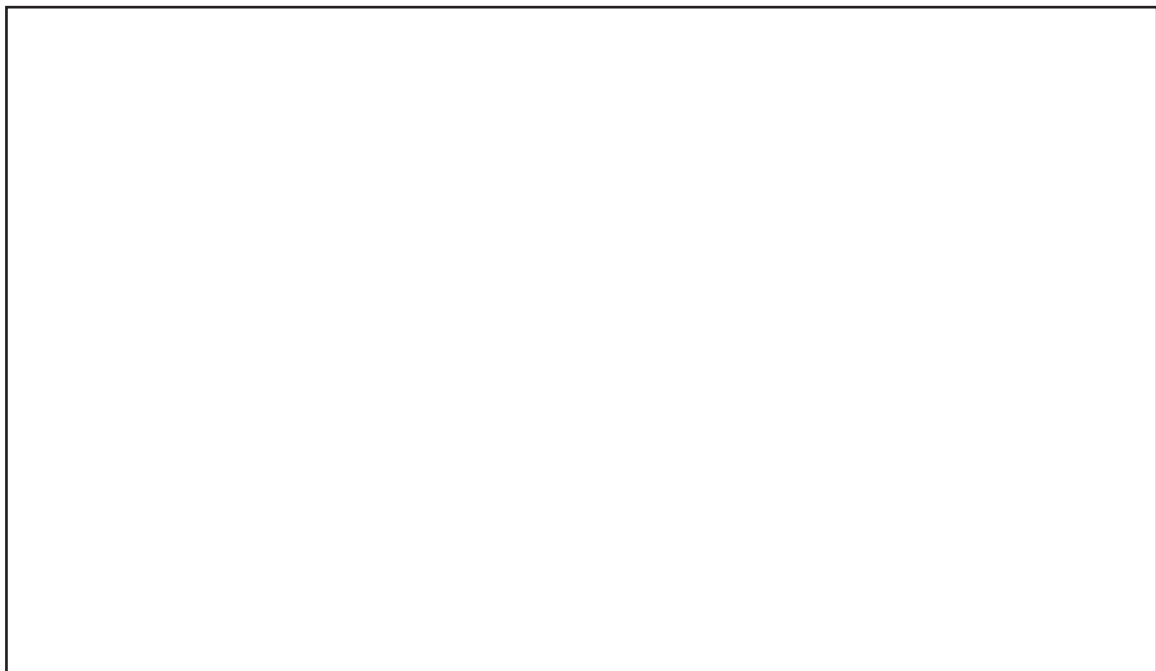
WHAT WOULD YOU CREATE?

Lou uses her imagination and wit to turn the knick-knacks she has in her pockets into tools to help others. She makes a sail out of handkerchiefs, and a net out of phone chargers.

If you had to go on a journey, what items from your house would you bring? List or draw them below.



What could you make with them?



HELP LOU AND HER FRIEND REACH FIRELIGHT BAY

