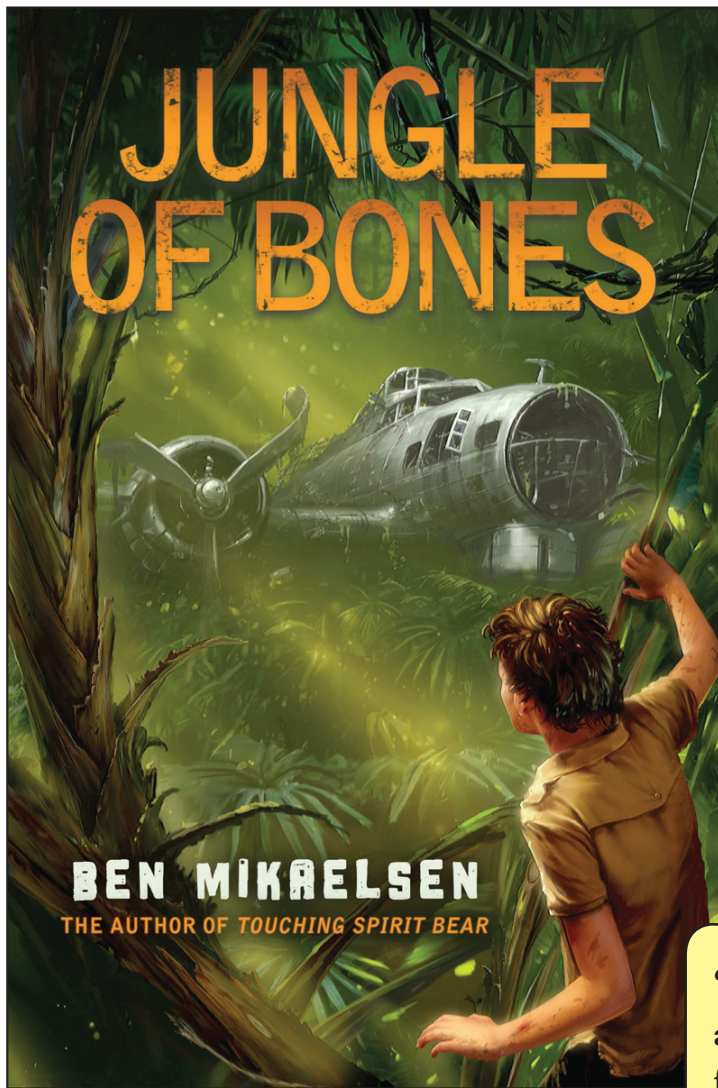




Book Talk

Books We Love This Month



Jungle of Bones

By Ben Mikaelson

Having lost his father in the war in Darfur, Dylan Barstow has become an angry, out-of-control boy. When he is caught on a late-night joyride in a stolen car, he is shipped off to live with his ex-Marine uncle for the summer. His uncle takes Dylan to Papua New Guinea to help him find a WWII fighter that crashed in the jungle years ago — a crash that Dylan's grandfather barely survived. In a stubborn act of defiance, Dylan pretends to take his anti-malaria pills, a decision that only adds to the dangers of the jungle when he becomes separated from Uncle Todd and his guide party. Readers will become fully immersed in this tense adventure, as Dylan crosses paths with dangerous snakes and has strange hallucinations deep in the deadly jungle.

Ages 8-12

“I loved this book because Dylan is a highly relatable character who isn't fully (and unrealistically) redeemed at the end. He's still a kid who has a lot to deal with, but now he has help.”

— Keri-Anne

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