



The Last Firehawk: The Ember Stone

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A terrible darkness is spreading across Perodia. Thorn, a powerful vulture, is using dark magic and his army of spies to destroy the magical land. A young owl named Tag may be the only one who can save it! Tag dreams of one day becoming a brave warrior, but he is small. In this first book, Tag and his best friend, a squirrel named Skyla, meet the last firehawk. Together, the three friends learn about a magical stone. Could this stone be powerful enough to defeat Thorn?

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AR Level:

3.1

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Book Trailer/Author Interview <http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/katrina-charman>

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Other websites/links: teachingbooks.net

Food: Nuts, berries & gummy worms

Nonfiction Companion Titles:

Gibbons, Gail. *Knights in shining armor.*

Osborne, Will. *Knights and castles.*

Markle, Sandra. *Owls.*

O'Brien, Lindsay. *Squirrels.*

Gray, Susan Heinrichs. *Spider Monkeys.*

Marsh, Laura F. *Turtles.*

Introduction: Have you ever gone on a quest? Join three brave warriors as they search for the magical Ember Stone.

Story Time Activities:

Make your own armor: <https://mymodernmet.com/knight-cardboard-costume-diy/>

Make paper mache eggs like the egg that Blaze hatched from:

www.instructables.com/id/JUMBO-PAPER-MACHE-EGGS/

Research rocks and volcanoes inspired by the Ember Stone:

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/geology.html>

http://www.onegeology.org/extra/kids/rocks_and_minerals.html

<https://online.kidsdiscover.com/unit/rocks-and-minerals>

<https://kidsloverocks.com/fields-of-study/>

<http://www.teachjunkie.com/sciences/rocks-for-kids-15-fun-activities/>

Create your own map:

<http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/makemapstreasuremapscraftsideasdecorationskids.html>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/map-skills-elementary-students/>

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/pirates/mmap.html>

Make your own volcanos: <http://inspirationlaboratories.com/10-ways-to-make-a-volcano-with-kids/>

Create your own shield or coat of arms:

https://www.education.com/activity/article/Family_Coat_Arms/

<http://happystronghome.com/create-a-coat-of-arms-free-printable/>

Discussion Questions

1. What does Tag, the small barn owl, strive to become?

Answer: Tag dreams of becoming an Owl of Valor.

2. What do Tag and Skyla find in the deep, dark cave?

Answer: They discover a golden egg.

3. What is Tag's favorite snack?

Answer: Tag's favorite snack is worms.

4. Who stole all the berries and the map?

Answer: The thieves were the two small spider monkeys.

5. Where was the Ember Stone hidden?

Answer: The Ember Stone was hidden at the very bottom of the volcano, on the rocky ledge.