



## Title: Nim's Island Author: Wendy Orr

Nim lives on a remote island in the middle of the ocean with her scientist father. She can scale palm trees, cut down bananas with a machete, tend their garden, and prepare her own meals, so her father allows her to stay by herself on the island while he sails off to study plankton. All kinds of adventures begin for her and her animals friends, and along the way, Nim discovers an email pal and some courage she's never had before.

### Let's Talk

Are you like Nim? In what ways? What would you have done differently than she did?

What skills does Nim have? First aid? Swimming? Climbing? What skills do you have?

Nim seems to be able to communicate with the animals. Do you ever talk to pets? How do they talk to you? Do you know of any people who are famous for talking to animals?

Alex Rover writes about an imaginary hero and invents qualities about him. How does this imaginary character help her?

What might have happened if no one came to the island for Nim? Think about another ending for the story and share with your group.

### Try This

Build a raft and see if it can float. Use foam pool noodles, popsicle sticks, rope, paper, leaves, or whatever other materials you can find. This can be a small or large scale raft depending on your materials.

Do you think a coconut floats? Buy one at the grocery store and try it in your bathtub!

Build a volcano and make it erupt! Find directions online or at the library.

Sketch out an imaginary hero and come up with his or her many heroic qualities. You might even try giving them a story - like where do they live and what do they eat.

### Explore More in the Library

Shimmer & Splash : The Sparkling World of Sea Life by Jim Arnosky (J 591.77 Arnosky)

First Aid by The Boy Scouts of America (J 369.43 Boy)

The Explosive World of Volcanoes with Max Axiom, Super Scientist by Christopher L. Harbo (J 551.21 Harbo)

Sea Turtles by Sophie Lockwood (J 597.928)

Who Was Jane Goodall? by Roberta Edwards (J 599.885 GOODALL Edwards)

The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle by Hugh Lofting (J Fiction Lofting)

Nim at Sea by Wendy Orr (J Fiction Orr)

The Secret of Whale Island by Thea Stilton (J GN Geronimo Stilton)

Baby Island by Carol Ryrie Brink (J Paperback Brink)

Nim's Island (J DVD Nim's)  
Return to Nim's Island (J DVD Return)

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