

# UP IN THE TREETOPS

▼ **Graine Henson lives in West Yorks with her husband and their four children under seven. She runs her own business, beautiful ethical toyshop The Old Treehouse, which celebrates its fifth birthday this year.** "My inspiration for the business came from my daughter Eva, who was born in 2002 and sadly died 7 weeks later. She gave me the confidence I had previously been lacking to open The Old Treehouse. It was one of the many gifts she gave me during her short life." Over the last five years the shop has grown non stop and today they are currently in the process of opening a children's hairdresser at the shop in Hebden Bridge, which will have an enchanted wood theme; children will sit in a specially designed 'throne' to have their hair cut by the Purple Fairy! Readers who don't live near to the store can browse the wonderful collection of products, including multi cultural dolls, bi-lingual books and CDs at [theoldtreehouse.co.uk](http://theoldtreehouse.co.uk).



## Organic Play

- 1 Ellie Baby Toy, £13.99, [otoys.co.uk](http://otoys.co.uk)
- 2 Pink elephant, £9, [littlegreenradicals.co.uk](http://littlegreenradicals.co.uk)
- 3 Kallisto organic rabbit, £27, [friendlybaby.co.uk](http://friendlybaby.co.uk)
- 4 Kathy Kruse organic giraffe, £21.99, [otoys.co.uk](http://otoys.co.uk)
- 5 Little Taggies pink bear rattle, £12.99, [otoys.co.uk](http://otoys.co.uk)

## Ethical SPOTLIGHT

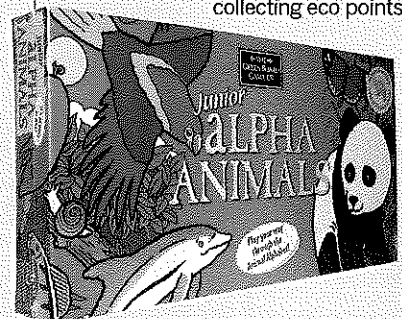


## Ask A Question

**Q My son will be eight this year and I'd like to buy him a game for his birthday. He loves board games and I'd like to get him something ethical that teaches about green issues in a fun way. Any ideas?**

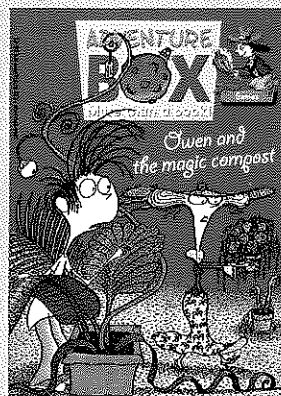
**A** We asked Richard of Myriad Toys for his recommendations and he suggested Eyes of the Jungle, a co-operative game in which players work together to protect rare species in the rainforest. Another game for older children, Sky Travellers, encourages knowledge of earth's habitats in order to repair a spacecraft. Both are available for £19.90 from [myriadonline.co.uk](http://myriadonline.co.uk) At [ecoutlet.co.uk](http://ecoutlet.co.uk), Junior Alpha

Animals is a great introduction to the natural world and can be played by all ages making it a good family game. And lastly, Bioviva, available from [globalkids.co.uk](http://globalkids.co.uk), is aimed at eight year olds and upwards and is a fascinating trivia game in which players move round a global board collecting eco points.



## Read All About It

Looking for some inspiration for the summer holidays? Why not try a subscription to the wonderful Storybox magazine. Suitable for ages three to six, these beautifully illustrated magazines provide heaps of fun and learning opportunities every month. In addition to a regular story, each issue contains animal and science pages, a comic strip and poems. Older children can enjoy a monthly dose of colourful fact and fiction in the Adventure Box (6-9 yr olds) and Discovery Box (9-12 yr olds) magazines. See [bayard-magazines.co.uk](http://bayard-magazines.co.uk) for details.



## WIN Books

We have teamed up with Dorling Kindersley ([dk.com](http://dk.com)) to offer five readers a set of two books about planet earth. New from their Made With Care range, which are printed on recycled paper and board, using vegetable based inks, the books are beautifully illustrated and a great introduction to the natural world. We have five sets of Earth Matters and Love Your World to give away. For your chance to win, simply email [competitions@thegreenparent.co.uk](mailto:competitions@thegreenparent.co.uk) with your name and address.

