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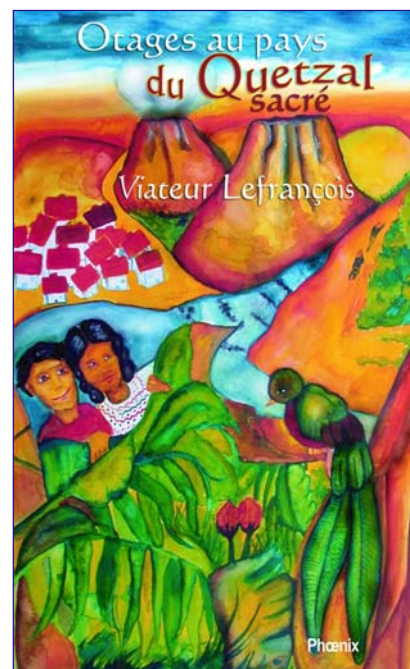
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Born in Quebec, Viateur Lefrançois has travelled extensively and lived for two years in Barcelona before settling in Quebec. A well-known writer in French Canada, France, Belgium and Switzerland his stories are loved by younger and older readers alike. One of his biggest successes titled, "Dans la fosse du serpent à deux têtes," was translated into Spanish, has sold 110, 000 copies to date and is now read by children in schools all over Mexico. Editions du Phœnix is proud to be publishing his latest novel and his tenth published children's book.

Story: (9 and up)

Two shipwrecked boys are captured by soldiers of fortune on the coast of Guatemala. While the authorities pursue them, the boys encounter danger in many different forms. Near Quezaltenango, a region known for its many volcanoes, forests and mysteries, the boys learn the value of life and family. They also come to better understand the hopes and concerns of the generous people of Guatemala.

Readers learn about the Central American region, Mayan culture, pinewood forest and jungle, predators, volcanoes and sacred quetzal; Guatemala's emblem.

Excerpt from text: Deux corps, face contre terre, gisaient sur la plage déserte. Les pélicans survolaient la mer, puis plongeaient à la recherche de poissons. À quelques mètres des naufragés évanouis, des bécasseaux se régalaient des crabes minuscules enfouis dans le sable blanc. Les oiseaux se rapprochèrent lentement des corps inanimés. Un chien solitaire les chassa. Les cris perçants des volatiles et les aboiements désespérés ne parvinrent nullement à sortir les naufragés de leur inconscience. Le chien renifla Diégo Adams et risqua un coup de langue sur sa joue ; l'animal recommença avec Giovanni Conti. Devant l'absence de réaction, la bête s'allongea entre les deux inconnus.