

CONNECTICUT'S COUNTY KIDS

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Reading Corner

November's Reading Picks

Looking for Miza

*Told by Juliana Hatkoff,
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and Dr. Paula Kahumbu*

Scholastic Press; \$16.99

All Ages

This true story takes place in the beautiful forests and jungle of Virunga National Park in the Congo, where Miza a young female mountain gorilla lives. When Miza's mother disappeared an amazing thing happened. Her father Kabirizi the leader of Virunga's largest family of Mountain gorillas, set out to find her. Kabirizi did find Miza and brought her back to live with her family.

Virunga is home to roughly 380 mountain gorillas just over half of the planet's remaining mountain gorilla population. Miza and other mountain gorillas face an especially uncertain future. They are an endangered species, disappearing at an alarming speed and without help could vanish completely.

Filled with lush photographs by award-winning photographer Peter Greste, *Looking for Miza* is a powerful call to action. The fate of these majestic creatures is in our hands.