

The Jungle Outside

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Joanne Hillhouse, Illustrated by Danielle Boodoo Fortune, Prepared for publication by Collins Big Cat

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Joanne C. Hillhouse is from Antigua and Barbuda. *The Jungle Outside* is her third picture book, seventh book of fiction, and second mango-themed book. Her books have been a Burt Award for teen/young adult Caribbean literature finalist (*Musical Youth*), official selection for the Governor's Summer Read Challenge in the USVI (*With Grace*), among other distinctions. Find out more about Joanne Hillhouse at <http://jhohadli.wordpress.com>.

Danielle Boodoo-Fortuné is a poet and visual artist from Sangre Grande, Trinidad and Tobago. She has illustrated several children's and young adult books, and her paintings have been exhibited in the Caribbean and abroad. She is the author and illustrator of

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Set in the Caribbean, *The Jungle Outside* tells the story of Dante and his grandmother, Tanti, as they explore Tanti's garden. At first reluctant, Dante soon comes to realise the adventures that await him outside and we follow them as he climbs trees, tastes fruit, and finally notices the nature around him. Beautifully illustrated by Danielle Boodoo Fortuné, this book is a visual feast which will feed the imagination of young readers. It encourages children get outside and explore, to look at things differently, and to face their fears.