



TO DAISY, LINH ĐAN,
AND ALL YOUNG
ANIMAL LOVERS
EVERYWHERE.

HELLO READERS,

MY NAME IS TRANG AND I AM A VIETNAMESE WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST. BEFORE YOU READ THIS BOOK, I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT IT. *SAVING SORYA* IS THE STORY OF CHANG, A LITTLE GIRL WITH A HUGE DREAM TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE LIVES OF WILD ANIMALS WHO ARE BEING PUSHED TOWARDS EXTINCTION BY HUMANS. CHANG WORKS HARD TO FOLLOW HER DREAMS, AND SHE IGNORES PEOPLE WHO THINK WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IS NOT A GOOD CAREER FOR HER.

WHEN CHANG MEETS SORYA, A SMALL AND TIMID SUN BEAR, SHE DECIDES THAT SHE WILL DO EVERYTHING SHE CAN TO RETURN SORYA TO THE RAINFOREST. THIS IS A STORY INSPIRED BY REAL CHARACTERS AND EVENTS; CHANG IS BASED ON ME. MY LIFE CHANGED WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY WITNESSED A MOON BEAR WHOSE BILE WAS BEING EXTRACTED. AT THAT MOMENT, I DECIDED THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I WANTED TO DO MORE THAN BECOME A CONSERVATIONIST AND CREATE A BETTER, SAFER WORLD FOR WILD ANIMALS.

SORYA IS A REAL SUN BEAR WHO WAS RESCUED FROM THE ILLEGAL BEAR TRADE BY A WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA CALLED FREE THE BEARS. BUT HER JOURNEY IN THIS BOOK IS BASED ON THE STORY OF A MOON BEAR NAMED POLA. POLA WAS RESCUED IN 2008 AND REINTRODUCED TO THE WILD.

IN READING THIS STORY, YOU'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT AN AMAZING CREATURE - THE SUN BEAR - AND ITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FOREST, AS WELL AS THE LIFE-SAVING CONSERVATION WORK BEING CARRIED OUT TO PROTECT THESE ANIMALS AND THEIR FOREST HOME. I HOPE THIS STORY GIVES YOU THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND INSPIRATION TO FOLLOW YOUR OWN DREAMS, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, AND TO NEVER GIVE UP.

TRANG NGUYEN





THIS IS THE RAINFOREST ON
A MORNING WITHOUT RAIN.





long net stinkhorn (a type of fungus)

This plant is full of liquid

my camp fire next to the river

my tea

this is its fruit

white crane myrtle tree

longer spore

long hairs on the surface underneath

white crane myrtle leaf (up to 20cm long)

new bud growing from BEAR POOP!

CHANG'S FIELD NOTEBOOK





SORYA IS A LOVELY LITTLE SUN BEAR.



SHE WAS CAPTURED AND SENT TO A BEAR BLUE FARM WHEN SHE WAS A BABY.

MY JOB IS TO BRING HER BACK TO THE FOREST AND TEACH HER HOW TO LIVE ON HER OWN.

