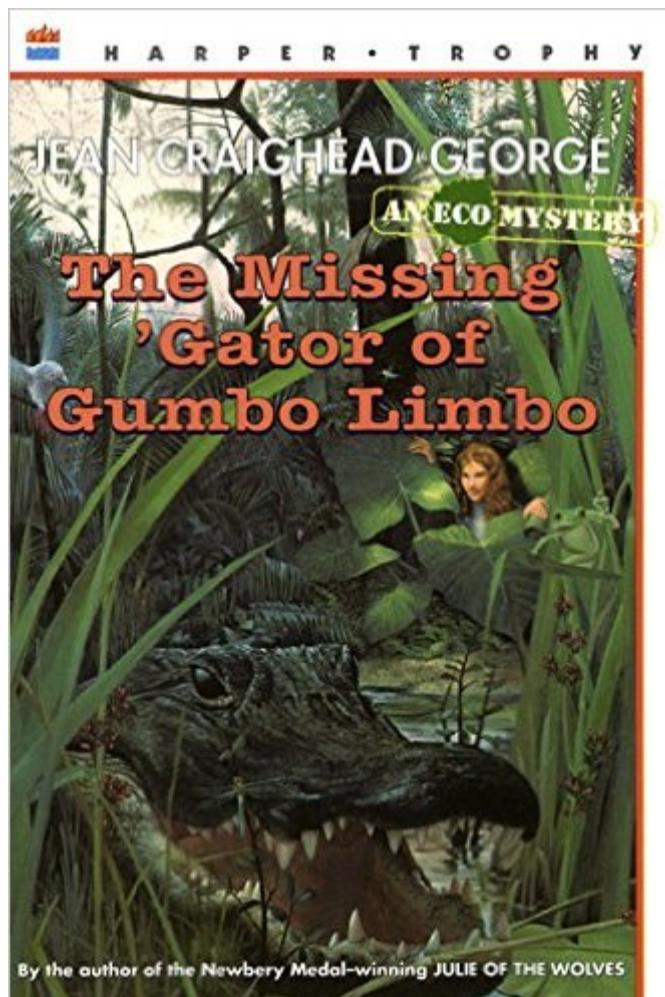


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# The Missing 'Gator Of Gumbo Limbo



## **Synopsis**

Vanished?Liza Poole lives with her mother in one of the last balanced ecosystems in North America -- the Gumbo Limbo Hammock deep within the lush kingdom of the Florida Everglades. Some may think it strange to live outdoors, but Liza feels lucky to live it strange to live outdoors, but Liza feels lucky to live in her small yellow tent amidst tropical birds and exotic plants. And at the center of this natural paradise lies Dajun, the majestic alligator who protects Gumbo Limbo's environment. Then, one day, a state official arrives with frightening orders. Dajun is scaring people nearby -- he must be killed! Liza takes action to save the invaluable 'gator, but suddenly, he is nowhere to be found. Now, she must find Dajun before it's too late, and her search will lead her into the heart of an exciting eco mystery!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

If you are a teacher in search of examples for descriptive writing, try this book. George uses adjectives in a way that makes the students' imagination work. Their pictures to illustrate scenes are clear. Their writing also improves as they try to model her writing style.

Pleased with the condition of this book, very well taken care of. I have purchased this for my son's

school reading assignment, and I have to say a very interesting story, and very easy to follow. It has some larger words which I think is great to help young readers. We are reading this together, and it keeps me intrigued, as well as my son. The condition is just as described, very good condition, no missing pages or writing inside. Cover was in very good condition. Very happy with my purchase, would not think twice about ordering again from this seller.

I'm a 10 year old boy who loves to read! but I totally hate this book. It was a summer reading assignment from school (4th grade). Nothing happens in 148 pages of boring, repetitive and monotonous writing. They say things over and over again. This book is labeled as an Eco mystery, but it seems to me like an encyclopedia type of reading. Too much unnecessary information. I would not recommend this book at all.

This fascinating novel is for anyone who has ever fallen in love with a wild place, with a wild animal, or who is concerned about our jeopardized natural world. Only Jean Craighead George could write such a comprehensible and informative children's book about nature. While they're not JULIE OF THE WOLVES or MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN, Ms. George's Ecological Mysteries Series are sure to be enjoyable for any naturalist--inspiring and educational. In THE MISSING 'GATOR OF GUMBO LIMBO, Liza K. Poole lives with her mother and some eccentric neighbors in the heart of the Florida Everglades. (Anyone who was born to live in a tent and fish for food will be envious of this "wild" lifestyle.) When the woods peoples' "dragon", a regal alligator, disappears, they begin to try to track down the great beast, especially Liza K. A ranger is after the gator, for he has been frightening nearby home-dwellers, and should be shot. Liza K. and her unique friends--including a talkative African gray parrot--go through a series of clues to find out where the gator has disappeared to. The ending, I admit, is slightly disappointing--the threat of the ranger seems to be forgotten after the gator is found, Liza K. and her neighbors must abandon their way of life--but all in all, it's a fine read. The other Eco-Mysteries should be kept in mind--WHO REALLY KILLED COCK ROBIN?, in which a boy tries to solve the mystery of his town's feathered mascot; THE CASE OF THE MISSING CUTTHROATS, quite a lot like THE MISSING 'GATOR; and THE FIRE BUG CONNECTION. No young naturalist or ecologist should overlook the wide, wonderful world of Jean Craighead George.

Sure, it's an Ecological Mystery, but it's a lot more than that. It's an excellent selection for kids trying to understand homelessness and the working poor. The main character, a 6th grader living in the

Everglades, develops a lot of empathy for the "woods people." The end of the story comes too soon, but with a satisfying resolution for each of the characters including Dajun the alligator.

FOR THREE NIGHTS BEFORE I WENT TO BED MY MOM READ THE BOOK TO ME. AT THE END I WANTED TO HEAR MORE. DONNA

This Everglades story is an interesting ecological mystery, but it's a bit too repetitive. (By now if you've read all my reviews you'll know it's one of my pet peeves.) Searching for a missing alligator the entire story is a bit too much, hm? Well, overall it's a good ecological mystery, but only if you're bored should you make the drastic decision to read it.

My son is reading "The Missing 'Gator of Gumbo Limbo" at school. I like to read what he reads in case he needs help understanding any part of the story. I also like to ask him questions. By reading the book, I can do both. The book arrived quickly so I didn't miss any time. Thanks.

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