

Nico and his cousins don't have much in common, but they're all excited to visit the Mayan ruins of Copán to see the release of the scarlet macaws. Nearly extinct in Honduras, eight of these majestic birds will soon fly free in a brand-new sanctuary. But just before the big day, the birds are stolen!

Who could have planned this bewildering bird heist—and why? Nico and his cousins are determined to find out—and everyone is a suspect: poachers, cranky neighbors, Mamá's new *boyfriend* . . . The investigation will take them from a bustling village to the mist-shrouded ruins of Macaw Mountain, bringing the cousins together as they unravel a plot far stranger than they ever imagined.

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