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“Wow, Mum, look!” said Angie,
pointing excitedly. “There’s the
volcano we’re going to!”



The background is a stylized illustration of a body of water. In the foreground, the yellow and white bow of a boat is visible on the left. The water is a light blue with white, wavy lines representing ripples. In the middle ground, there are two green, conical islands. The island on the right is larger and has a small, dark, jagged peak. The island on the left is smaller and also has a small, dark, jagged peak. In the background, there is a larger, brown, conical island. The sky is a light blue with a few white clouds.

Angie was so excited as she slipped out of the car, eager to be the first to hop onto the boat. It was a fair, sunny day for the family to visit the extinct volcano.



On the boat, Angie imagined she was flying. She closed her eyes, stretched out her hands and felt the ocean breeze against her skin.





It only took them 15 minutes to ride from Emua Wharf to the volcano on Nguna Island.

When they arrived, a driver was waiting to take them up the hill.

The road up was rough and
bumpy, like riding on a horse.
The truck climbed up, up and
up the hill.







Angie moved closer to her mum and held tight, closing her eyes as the car bumped along.



As they went up the steep hill,
Angie started crying.

“Mum, hold me tight,” she said.







“We’re almost there,” Mum replied, once the truck stopped. She helped Angie out. “Open your eyes.”

When Angie opened her eyes, she couldn’t believe it. “Wow, Mum, I love it!”





She looked at the sea in front
of her, and the islands of Efate
stretching across the horizon.
The cool breeze made it feel
like her best adventure ever.





Mum smiled at Angie and said,
“We made it up here! Even though
the road was rough, the view from
the top is amazing.”

**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



**Where were Angie and her
mum going?**



Why did Angie dislike the drive up?



**Why can people visit the
Nguna volcano?**

**Have you ever climbed or driven
up a mountain?**



**Has anyone you know been to the
top of a mountain? Ask your friends
and family to tell you the story.**

About the author

Esther Tarisu was born in Port Vila and lives on Nguna Island. She was interested in writing a children's story because she adores reading and likes reading to her children when she can. Her favourite story as a child was *Cinderella*.



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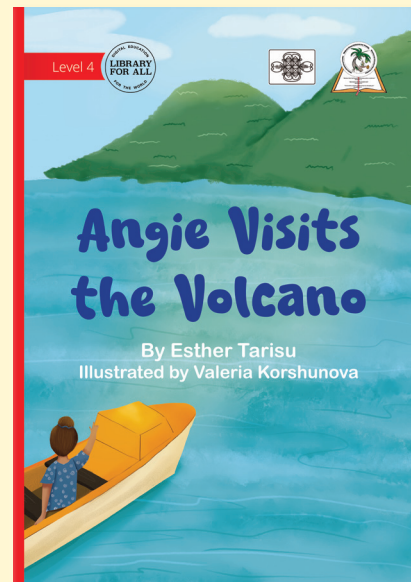
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Angie and her mum are going to see the volcano on Nguna Island. At first, Angie's scared of the rocky road on the way up, but the view is worth it!



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