

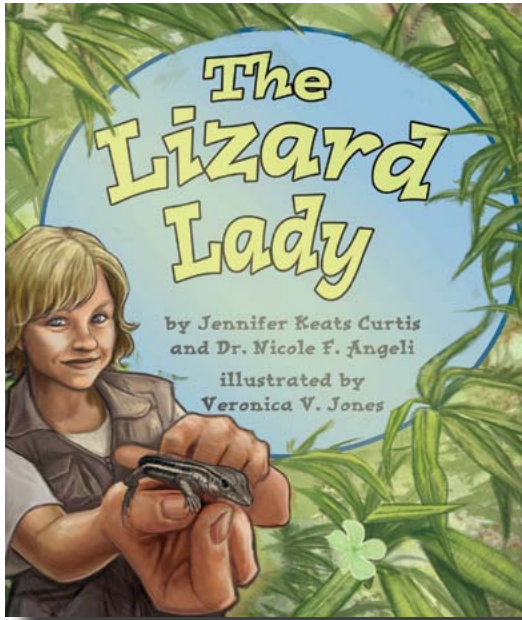
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Saving Species: Lizard Lady Revives Endangered Reptile

Children's nonfiction book details female scientist's successful quest to save island lizards from extinction

Science doesn't always happen in a lab, just ask *The Lizard Lady*! Herpetologist Dr. Nicole Angeli teamed up with author Jennifer Keats Curtis and illustrator Veronica V. Jones to relay her adventures of saving the endangered St. Croix ground lizard from extinction in a new children's book released February 10th from Arbordale Publishing.

In the late 1800s, St. Croix farmers tired of rats eating their crops imported mongoose to solve their problems. The invasive mongoose did their job and only too well. Not only did they eat the rats, but other small animals, and nearly every lizard on St. Croix.

Determined to save the small, elusive St. Croix ground lizard from being completely wiped out, Angeli works with a team experimentally re-locating the few remaining lizards to safe, wild places around the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The goal of these co-authors is to show young readers that women are an important part of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), and careers in science don't have to happen indoors. Young readers will learn more about Angeli's work, along with facts about the St. Croix ground lizard, in the book's "For Creative Minds" educational section.

Although Angeli has published many academic papers, this is her first children's book. To get the writing just right for a young audience, she paired up with children's author and passionate animal conservationist Jennifer Keats Curtis. Curtis has worked with several experts to help them craft their messages for kids while showing how scientists work to help save wild animals in the right way. Jones brightly, detailed artwork accentuates the text and accurately highlights the animals, scientists, and geography.

Readers will find *The Lizard Lady* in hardcover (9781607180661, \$17.95), paperback (9781607180913, \$9.95), ebook (9781607183150, \$6.95), dual-language, read-aloud, and interactive ebook (9781607183174, \$6.95). A Spanish language edition is available in paperback (9781607183112, \$9.95), ebook (9781607184874, \$6.95), dual-language, read-aloud, and interactive ebook (9781607185185, \$6.95). All formats are available from local booksellers and online retailers beginning February 10th.