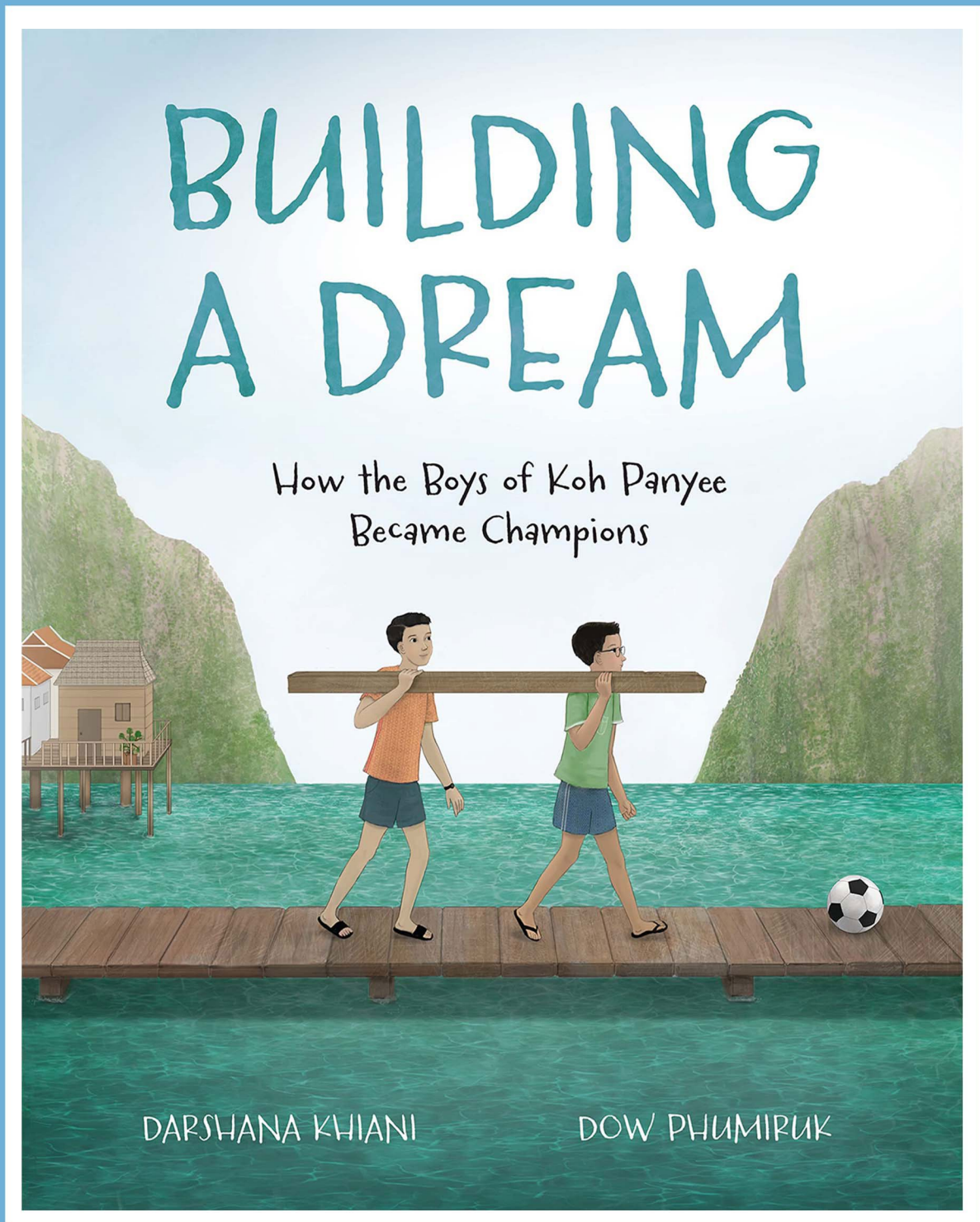


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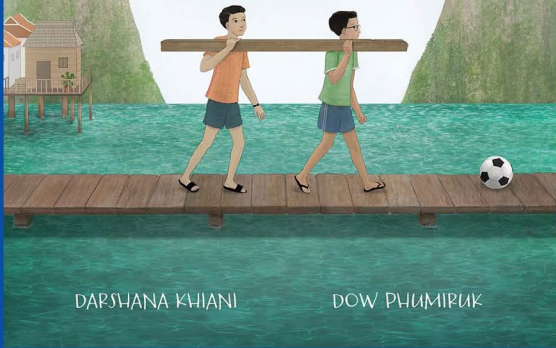


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How the Boys of Koh Panyee  
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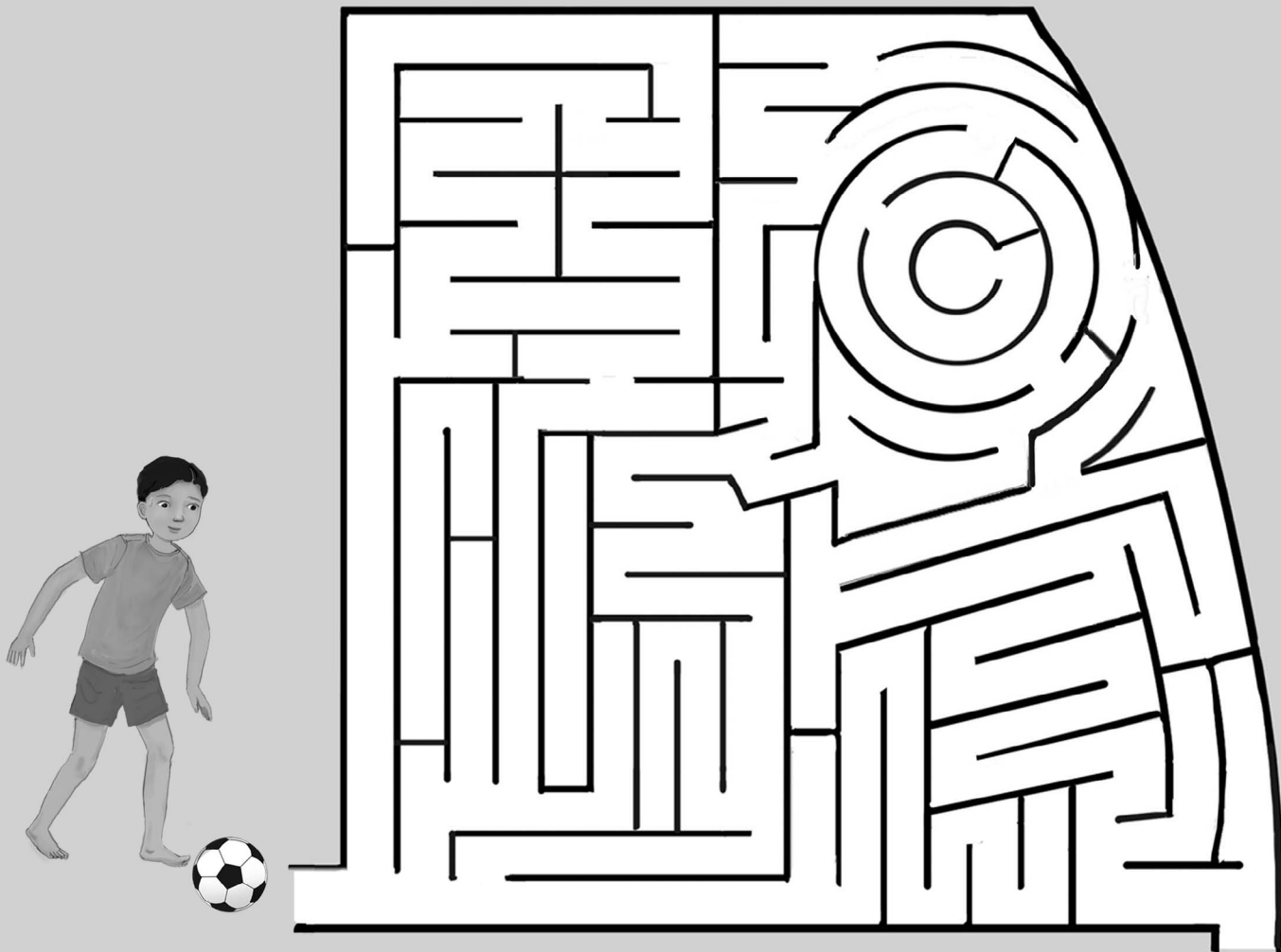
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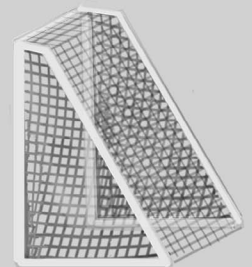
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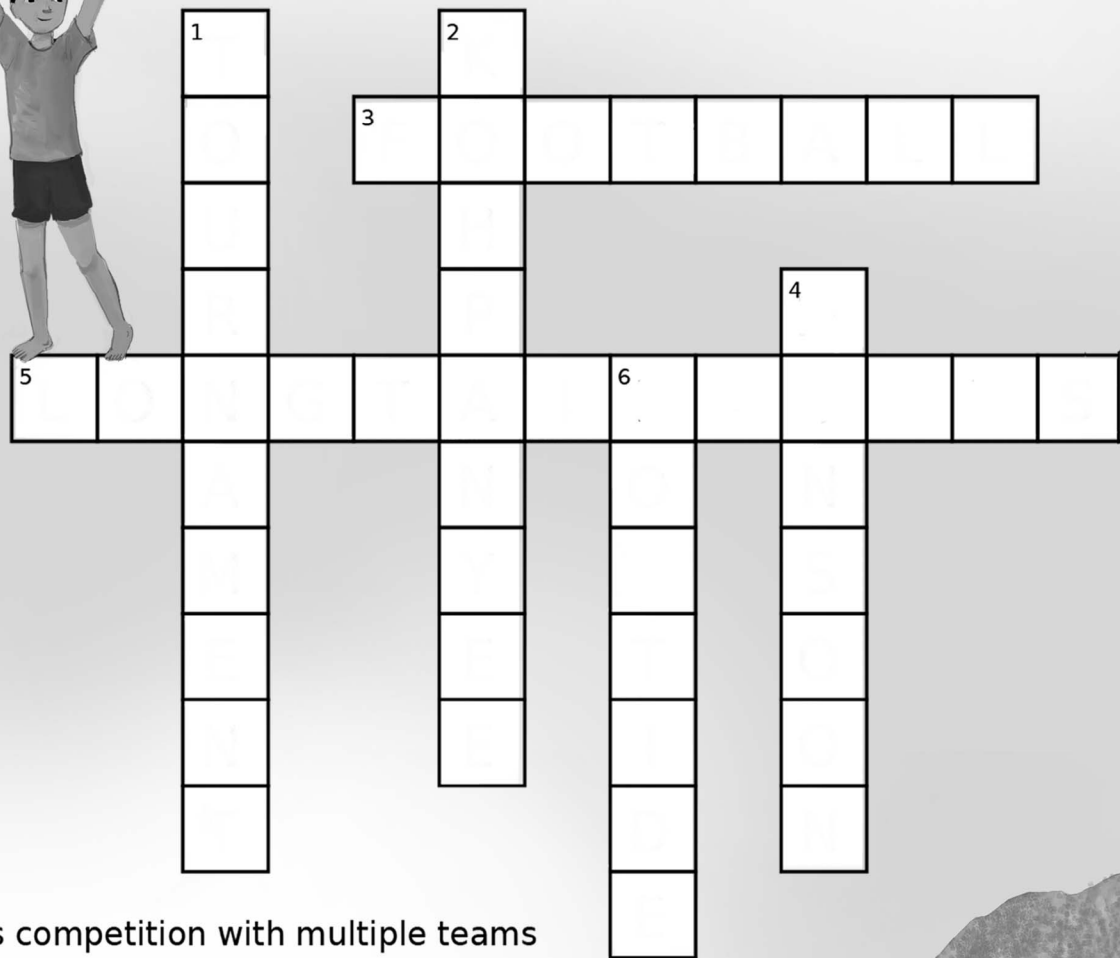


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# Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. sports competition with multiple teams
2. a fishing village in Phang Nga Bay
4. causes wet or dry season in the tropics
6. lowest part of the wave

Across:

3. known as soccer in the U.S.
5. watercraft that uses automotive engines, common in Southeast Asia

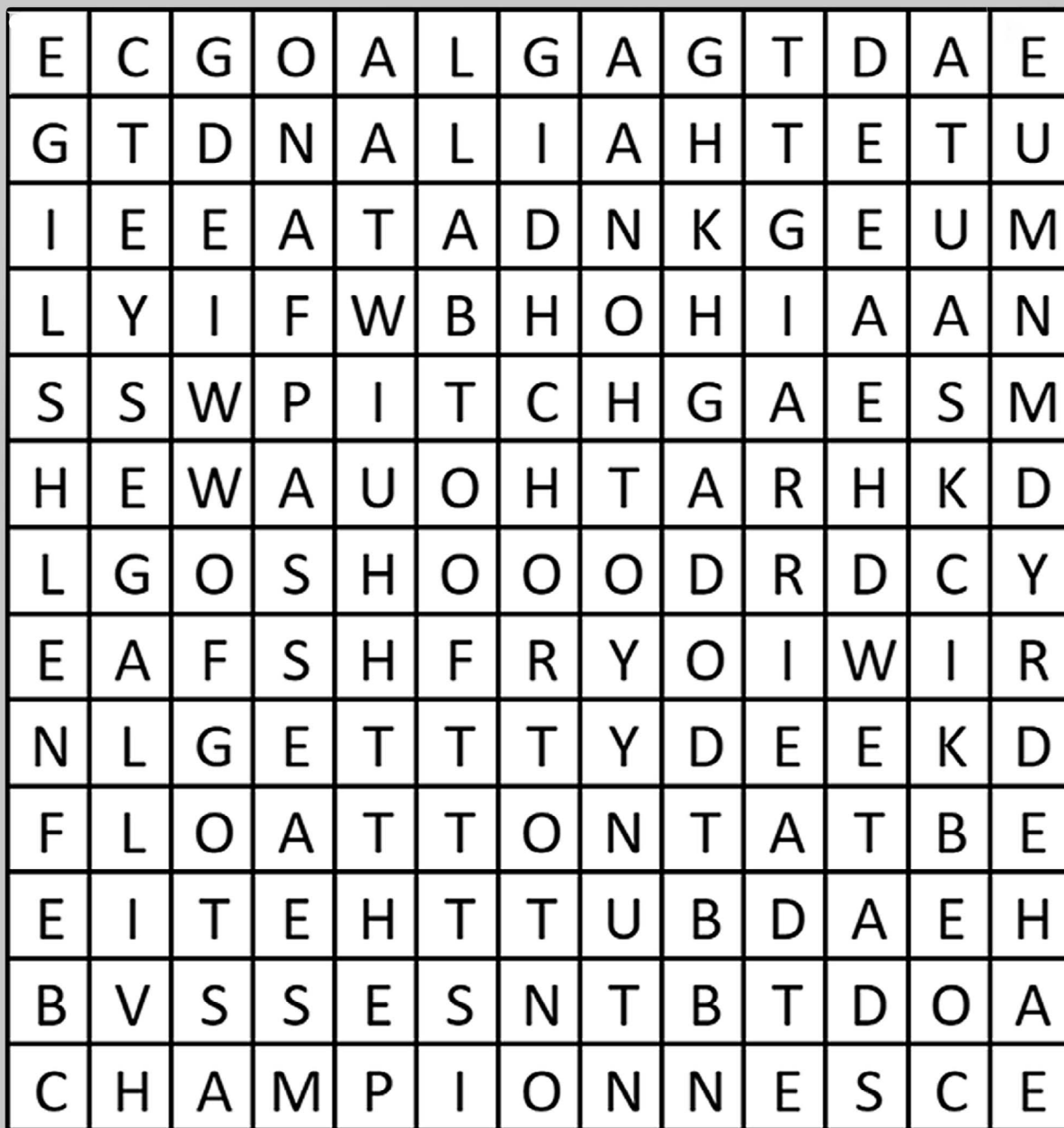


# Can you spot the differences?



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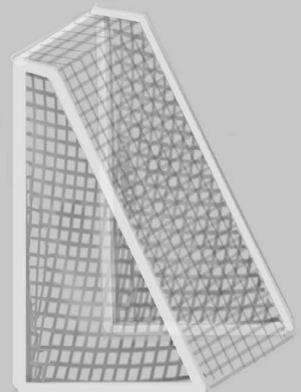
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CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS?

Goal	Football	Village
Thailand	Pitch	Champion
Team	Kick	Float
Dream	Pass	Headbutt

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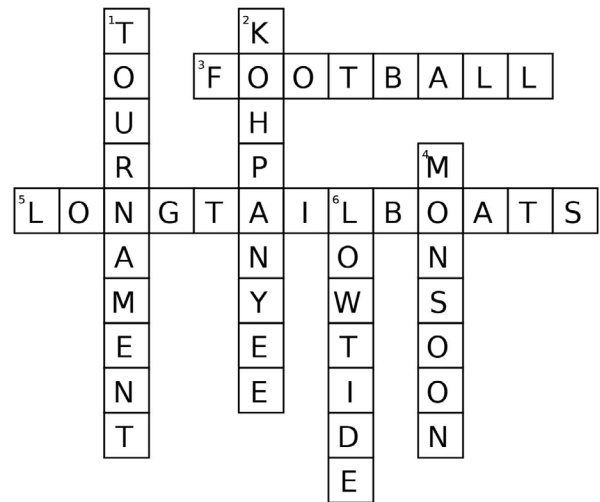
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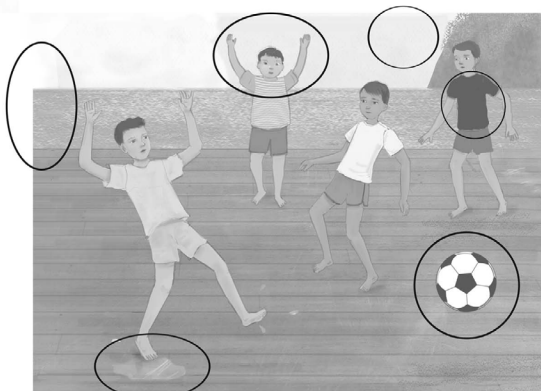


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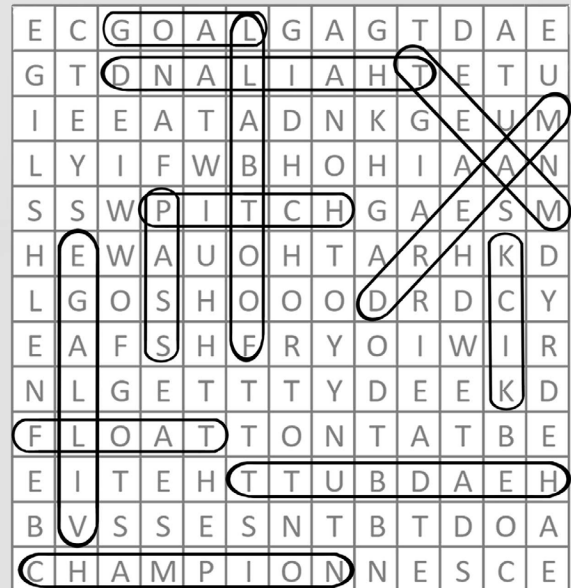


Can you spot the differences?



Missing left boy, puddle size, middle boy's arms, color of right boy's shirt, ball markings, missing bird

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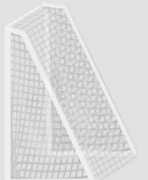


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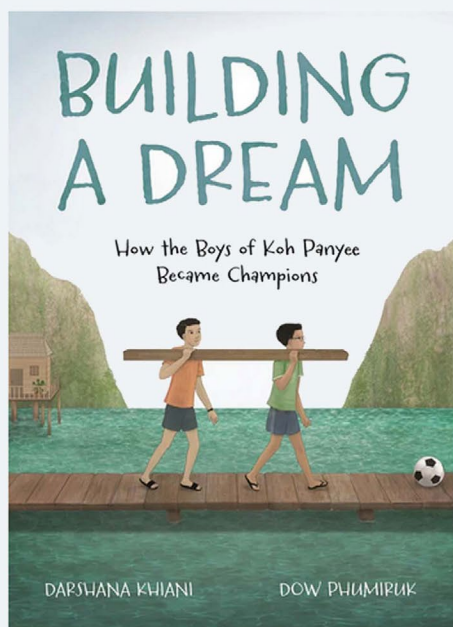
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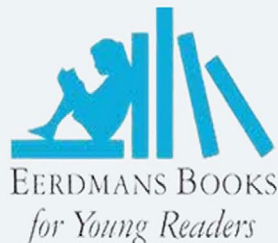
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In Thailand's Phang Nga Bay, atop a network of stilts, floats the village of Koh Panyee—where a group of boys loved soccer but had nowhere to practice. Where could they find space to dribble, juggle, shoot, and score? The boys looked out at the water and started gathering tools. Even while their neighbors laughed, they sawed wood, hammered nails, and tied barrels together. The team worked for weeks to build Koh Panyee's first floating field—a place to practice, and a place to transform their community...

With engaging soccer scenes and atmospheric images of southern Thailand, this inspiring book follows a group of boys who became a team long before they had jerseys or even a field. Plank by plank, they built their dream.

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