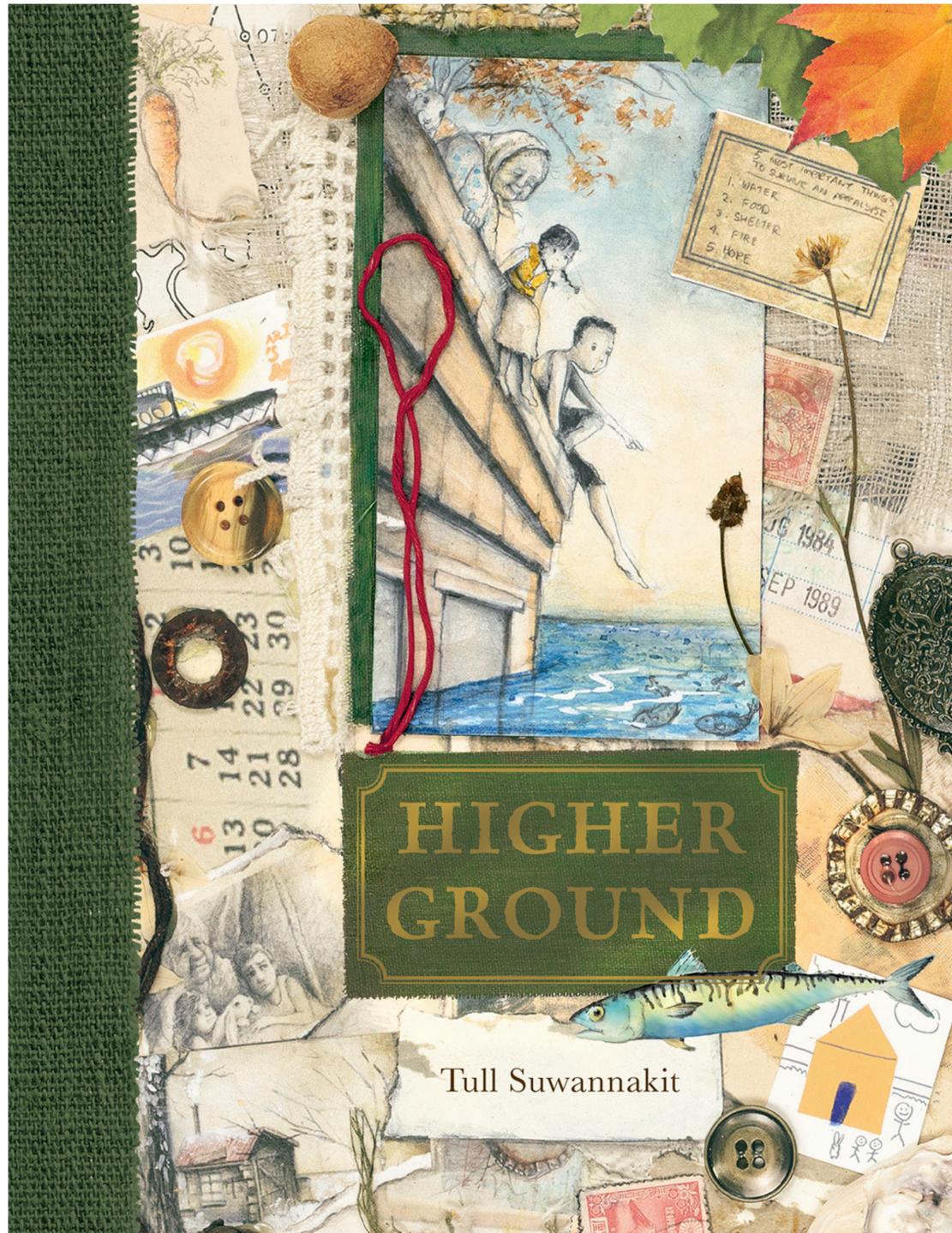


The Carnegies



The Carnegie Longlist 2026 Shadowing Resources

Higher Ground

Carnegie Medal for Illustration

Illustrator: Tull Suwannakit

Age range: 6+

Description:

A range of visual storytelling techniques culminate to tell the story of two children and their grandmother who struggle to survive following extensive flooding. There are a mix of diagrams and sketch-like journal entries. The combination of smaller panels and full spreads creates a strong sense of the passage of time. Use of colour is effective and pulls on hues that can be made from natural dyes. Watercolour and pencil work has a soft, slightly faded quality, brilliantly evoking the longing and hope which lie at the heart of the story.

Themes:

- Family
- Intergenerational
- Flood
- Environment
- Survival
- Nature
- Loss

Shadowing Ideas:

1. The notebook that the children find becomes a treasured journal which the girl uses to write about their days on the rooftop. She also uses it to note down all the skills they are taught by their grandmother. Start your own journal and fill it with sketches, photographs and writing to remind you of your day and to record things you have learnt.
2. The notebook contains small pencil drawings of the children's neighbourhood before the flood. Create 4cm squared boxes and invite everyone to sketch an image of your local neighbourhood. What will you draw? A person? A street? A building? Create a collage with the pictures to represent your area.
3. Design your own rooftop home. What will you need to make it comfortable and self-sufficient? How will you make efficient use of the space?