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This high-interest book is designed to motivate striving students with engaging topics while building fluency, vocabulary, and an interest in reading. Here are a few questions and activities to help the reader build upon his or her comprehension skills.

Before Reading:

- *What do I think this book is about?*
- *What do I know about this topic?*
- *What do I want to learn about this topic?*
- *Why am I reading this book?*

During Reading:

- *I wonder why...*
- *I'm curious to know...*
- *How is this like something I already know?*
- *What have I learned so far?*

After Reading:

- *What was the author trying to teach me?*
- *What are some details?*
- *How did the photographs and captions help me understand more?*
- *Read the book again and look for the vocabulary words.*
- *What questions do I still have?*

Extension Activities:

- *What was your favorite part of the book? Write a paragraph on it.*
- *Draw a picture of your favorite thing you learned from the book.*

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In the Shadows

The ninja moves quietly along the rooftop. His footsteps are silent. Dark shadows keep him hidden from others.

He pulls a short dagger from his belt. The ninja crouches and waits to strike. When his enemy is near, he jumps down. No one ever saw the ninja's attack!





Glossary

agility (uh-JIL-i-tee) The power of moving quickly and easily

arsenal (AAR-suh-nuhl) A storehouse for weapons

chieftains (CHEEF-tnz) Leaders of a band, tribe, or clan

clan (KLAN) A group made up of households who share a common ancestor

espionage (EH-spee-uh-naazh) The practice of spying

mercenaries (MUR-suh-neh-reez) Soldiers paid to fight in an army

stealthy (STEL-thee) Slow, deliberate, and secret in action

strongholds (STRAANG-howldz) Buildings or other structures that are safe from attack

supernatural (soo-pr-NA-chr-uhl) An ability beyond or outside of nature

suspicious (suh-SPI-shuhs) Having a feeling that something is wrong

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Websites to Visit

www.winjutsu.com/ninjakids/

<https://web-japan.org/kidsweb/explore/history/q4.html>

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMM3hVp-1Ag

[Video of the ninja's lost history]

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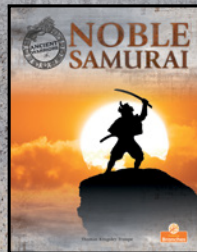
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Ninjas were assassins, spies, and masters of disguise. But what were their lives really like, and could they really fly and disappear? Emerge from the shadows and explore what made ninjas one of the most secretive of ancient warriors!



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