

## Fiction

Isabel Allende is from Chile. Her book *City of the Beasts* is the first in a three-part series for young adults.

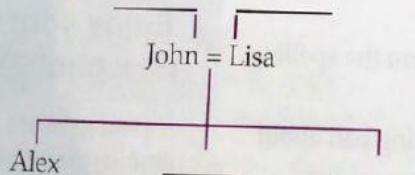
- 1 Look at the cover of the book on page 21. What sort of book do you think it is? What do you think it is about?
- 2 Read the summary of the story so far and the extract from Chapter 1. How does Alex feel? Choose one adjective: EXCITED, MISERABLE, THRILLED, HAPPY
- 3 Match the words and phrases to the definitions.

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| 1 ship me off | a people who rob travellers                                     |
| 2 package     | b a film or TV programme that gives the facts about a situation |
| 3 furious     | c send me somewhere (when I don't want to go there)             |
| 4 fist        | d a hand which is tightly closed                                |
| 5 documentary | e something that is covered in paper and sent in the post       |
| 6 mosquitoes  | f a very serious disease which destroys the body                |
| 7 caimans     | g South American fish with sharp teeth                          |
| 8 bandits     | h very angry  |
| 9 leprosy     | i insects that suck blood, sometimes causing malaria            |
| 10 piranhas   | j reptiles that are like small alligators                       |

- 4 Find five words the author uses instead of *said*.

1 (*his father*) explained      **VERBS:**

- 5 Complete the family tree.



- 6 What does this extract tell you about the following characters?

1 Alex      2 Alex's father      3 Kate

- 7 Work in groups. Discuss these questions.

- 1 Alex says, "I'm fifteen, Dad, and that's plenty old enough for you to at least ask my opinion." Is he right?
- 2 What do you think is going to happen next in the story?

### Exercise 6- Match with the right name

practical, calm, easy-going.

he gets angry quickly; he worries

adventurous, not good at cooking.