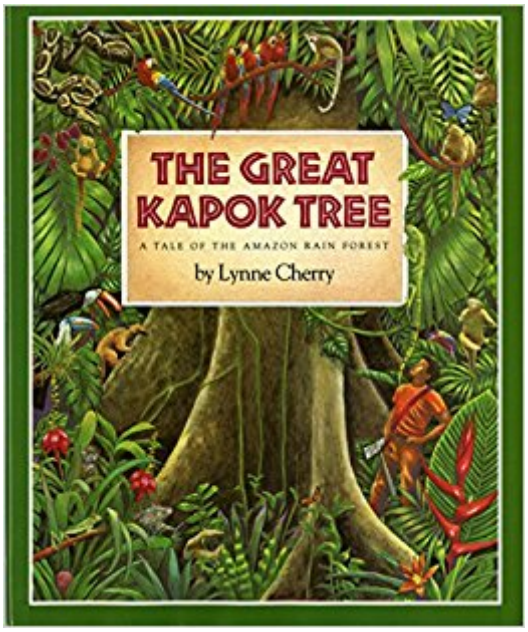
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The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale Of The Rain Forest



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Synopsis

The author and artist Lynne Cherry journeyed deep into the rain forests of Brazil to write and illustrate her gorgeous picture book The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Rain Forest (1990). One day, a man exhausts himself trying to chop down a giant kapok tree. While he sleeps, the forestÃ¢â ¬â„¢s residents, including a child from the Yanomamo tribe, whisper in his ear about the importance of trees and how "all living things depend on one another" . . . and it works. CherryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s lovingly rendered colored pencil and watercolor drawings of all the "wondrous and rare animals" evoke the lush rain forests, as well as stunning world maps bordered by tree porcupines, emerald tree boas, and dozens more fascinating creatures.Awards: IRA TeacherÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Choice (1991), ABAÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Pick of the Lists, Reading Rainbow Review Book, NSTA-CBC Outstanding Trade Book for Children

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

This beautifully illustrated and highly recommended book is widely used in primary schools in the U.S. to convince children of the importance of rain-forest conservation. Lynne Cherry visited the rain forest to gather drawings for the book, and the simple story and vivid illustrations capture the

reality and lushness of the forest in a way she could not have by working from mere photographs.

In this breathtakingly beautiful picture book, Cherry combines illustrations that reveal a naturalist's reverence for beauty with a mythlike story that explains the ecological importance of saving the rain forests. The text is not a didactic treatise, but a simply told story about a man who falls asleep while chopping down a kapok tree. The forest's inhabitants--snakes, butterflies, a jaguar, and finally a child--each whisper in his ear about the terrible consequences of living in "a world without trees" or beauty, about the interconnectedness of all living things. When the man awakens and sees all the extraordinary creatures around him, he leaves his ax and "walks out of the rain forest." A map showing the earth's endangered forests and the creatures that dwell within ends the book which, like the rain forests themselves, is "wondrous and rare." Ages 4-8. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

What a beautiful and powerful book! I teach a combined class of 1st and 2nd-grades. I used this book to teach interdependence and conservation. The pictures are amazing! The message is delivered in a lovely way easy to understand by my age group but it's still interesting to older kids as well.

What's not to love. This book has been around forever and is still timely. Beautifully illustrated and full of rich vocabulary that is a teacher's dream this book is a perfect intro into topics of all sorts: Rainforests, Green Living, Conservation, and how all living things are linked together. I used this book when I taught school 15 years ago and just bought another copy to read to my own children before a trip to the rainforest in Peru. LOVE this book.

Vivid art work and a great story to interest kids of all ages. I actually found that my middle school students loved this book when I was teaching. I recently bought it for my 5 year old niece as it was such a favorite of mine. She loved the pictures and story, but think she will get more out of the story as she ages.

I visited Costa Rica and wanted my 8 year-old grandson to understand the rainforest. This conservation story helps readers to understand the value of the forest and animals. The illustrations are outstanding. One weakness is the lack of a glossary to help the reader pronounce: coati, macaw, sloth, kapok, etc.

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I really liked reading this with my 6 yr old. This book was brilliantly illustrated and nicely introduced species inter-dependence within an ecosystem. The World Map allowed us to comfortably get an idea of our relative location. Another illustration demonstrated the great height of the tree and throughout the story I was able to reference which part each of the animals inhabited for the numerous uses that were well described. An easy and informative read. He was so engrossed!

Great book. I used this for a lesson in my first grade class. The children loved it and it let itself to multiple teaching opportunities. Very informative. Great for teaching about the rainforest and conservation.

I love this book! Excellent way to teach the interdependence of all living organisms.

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