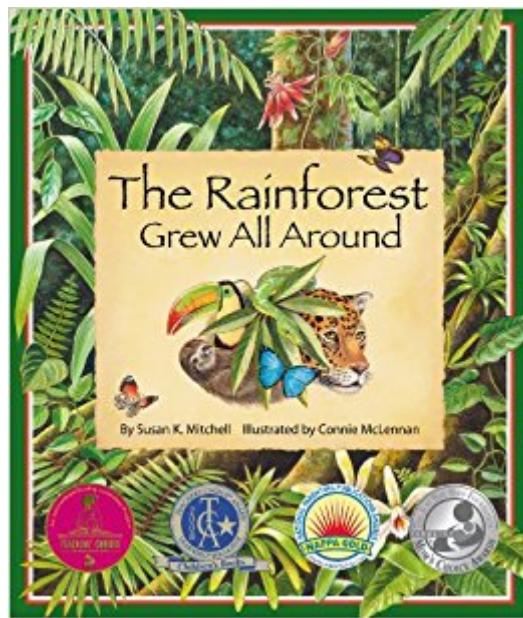


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# The Rainforest Grew All Around



## **Synopsis**

Imaginations will soar from the forest floor, up through the canopy and back down again, following the circle of life in this clever adaptation of the song The Green Grass Grew All Around. The jungle comes alive as children learn about a wide variety of the animals (jaguars, emerald tree boas, leafcutter ants, sloths, poison dart frogs, toucans, and bats) and plants (kapok trees, liana vines, and bromeliads) living in the lush rainforest. Search each page to find rainforest bugs and butterflies hiding in the illustrations.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Large, brilliantly colored paintings offer close-up views of plants and animals in the rain forest, and the main text revises the lyrics of the traditional song, "The Green Grass Grew All Around," adapting the words to feature a rain-forest setting. The use of generic names for the animals makes singing easier, with phrases such as "And by the frog / there sat a bird . . . / the funniest bird / that you ever did see. / The bird by the frog, / and the frog in the plant, / and the plant by the sloth . . ." Meanwhile, accompanying sidebars extend the lyrics with information and better identify some of the animals: the bird is a toucan, the frog is a poison dart frog, and the ant is a leaf-cutter ant. The appended activities section offers matching games and a recipe for cookies using ingredients that originate in

the rain forest. Teachers looking for a rain-forest book that invites participation will want to sing this one aloud, as they share the striking illustrations with their classes. Phelan, Carolyn --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I so wanted to love this book. The pro is that the art is phenomenal - absolutely beautiful! The con is that I feel like there is various knowledge in this book about creatures who live in the rainforest as well as a semi-story about a seed growing into a tree that releases another seed - and suddenly this is how a rainforest grows all around. Well, sure. This is how anything grows all around. The creatures in the rainforest are neat too and each had an interesting detail. However, the whole book just doesn't seem to come together with a clear thread. It is more like - here are a bunch of one off things, mostly about creature life in a rainforest, and p.s. seeds grow to trees that produce seeds. This is a rainforest. The end. I think more could have been done to honor such fantastic art!

Great way to teach an understanding of how trees and plants grow from seeds while also gaining an understanding of some rainforest animals. Through the repetition children very quickly remember the story.

Beautiful illustrations and the song is fun. BUT, like all cumulative songs, it's long and we get tired of singing before the end! The best way to sing the song is with the motions, and that is hard to do while you are reading a book! Good ecological information.

My 7 year old daughter loved this book. It has a cute story that my daughter liked, although the repetition is a little tedious for adults. She really enjoyed all the facts that are on every page. Her

teacher actually borrowed it to read to the class.

Young ones will love the rhyming and repetition in this book...."and the rainforest grew all around, all around." My 5 and 6 year old grandsons love this book. They pick it out of their book selves for me to share with them.

I used this book during my equator themed study. The text can be read or sung to teach the qualities and importance of the Rainforest.

Beautiful illustrations! Especially good for younger children.

An excellent book for kids. A great way to teach them early on about the importance of wild places, particularly the forest.

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