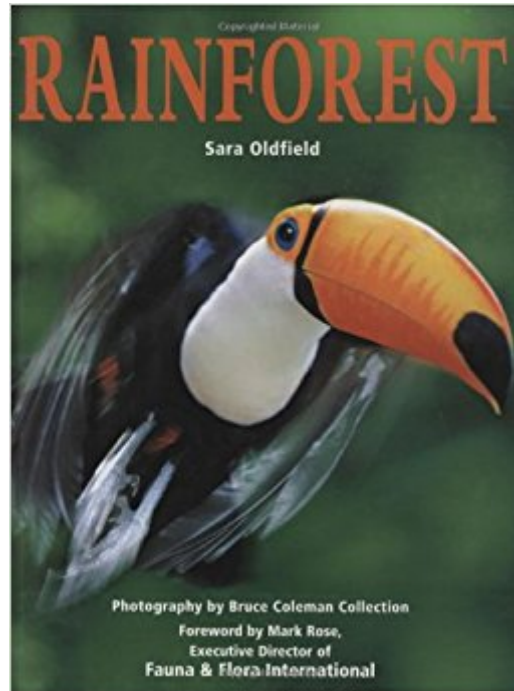




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More than half of the world's living species--from the hidden forests and exotic mammals of Madagascar to the multicolored birds and butterflies of Central America--are found almost exclusively within the rainforest canopy. Illustrated with 200 spectacular color photographs, *Rainforest* celebrates the diversity and beauty of the life in the world's rainforests. Each chapter covers a major rainforest region: Africa, Madagascar, India and Southeast Asia, Indonesia and the Philippines, Central America, the Caribbean, the (which has more plant and animal species than anywhere else on Earth), and Brazil, as well as the temperate rainforests in areas such as Tasmania and North America. The book details habitat, plants and animals, and threats to the precarious balance between humans and rainforests. The introduction provides an overview of the world's rainforests and a summary of current conservation issues. Reference material includes a color world map showing the major rainforests, suggested further reading, and useful addresses.

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Rain forests are magical places. More than half of the world's species are found in just the canopy layer of these forests, which are found on every continent (save Antarctica) where rainfall is high throughout the year. Oldfield, botanist and author of *Rain Forests* (1996), presents a wonderful overview of both tropical and temperate rain forests. An introductory chapter discusses the biodiversity found in rain forests and the human impact on this diversity, both from indigenous

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