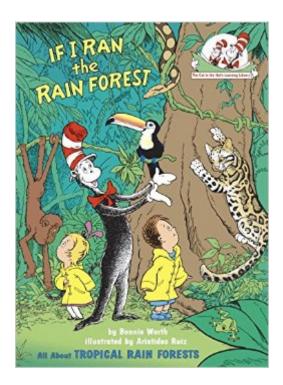
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# If I Ran The Rain Forest: All About Tropical Rain Forests (Cat In The Hat's Learning Library)





## Synopsis

The Cat in the Hat takes Sally and Dick for an â œumbrella-vatorâ • ride through the understory, canopy, and emergent layers of a tropical rain forest, encountering a host of plants, animals, and native peoples along the way.

### **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: 0600 (What's this?) Series: Cat in the Hat's Learning Library Hardcover: 48 pages Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; First Edition edition (April 22, 2003) Language: English ISBN-10: 0375810978 ISBN-13: 978-0375810978 Product Dimensions: 6.8 x 0.4 x 9.3 inches Shipping Weight: 8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (29 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #52,010 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #18 in Books > Science & Math > Nature & Ecology > Forests & Rainforests #26 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Nature > Forests & Trees #86 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Nature > Environment Age Range: 4 - 8 years Grade Level: Preschool - 3

#### **Customer Reviews**

This is one of the best of The Cat in the Hat's Learning Library. The rhyming style is excellent. This book introduces such concepts as four levels of the rain forest, transpiration, animals in the forest, pollination, and camouflage.

I love Cat in the Hat and the Cat in the Hat Learning Library is the best and educational fun learning. This book is all about the rainforest from the trees and plants, bugs and critters, to animals and native humans. Everything your child could ever want to know about the rainforest is all right here. A must have for your Cat in the Hat collection.

We liked this book it was a little tree hugger in the end. It is fine to be informative with kids but I felt

like that is my responsibility to teach to my children not the book. Any way it basically talks about the different levels in the rainforest and what animals live there.

Great read aloud to introduce the rainforest. I used it as a first day of school read aloud to start our rainforest theme this year. Even though it is cat and the hat my third graders still loved it!

This is the first time I've read a book from the Cat in the Hat Learning Library, so I wasn't sure what to expect. But I wasn't expecting this. The illustrations make it look like the kids and the cat are having an adventure in the rainforest. But they aren't. They're just on a field trip, I guess. The book goes over the four levels of the rainforest and names the different types of animals, plants, and people you would find in a rainforest. The main focus of the book seems to be maintaining the rhyme scheme rather than giving detailed information. At times, clarity is even sacrificed in order to maintain the rhyme. For example, "Millions of acres of land every year are cut down..." Cutting down land is confusing to a child. Usually trees or plants are cut down. One funny thing was that the cat in the hat says he will give you a prize if you find these six things. Well, he's talking to the kids he is traveling with, not "you" the reader. So my 5-year-old son jumped in and named the things, then said "Where's my prize?" So after around 40 pages of naming and discussing rainforest plants, animals, and people, a bulldozer showed up on the second to last page and the animals are running for their lives. On the last page the cat in the hat says "Save these trees please!" The end. Well, I like the environmental theme, but I had an awful lot of explaining to do when the bulldozer showed up. I think the book should have begun where it ended, because that is where the real story is. I buy books for my kids in the hope that the author can explain and illustrate a topic better than I can.My son only asked me to read this book once, then never picked it up again. I gave the book two stars for the unusual format. The novelty might appeal to some kids.

Love the Cat in the Hats Learning Library! Must have books for any home or school library. This one in particular is very nice learning all about the multiple levels of a rain forest, types of rain forest, as well as the kinds of plants and animals you find there. I love how they do not hold back using big words, and always give defininitions for you to explain to your child. Gets my 3 year old interested and asking lots of questions!

I find this an outstanding book to introduce the rainforest to elementary children. The strength of the book is the many rainforest topics and themes it introduces. These topics and themes can then be

elaborated on at a later time.

We have several books in this series, and my son loves them all. An enjoyable book for my 3 year old, and educational too.

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