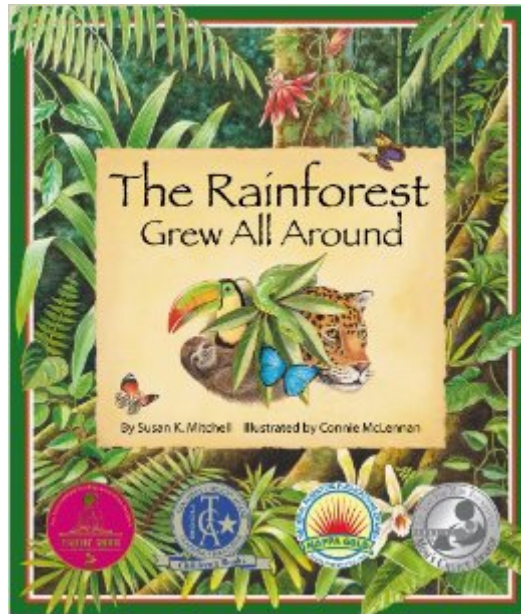


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# The Rainforest Grew All Around



## 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

The Rainforest Grew All AroundYum, a rainforest cookie recipe, informative sidebars, and luscious illustrations, make this lovely book a keeper! The text by author Susan K. Mitchell is a cumulative rhyme that takes the reader through life in the rainforest from giant trees to tiny insects and frogs. It highlights both plants and animals.Connie McLennan's illustrations are both rich and informative. Children will enjoy the variations of subject and texture in the paintings, perhaps discovering small plants and insects not mentioned in the text. The book is a marvelous blend of text and illustration. Besides the recipe there are two matching games at the back. The verse is adapted from the old English cumulative folk song, "The Tree In The Wood." Children ages 3 to 7 will delight in this book,

which will be enjoyed for years to come in both home and classroom libraries.

Sylvan Dell Publishing has provided yet another great educational tool with *The Rainforest Grew All Around* by Susan K. Mitchell, illustrated by Connie McLennan. The main text of this colorful children's book tells the cycle of creation of a rainforest, from seed to seed. This part of the story is meant to be sung to the tune of "The Green Grass Grows All Around." Colorful illustrations of different aspects of rainforest life highlight each verse. In addition, the main text is bordered with sidebars full of more in-depth information about the rainforest features each verse introduces. As in all Sylvan Dell books, the story is followed up with engaging activities. There are several matching games, thoughtful questions, and a recipe for Rainforest Cookies. The activity pages can be downloaded from the Sylvan Dell website for easy use. *The Rainforest Grew All Around* can be a springboard for discussion with children about other life cycles and ecosystems, as it will inevitably pique their interest. The author, Susan K. Mitchell, is a preschool teacher inspired to write the story by her class's reaction to the "Green Grass" song. She is the author of *Stone Pizza*, a modern take on the Stone Soup tale and *Kersplatypus*, a future Sylvan Dell release. Connie McLennan created the beautiful illustrations in the picture book, and has illustrated various other Sylvan Dell releases, including *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean* and *Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud*. Armchair Interviews says: Colorful and engaging--intended for children ages four to eight.

*The Rainforest Grew All Around* by Susan K Mitchell and Illustrated by Connie McLennan is a rewrite of the classic cumulative song *The Green Grass Grew All Around* using animals and plants from the rainforest. This is a terrific version of the song and the text sings well. The pictures are lush and exciting and there's also more information which can be read by students who are reading the book independently. My students enjoy this book. I recommend this book for kids 5-9

I used this book in the classroom (4th) as a model for students to write about a habitat of their choosing. Students researched facts and then worked collaboratively with others researching the same habitat (we had 6 different habitats altogether) to write their poem/song using the format in this book. Students then wrote interesting facts, and planned illustrations. The final task was to put it all together and publish their own book. We used "bare" books. This is one writing project that ALL students were excited about and eager to work on! They kept coming to me to show off their work. While they are working, I can hear them quietly singing the songs that they wrote for their habitat.

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.

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.

This book follows the catchy tune of The Green Grass Grew All Around (you'll be singing it for the rest of the day) but names a series of rainforest plants and animals, illustrating the way they are all connected and depend on one another. Each new item was only a few lines, so this is a good read once you already know a little but about the rainforest. Bonus chocolate chip cookie recipe at the end was delicious!

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