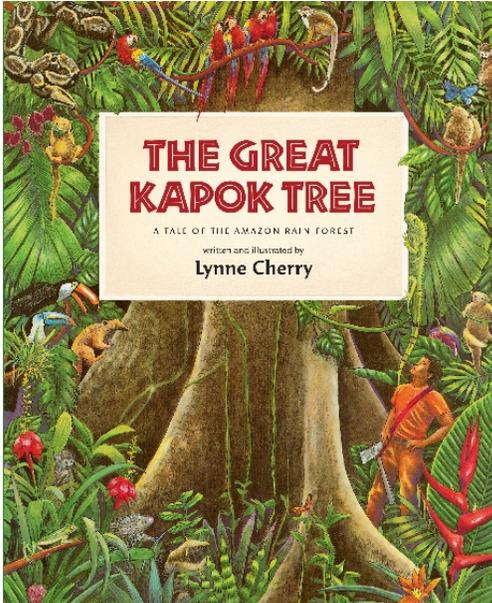


ACCLAIMED ENVIRONMENTAL CHILDREN'S BOOK 'THE GREAT KAPOK TREE' TURNS 30

This modern fable with an urgent, still-relevant message celebrates its 30th anniversary with an updated author's note and resources for young environmentalists.



This year, the acclaimed picture book **THE GREAT KAPOK TREE: A TALE OF THE AMAZON RAIN FOREST** celebrates its 30th anniversary. Originally published in 1990, the book was a *New York Times* best-seller and has sold more than one million copies worldwide. This anniversary edition of the book (HMH Books for Young Readers, on sale September 1) includes a revised cover, updated author's note, and resources to help children get involved in conserving energy and saving rain forests.

Lynne Cherry journeyed deep into the Brazilian rain forest to research and paint the illustrations for **THE GREAT KAPOK TREE**, a story of a man who starts to chop down a giant kapok tree and is lulled to sleep by the heat and hum of the forest. As he sleeps, the rare and wondrous rain forest creatures and a Yanomamo child whisper in his ear about how their lives depend upon the kapok tree, and how "all living things depend on one another." In Cherry's vibrant, Rousseauian paintings you can almost feel the jaguar's breath on the sleeping man's face. On the endpapers are stunning maps showing the world's rain forests bordered by tree porcupines, emerald tree boas, iridescent birds, and insects—a wealth of fantastic creatures.

ABOUT LYNNE CHERRY

Lynne Cherry is an author, illustrator, filmmaker and environmental lecturer. She has written and/or illustrated over thirty award-winning books for children. Her best-selling books such as *The Great Kapok Tree* and *A River Ran Wild* teach children a respect for the earth and are translated into many languages. Lynne founded the non-profit Young Voices for the Planet, to help young voices be heard. She is the producer and director of the Young Voices for the Planet movie series.



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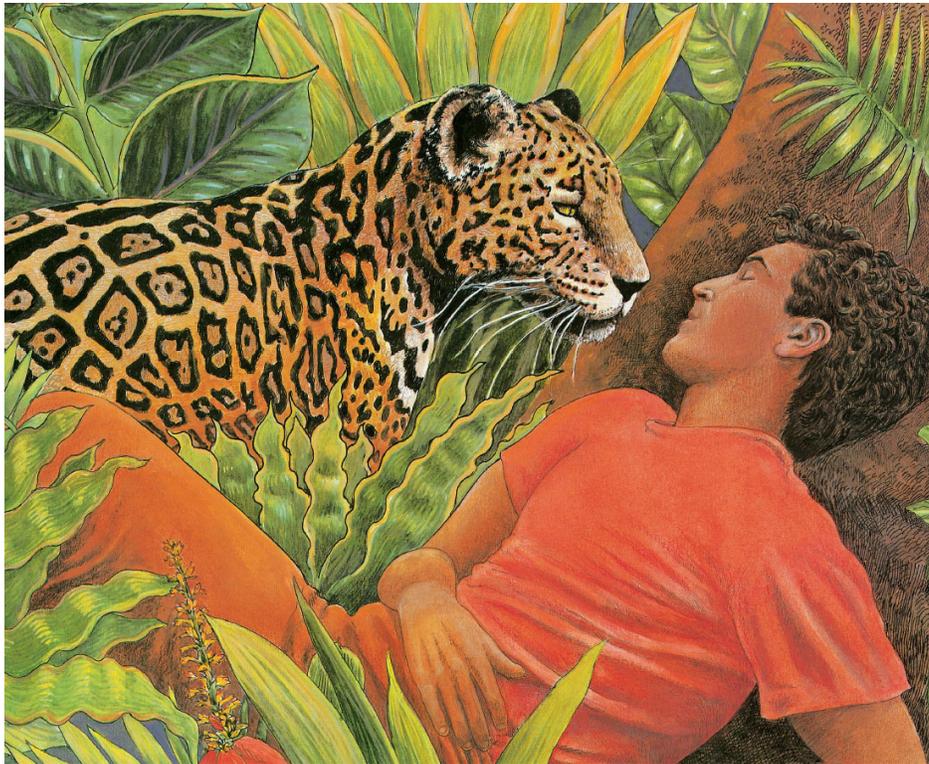
PRAISE FOR *THE GREAT KAPOK TREE*

“An enchanting book with delightful illustrations that will appeal to the imagination of children of all ages, and is a great way to introduce them to the magic of the natural world. Without lecturing it explains the importance of the rainforest to animals and humans alike – and this is an important time to share this understanding widely as our forests are in trouble. A great gift for any child you know.”—*Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute, and United Nations Messenger of Peace*

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