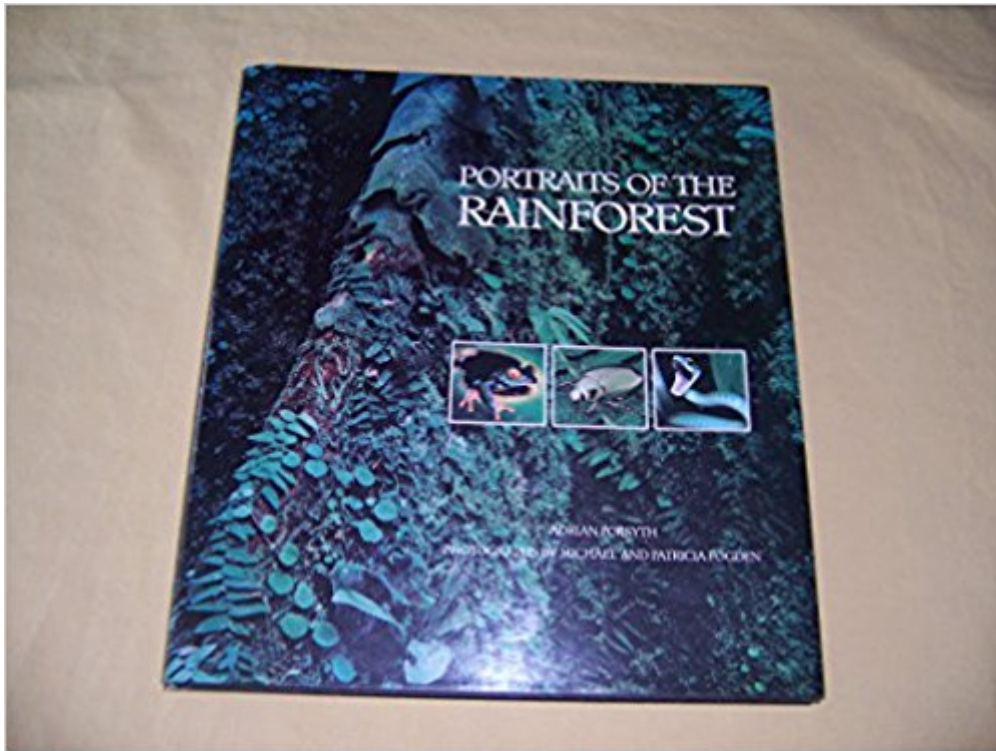




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Customer Reviews

An award-winning natural-science writer, Adrian Forsyth is a senior biodiversity scientist based at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. He is also the author of *The Nature of Birds*, *A Natural History of Sex*, *Mammals of North America: Temperate and Arctic Regions* and *How Monkeys Make Chocolate*. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book seemed highly recommended but I had a hard time slogging through the text. Was hoping for more chapters on birds.

Many a showy coffee-table natural history book comes up short of the author's reputation and the price, but not this one. Having myself been privileged to spend some time hiking the cloud-forest trails at Monteverde, I can say that this exceptionally good book by a true authority is of surpassing virtue. The photographs are of flawlessly superior quality, and the writing is absolutely superb.

Whether you ever witness a rainforest firsthand or not, you should read and learn from the beautiful synthesis that is this top-notch book.

This is an awesome pictorial with great editorial book that is awesome to read or simply thumb through to view some of the most beautiful rainforest's the world has to offer. Perfect for schools, to show kids who may have never been to or seen a rainforest what they are & why we need to protect them. Very young children will understand when explained the importance all rainforest's have for human survival, not to mention the survival of unique flora & fauna. This book would be helpful to science classes of all ages and teachers should have no problem creating study guides and exercises from it. Do not get me wrong, this book is perfect for adults too, makes a fantastic coffee table book for your guests to flip through. And would look striking on the coffee table of any home! I do not think anyone who purchases this would be disappointed. It is such a lovely book and simply gorgeous to view!

The author and photographers are part time residents of the Monteverde area of Costa Rica. Many of the photos in this book also are displayed at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, near Santa Elena, in Central Costa Rica. Anyone who has been to a Central or South American rain forest or cloud forest will enjoy the ecological explanations -- similar to briefer explanations by guia naturalistas (guides) in the reserves -- and will especially enjoy the dramatic photos. Those who haven't visited the forest in person may be motivated to do so.

I was very fortunate to find a used copy from the library. The pictures are not only remarkable but the information included make it very valuable. The truth hurts and there is plenty of facts in here about how we as a people are destroying our Earth. If this book moves one person to care about the effects of their actions.. then maybe it's served its purpose.

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