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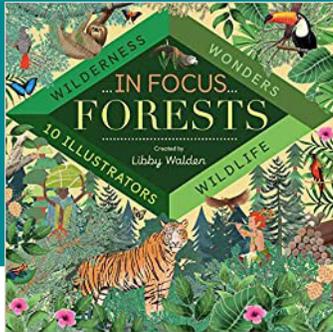
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Book Review

In Focus: Forests

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Outstanding

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28

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A forest is a complex environment, full of wilderness, wonders, and wildlife. This colorful book explores what constitutes a forest by discussing the culture, plants, and animals found within. There are ten sections that focus on different aspects, which are: the Black Forest, the anatomy of trees, rain forests, national parks, kelp forests, forest mythology, the Amazon rain forest, peoples of the forest, mangrove forests, and produce and preservation. Each page folds out and presents information alongside illustrations.

This book is a great way to introduce the topic of forests to young children. It contains a lot of information, but presents it in short snippets so as not to overwhelm. The colorful and plentiful illustrations work well to capture attention by presenting ideas and objects that are not usually associated with a forest. Each section is done by a different illustrator, giving the book diversity and adding interest. The book educates readers by offering facts and graphics that tell of the forest's character. The final pages also contain a call to action, suggesting ways we can help preserve the precious woodlands.