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Rain Forests: Surviving in the Amazon

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Reviewer: Charity Reno
Reading Level: Intermediate
Rating: Outstanding
Genre: Informational book; Adventure;
Subject: Rain forests--Amazon River Region--Juvenile literature; Wilderness survival--Amazon River Region--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

Interesting facts about the Bolivian Amazon rain forest are interspersed with the true survival story of a man named Yossi. Yossi was lost in the rain forest for 3 weeks and encountered many dangers during his time there. *Rain Forests* includes factual information about the animals, climate, vegetation, and people of the Amazon, as well as a discussion about the need to protect the world's rainforests because they are quickly being depleted.

Informative and interesting, though the content is somewhat choppy. The book jumps from Yossi's story to informational facts and back again to Yossi. It includes a glossary, index, table of contents, and bibliography.

*Rain Forests* contains an important environmental message for kids, especially for American citizens who live in a highly consumerist society, which uses a majority of the earth's resources.