

# A Rainy Day Has Never Been So Fun!

## October 13 Brings World Rainforest Week!

**Mount Pleasant, S.C. (October 9, 2008)** – The Amazon rainforest might not be in your upcoming vacation plans, but at this time of year, sometimes it can feel like the rainforest traveled to you! Make the most out of the rainy season by celebrating a holiday that celebrates the rain—all 60 inches of it per year! What better time than the present to dust off your rain boots and celebrate World Rainforest Week October 13-19!

***The Rainforest Grew All Around*** (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2007), by Susan K. Mitchell, and illustrated by Connie McLennan, delves deep into the Amazon rainforest to show readers what life is like beneath the canopy. Look closely and you can spot a jaguar lounging in a tree, an emerald boa wrapped around a branch, or a toucan plucking fruit with its colorful beak. *The Rainforest Grew All Around* is rich with fascinating rainforest facts and brightly detailed illustrations. Readers of all ages will be referring back to this story time and time again to discover new facts about an old habitat.

### FUN FACTS from *The Rainforest Grew All Around*:

- A rainforest receives an average of at least 60 inches of rain each year!
- The Amazon River is over 4,000 miles long and rises over 40 feet during the rainy season.
- Ceiba, a Spanish word for Silk Cotton tress, grow in rainforests in Central and South America and Africa. They grow between 150 and 200 feet tall, which is as tall as a 15- or 20-story building!
- Toucans, sloths, emerald boas, poison dart frogs, and leafcutter ants all live in the rainforest's Ceiba trees.

### ACTIVITIES from *The Rainforest Grew All Around*:

- Find out how seeds spread and plant themselves.
- Find out what characteristics animals have adopted to help them survive in rainforests.
- Make delicious Rainforest Cookies containing ingredients found in rainforests.
- To learn more about these activities, the Amazon, and rainforests, visit <http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com>.

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