

The Rainforest The Secret To Building The Next Silicon Valley By Victor W Hwang Published By Regenwald 2012

Rainforest Healing from Your Home and Garden Find alternatives to chemical anti-depressants and painkillers in your spice rack. Learn about natural anti-itch salves for insect bites. Soothe and relieve envy, grief, sadness, and fear the Maya way. Rid your house of negative energy with a Maya cleansing ritual. Try the easy-to-make bronchitis remedy.

Discover the Secret Health Benefits of Acerola, a Powerful Tropical Superfruit! Acerola has long been used as a superfruit for the very high amount of natural vitamin C it contains, but as this book reveals, acerola is much, much more than just the vitamin C it provides. You'll learn about the amazing "power of polyphenols" and the many health benefits polyphenols provide. Acerola delivers an incredible amount of these natural plant compounds, which have been proven time and time again through research around the world to fight free radicals, relieve oxidative stress, reduce chronic inflammation, protect cells from damage, and even help repair cells that were damaged by free radicals. You'll also learn more research on acerola that reports it can help you look and feel younger, help you lose some weight, give you more energy, make you smarter, and decrease your risk of developing a host of chronic diseases. Most of these benefits are attributed to acerola's ability to effectively fight free radicals. The recent growth in the knowledge of free radicals through tens of thousands of research studies is producing a medical revolution that promises a new age of health and disease management. This book explains in simple terms why free radicals and the antioxidant system is supposed to keep these free radicals at healthy levels, the lifestyle and dietary factors that cause your built-in antioxidant system to falter, and how natural and effective polyphenol and vitamin antioxidants, like those found in acerola, can be the solution to restore your antioxidant system to optimal levels to keep you healthy and protected from disease again. Read, learn, and join the new revolution for optimal health and wellness!

Een bioloog doet wetenschappelijk onderzoek in de jungle van Borneo en raakt daarbij in een diepe crisis.

Discover the amazing animals that live in the lush rainforest, with this gorgeously illustrated book of nature's hidden habitats. By simply holding the book up to the light, or shining a light behind each page, young children will be able to discover the animals and plants that live in and around a kapok tree, from the colourful parrots in the canopy, to the sleek jaguar on the forest floor. The innovative see-through feature fulfils a similar function to lift-the-flaps books, but has the added interactive dimension of the child being able to see both the surface and the hidden picture at the same time.

Myth of the Rain Forest Monster

Yara's Tower Tree

A Rainforest Alphabet

How Tiny Fish Are Saving the World's Largest Rainforest

The Secret to Building the Next Silicon Valley

Nature's Secret for a Healthy Heart

The Lost Rainforest #1: Meza's Magic

A year in the life of a sloth is revealed in this stunningly illustrated nonfiction picture book, the latest in the popular The Secret Life series. Meet Perezoso, a brown-throated three-fingered sloth who lives in a rainforest habitat. Young readers will be fascinated as they learn all about her life -- how she searches for food, keeps herself safe from prey, and gives birth to a baby. Gorgeous realistic illustrations celebrate these intriguing creatures, and the story is filled with important facts and terms. The back matter at the conclusion of the book provides more in-depth information, a glossary, and further resources.

Like Douglas Hofstadter, Escher, Bach, and David Berlinski's A Tour of the Calculus, Euclid in the Rainforest combines the literary with the mathematical to explore logic—the one indispensable tool in man’s quest to understand the world. Underpinning both math and science, it is the foundation of every major advancement in knowledge since the time of the ancient Greeks. Through adventure stories and historical narratives populated with a rich and quirky cast of characters, Mazur artfully reveals the less-than-airtight nature of logic and the muddled relationship between math and the real world. Ultimately, Mazur argues, logical reasoning is not purely robotic. At its most basic level, it is a creative process guided by our intuitions and beliefs about the world.

Organizational leaders have always known that culture drives performance and innovation. But developing practical, measurable strategies and tactics to actually "do" culture has historically been an elusive and mysterious project. Can you describe, measure, quantify and manage culture? "The Rainforest Scorecard: A Practical Framework for Growing Innovation Potential" is the answer to that question and the answer is "yes." In a concise 40 pages, The Rainforest Scorecard provides a systematic, comprehensive, detailed strategy for assessing and quantifying all elements of an organizational culture with respect to its capacity for innovation. The framework serves as a tactical scaffolding upon which innovation culture can be built at scale, in any organization, public or private. Drawing on the groundbreaking work of Victor Hwang and Greg Horowitz in "The Rainforest: The Secret to Building the Next Silicon Valley," "The Rainforest Scorecard" helps organizational leaders structure a deep-dive internal quantification of the critical elements of innovation: Leadership; Frameworks, Infrastructure and Policies; Organizational Resources; Activities and Engagement; Role Models; and Culture. The book guides the user/reader through a detailed question and answer process, which in turn creates both an innovation profile and a clear, direct process for building innovation into an organization. Anyone who is interested in understanding both the theory and practice of innovation and performance cultures will find this book compelling. It is grounded in the science of innovation, but it focuses on the implementation of innovation. It is the toolbox for those who wish to craft innovation.

Discover the Secret Disease-Prevention Benefits of Camu Camu Camu camu is the highest known natural source of vitamin C on the planet, but as this book reveals, this superfruit is much, much more than just the vitamin C it provides. You'll learn about the amazing "power of polyphenols" and the many health benefits these natural plant compounds provide to prevent many common diseases. Camu camu delivers an incredible amount of polyphenols, which have been proven time and time again through research to prevent the development and progression of cancer, heart diseases, diabetes, neurodegenerative brain diseases, obesity, and other life-threatening and age-related illnesses and conditions. As you'll learn in this book, no other fruit, tropical or otherwise, can compare to camu camu's combination of very high vitamin C and polyphenol levels. This makes camu camu the best and strongest natural antioxidant supplement over all other superfruits marketed today for their antioxidant abilities. Recent research on the therapeutic value of antioxidants holds important information for the health and wellness of the planet. New antioxidant drugs are on the horizon for the treatment and prevention of chronic diseases based on this research. However, polyphenols and natural vitamin antioxidants like vitamin C have surfaced in this new research as effective therapies for both new treatments and the prevention of many chronic diseases--and these are available to us now. This book also shares vital information in a comprehensive consumer guide about the camu camu products that are available in the marketplace, how to choose the best product, and what dosages are most beneficial. Not all camu camu products are equal (some contain up to 87 percent fewer polyphenols!). With this book in hand, you can make informed choices when purchasing a quality camu camu (or any superfruit) supplement. This type of independent and unbiased information may not be available elsewhere.

The Villas Boas Brothers, Explorers and Humanitarians of the Amazon

Acerola

People of the Rainforest

The Secret of the Rainforest

The Secret Explorers and the Tomb Robbers

The Dinosaur Detectives in the Amazon Rainforest

The Dinosaur Detectives is a fun filled adventure series following the story of Matt Sharp and his family as they hunt for dinosaur eggs. This fact meets fiction series is great for the young explorer.

NSTA/CBC Best STEM Book This picture book biography tells the story of Meg Lowman, a groundbreaking female scientist called a "real life Lorax" by National Geographic, who was determined to investigate the marvelous, undiscovered world of the rainforest treetops. Meg Lowman was always fascinated by the natural world above her head — the colors, the branches, and, most of all, the leaves and mysterious organisms living there. Meg set out to map and investigate the rain forest and trees — and to be the first scientist to do so. But she encountered challenge after challenge. Male teachers would not let her into their classrooms, the high canopy was difficult to get to, and the forest of all, people were logging and clearing the forests. Meg never gave up or gave in. She studied, invented, and persevered, not only creating a future for herself as a scientist, but making sure that the rainforests had a future as well. Working closely with Meg Lowman, author Heather Lang and artist Jana Christy beautifully capture Meg's world in the treetops. "Meg Lowman or 'Canopy Meg' is a true hero, a courageous explorer, who made amazing discoveries high in the forest canopy. The Leaf Detective captures the magic of that little-known world with its clear, informative text and fabulous illustrations. Young readers everywhere will be fascinated and inspired to learn more about nature." —Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and Pioneer of Peace "Margaret Lowman is a pioneer scientist in a discipline that demands exceptional imagination, courage, and physical rigor. But of equal importance, she has created an extraordinarily important branch of environmental and conservation research. Heather Lang and Jana Christy, in this charming introduction, have invited us to climb on up and visit her." —Edward O. Wilson, Pulitzer Prize winner and Professor Emeritus, Harvard University

What makes places like Silicon Valley tick? Can we replicate that magic in other places? Discover the answers in this groundbreaking book from two of the world's leading experts at the intersection of venture capital and global development. Victor W. Hwang and Greg Horowitz propose a radical new theory to explain the nature of innovation ecosystems: human networks that generate extraordinary creativity and output. They argue that free market thinking fails to consider the impact of human nature on the innovation process. This ambitious work challenges the basic assumptions that economists have held for over a century. The authors argue that innovation ecosystems - what they call Rainforests - can only thrive when certain cultural behaviors unlock human potential. Their theory of the Rainforest is influenced by several breakthrough ideas in academia, including insights on sociology from Harvard, economic transactions from the University of Chicago, and design theory from Stanford. With an unorthodox and entertaining narrative, the book reveals the mysterious mechanisms of Rainforests. Furthermore, the authors provide practical tools for readers to design, build, and sustain new innovation communities. The Rainforest will transform the way you think about technology, business, and leadership.

Introduces the rainforests of the Earth and the animals and insects that live there, including the Bengal tiger, the chimpanzee, the anteater, and the tarantula.

Orangutans

The Secret Life of the Sloth

Wizards of the Rain Forest

A Death in the Rainforest

Herbal Secrets of the Rainforest

Discovering Universal Truth in Logic and Math

Secrets of the Rainforest

4 storybooks begin this collection of themed tales, based on the diaries written by a collection of animals.Humour and comic characters aim to encourage children to write and illustrate their own diaries.

"Perhaps the finest and most profound account of ethnographic fieldwork and discovery that has ever entered the anthropological literature." —The Wall Street Journal "If you want to experience a profoundly different culture without the exhausting travel (to say nothing of the cost), this is an excellent choice." —The Washington Post As a young anthropologist, Don Kulick went to the tiny village of Gapun in New Guinea to document the death of the native language, Tayap. He arrived knowing that you can't study a language without understanding the daily lives of the people who speak it: how they talk to their children, how they argue, how they gossip, how they joke. Over the course of thirty years, he returned again and again to document Tayap before it disappeared entirely, and he found himself inexorably drawn into their world, and implicated in their destiny. Kulick wanted to tell the story of Gapuners—one that went beyond the particulars and uses of their language—that took full stock of their vanishing culture. This book takes us inside the village as he came to know it, revealing what it is like to live in a difficult-to-get-to village of two hundred people, carved out like a cleft in the middle of a tropical rainforest. But A Death in the Rainforest is also an illuminating look at the impact of Western culture on the farthest reaches of the globe and the story of why this anthropologist realized finally that he had to give up his study of this language and this village. An engaging, deeply perceptive, and brilliant interrogation of what it means to study a culture, A Death in the Rainforest takes readers into a world that endures in the face of massive changes on the verge of disappearing forever.

Can Silicon Valley's culture inspire innovation in your organization? Could understanding its rules be transformational? Would a blueprint help you construct an ecosystem of innovation? Find out through The Rainforest Blueprint: How to Design Your Own Silicon Valley. It's a practical guide for putting the lessons learned from Silicon Valley to work in businesses, organizations, and communities around the world. It's the latest development in the Rainforest phenomenon that is now spawning innovation ecosystems on five continents. The Rainforest Blueprint is a do-it-yourself sequel to the 2012 book The Rainforest: The Secret to Building the Next Silicon Valley – the groundbreaking work by Victor W. Hwang and Greg Horowitz that explains the nature of innovation ecosystems like Silicon Valley: human networks that generate extraordinary creativity and output. They make the case that such ecosystems – which they call Rainforests – can only thrive when certain cultural behaviors unlock human potential, and they reveal the mysterious mechanisms of Rainforests. The Rainforest Blueprint by Victor Hwang, who is a Silicon Valley entrepreneur and co-founder of T2 Venture Capital, is designed for a different audience than the original Rainforest. Where the earlier book provides the theoretical understanding of how Rainforests work and the rules by which they operate, the Blueprint offers practical steps for putting those theories and rules to work in businesses, organizations, and communities. Sixty pages long – as compared to the earlier book's nearly 300 pages – The Blueprint provides – with stunning visuals and handy tools – the shared background needed for individuals to create together an innovation ecosystem in whatever setting they choose. It provides a common entry point into the world of innovation ecosystems – a shared starting point and a way to begin to create innovations that can be truly transformational.

Profiles rain forest plants with details on medicinal properties, history of use, current uses, methods of preparation, and natural chemicals

The Secret History and Redemptive Future of Fig Trees

The Leaf Detective

Rain Forest Secrets

Chance Pledra

Nature's Secret for Kidney Stones

The Maya Way to Heal you Body and Replenish Your Soul

The Forever Forest

Revealing the Secrets of Hibiscus Flower's Many Effective Uses Hibiscus Flower: Nature's Secret for a Healthy Heart is the premier book in Leslie Taylor's Rainforest Medicinal Plant Guide series--and for good reason. The flower of Hibiscus sabdariffa (commonly called roselle) is available as a natural, cost-effective, safe, and tasty herbal tea that has been validated through human clinical trials to lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels and address the main underlying causes of clogged arteries and heart diseases. This shouldn't be kept a secret from America's many traditional uses in herbal medicine, including its incredible heart-healthy benefits, and provides a comprehensive consumer guide to help you enjoy a good product and prepare it correctly. Most important, Hibiscus Flower reveals the secrets of how to use this roselle effectively and at the correct dosages, which have been confirmed in human clinical trials. You may not be able to find this in-depth information elsewhere, especially from an unbiased and reliable source. Read and learn, and then enjoy a healthy and delicious cup of hibiscus flower tea or Discover the plants and animals of the rainforest, and how we can protect them, in this beautifully illustrated children's ebook. Embark on a journey through the enchanting world of the rainforest in Charlotte Milner's beautifully illustrated The Rainforest Book. Sweep aside the liana vines, hop over the giant roots of the kapok tree, and follow the sound of the howler monkey as you venture into the tropical rainforest. Find out about some of the amazing animals that live there, learn about the enormous variety of life-giving plants, and discover why the Amazon continues to highlight the important ecological issues faced by our planet, following on from The Bee Book, The Sea Book, and The Bat Book. Did you know that over half of our planet's wildlife live in the rainforest? And that at least two meters of rain falls in the rainforest every year? The world's rainforests are packed with amazing animals and plants, from the deadly poison dart frog, to the stinky rafflesia flower--there is plenty to discover! As our planet's climate crisis becomes even more critical, with forest fires raging in the Amazon, The Rainforest Book celebrates the rainforest shows children just how important it is, and reminds them that it is up to us to care for our planet and its wildlife.

Focuses on the behavior and intellectual capacities of human being's closest relatives, and offers information about what the future holds for these apes that are now near extinction.

Through this charming story, children will become aware of the growing problem of trash polluting the ocean. Fish highlights the issues with a simple and engaging illustrated narrative and also suggests a solution in the form of recycling. All Finn wants is to catch a nice, tasty fish for his dinner, but no matter how hard he tries all he seems to catch at the end of his fishing line is other people's trash. The longer he spends out on the ocean, the more crazy objects he collects! Finn and his dog Skip go home each day with a full boat, but empty tummies. It isn't enough money to make a tasty dinner every day, and under his care, the ocean becomes clean, bright, and full of fish again!

Hibiscus Flower

How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in the Rainforest

The Healing Power of Over 50 Medicinal Plants You Should Know about

The Secret Explorers and the Rainforest Rangers

Secret Diary of a Bear

Amazing Animals of the Rainforest

A Is For Anacondas

Conquered the "lungs of the world," the Amazon provides a full fifth of the world's oxygen, and every year unsustainable human practices destroy 2.7 million acres. What can be done to help? That's where Project Piaba comes in. Join the award-winning author Sy Montgomery and the photographer Keith Ellenbogen as they traverse the river and rainforest to discover how tiny fish, called piabas, can help preserve the Amazon, its animals, and the rich legacy of its people. Amazon Adventure is an eye-opening—and ultimately hopeful—exploration of how humanity's practices are affecting and shaping not only the Amazon, but our entire environment.

The Aldens are joining Dr. Iris Perez as she investigates legendary creatures around the world. In the last leg of the journey, the children travel to the Amazon Rain Forest. They love learning about all the different plants and animals they have never seen before. But is there really a creature in the forest that hasn't yet been discovered?

Orchids of the Rainforest explores the lives of six urban Malaysian Indians who have unconventional relationships in an increasingly modern yet fundamentally conservative Malaysian society. Geetha, a lawyer, has her world rocked by the death of her wealthy husband and later by an encounter with a romantic pursuer, Anand. Sabitha, her much younger cousin sister is trying to come out of the closet to her family. Anu, a writer and Yuvaraj's Malayali partner, has differing views on sexuality from her husband. Yuvaraj, a traveling engineer, grew up with latent chauvinism ingrained in his lifestyle, thoughts and in his treatment of women. He expresses his 'disagreement' with the sexuality of Sabitha and attempts to 'cure' her. He reacts negatively to Anu developing her own independent opinion about sexual minorities. Karthiga Murgesan is facing displacement for coming out of the closet about her sexual orientation. The story attempts to capture the essence of contemporary urban Malaysian living. It illustrates the larger diversity that exists in Malaysia, and how the cosmopolitan convergence and ideological clash play out in modern Malaysia.

Set out on this rainforest action-packed conservation themed installment of DK Books' new educational fiction series for children. Meet the Secret Explorers – a band of brainiac kids from all around the world. Everyone in this diverse group of young experts has a specialty, from outer space to dinosaurs, and each story follows a character who gets chosen for a "secret exploration". In this fun, fact-filled children's book, we join rainforest expert Ollie on an exciting mission to rescue a lost baby orangutan in the steamy rainforest of Borneo. Joined by engineering expert Kiki, they set out in a glider to search for the friendly ape. Along the way, they encounter greedy plantation owners who are plotting to destroy the forest to expand a palm oil plantation and learn about the threat to animals and plants due to deforestation. Kids will love turning the pages to find out if the Secret Explorers manage to succeed in their mission! Swing into action! With a thrilling narrative that keeps kids engaged, The Secret Explorers and the Rainforest Rangers book by J King is the perfect gift for children who are into all things rainforest. It's written for children aged 7-9 years, with lots of information on animal and plant life, to give them a thrilling introduction to nature. At the end of the book, you'll find "Ollie's Mission Notes" which is a summary of all the scientific facts and discoveries made throughout the story. With fun illustrations, quizzes, and a vocabulary list, the educational value of this book is outstanding and great for a classroom read! Get Ready to join the Secret Explorers Club The Secret Explorers series is a reminder to kids that they are limited only by their imagination and teaches them that learning is fun! But most of all, these educational books encourage children to believe that they can become experts in something they love. This edge-of-your-seat adventure book is packed with: - Fun facts and illustrations about animals and plants found in the rainforest of Borneo - Simple and engaging explanations on how deforestation is altering our planet's biodiversity - Quizzes, mission notes, and a glossary of words with definitions Complete the series Each book in the series combines exciting adventures with real-life facts related to the Secret Explorers' latest fictional mission. Don't miss out on more secret explorations! Take on an out-of-this-world mission in The Secret Explorers and the Comet Collision. Travel back in time to save a dinosaur egg from destruction in The Secret Explorers and the Jurassic Rescue. Set out on a journey to stop the Cairo Museum from closing down in The Secret Explorers and the Tomb Robbers. Then take a trip up an erupting volcano in The Secret Explorers and the Smoking Volcano.

Spirit in the Rainforest

A tale about ridding the ocean of plastic pollution

Euclid in the Rainforest

A Practical Framework for Growing Innovation Potential

Nature's Secret for Disease Prevention

The Rainforest Scorecard

Walk in the Rainforest

Learn all about forest life, the amazing Venus flytrap, and the importance of conservation in the exciting eighth adventure with The Secret Explorers. This group of brilliant kids come together from all four corners of the globe to fix problems, solve mysteries and gather knowledge all over the planet--and beyond. Whenever their help is needed, a special sign will appear on a door. They step through to the Exploration Station, and receive their mission.... In this installment, Leah the biology expert and Gustavo the history buff are whisked away on a mission to a forest in North Carolina. There, they meet a botanist working to protect the amazing Venus flytrap--an endangered species of plant--from being stolen by poachers and sold for money. It'll take every bit of brainpower, bravery, and expertise that Leah and Gustavo have to stop the poachers and rescue the plant. Includes fun illustrations and facts about plants, forest, wildlife, and the importance of conservation, this thrilling adventure is perfect for young readers.

Yara lives with her Mama in the lush Amazon jungle. She wants to rescue her beloved but increasingly besieged rainforest home. When Yara falls gravely ill, the forest returns the love and saves Yara's life. "A story with a good ecological message and vibrant paintings. . ." - Kirkus Reviews Written in rhyme and featuring gorgeous watercolor illustrations by Joanna Paesk, this is the first volume in a new series showing children how all living things on our beautiful planet depend on one another. In a faraway jungle, by a big waterfall, Smoke rose in the air, things were not good at all. "They are clearing the forest, they are now very near. This is surely my end!" sighed a seedling with fear. On the bank of the river, in a house made of wood, Close to the place where the saved seedling stood. A hard-working mother and her kindhearted child, Lived freely together, eating food from the wild. "Lapid's story is enchanting, and it is the perfect opening for discussions on the environment..." Reader's Favorite, Jack Magnus Get it now!

"On a hike through the Children's Eternal Rainforest, Peter discovers many intriguing plants and animals, and also that his mother was one of the second-graders who joined with other children from all over the world to make preservation of this Costa Rican rainforest possible"--Provided by publisher.

Where in the world will you find 427 different types of mammals, 1,294 birds, 2,200 fishes, 378 reptiles, 428 amphibians, and about 1 million insects? The Amazon Rainforest, of course! Get lost in the largest rainforest in the world to climb trees that are 500 years old, swim with a pink dolphin, avoid the deadly poison dart frogs, and sleep with a troop of twenty howler monkeys. In What's Up in the Amazon Rainforest, you'll learn all about the plants and animals, as well as the people that live there and the habitat itself.

Unleash an Ecosystem of Innovation in Your Company, Organization, Or Hometown: How to Design Your Own Silicon Valley

Gods, Wasps and Strangers

How a Language and a Way of Life Came to an End in Papua New Guinea

Rainforest

Rainforest Home Remedies

Preserving Indigenous Science and Biodiversity in the Upper Amazon

The Startup Community Way

The RainforestThe Secret to Building the Next Silicon Valley

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A Powerful Rainforest Medicinal Herb with Many Health Benefits

In 1945, three young brothers joined and eventually led Brazil's first government-sponsored expedition into its Amazonian rainforests. After more expeditions into unknown terrain, they became South America's most famous explorers, spending the rest of their lives with the resilient tribal communities they found there. People of the Rainforest recounts the Villas Boas brothers' four thrilling and dangerous 'first contacts' with isolated indigenous people, and their lifelong mission to learn about their societies and, above all, help them adapt to modern Brazil without losing their cultural heritage, identity and pride. Author and explorer John Hemming vividly traces the unique adventures of these extraordinary brothers, who used their fame to change attitudes to native peoples and to help protect the world's surviving tropical rainforests, under threat again today.

The Secret Explorers and the Plant Poachers

The Rainforest Blueprint

Nature's Secret to Fight Free Radicals

Rainforest Medicine

The Rainforest Book

The Rainforest

Orchids of the Rainforest

Chronicling the practices, legends, and wisdom of the vanishing traditions of the upper Amazon, this book reveals the area's indigenous peoples' approach to living in harmony with the natural world. Rainforest Medicine features in-depth essays on plant-based medicine and indigenous science from four distinct Amazonian societies: deep forest and urban, lowland rainforest and mountain. The book is illustrated with unique botanical and cultural drawings by Secoya elder and traditional healer Agustín Payaguaje and horticulturalist Thomas Y. Wang as well as by the author himself. Payaguaje shares his sincere, imaginal vision of the spiritual life of the Secoya; plates of petroglyphs from the sacred valley of Cotundo and other illustrations show traditional Secoya ayahuasca symbols and indigenous oral myths. Two color sections showcase photos of the plants and people of the region, and include plates of previously unpublished full-color paintings by Pablo Cesar Amaringo (1938-2009), an acclaimed Peruvian artist renowned for his intricate, colorful depictions of his visions from drinking the entheogenic plant brew, ayahuasca ("vine of the soul" in Quechua languages). Today the once-denied mysterious rainforest realms are under assault as the indiscriminate colonial frontier of resource extraction moves across the region; as the forest disappears, the traditional human legacy of sustainable utilization of this rich ecosystem is also being buried under modern realities. With over 20 years experience of ground-level environmental and cultural conservation, author Jonathon Miller Weisberger's commitment to preserving the fascinating, unfathomably precious relic of the indigenous legacy shines through. Chief among these treasures is the "shimmering" golden plant-medicine science of ayahuasca or yajã, a rainforest vine that was popularized in the 1950s by Western travelers such as William Burroughs and Alan Ginsberg. It has been sampled, reviled, and celebrated by outsiders ever since. Currently sought after by many in the industrialized West for its powerful psychotropic and life-transforming effects, this sacred brew is often imbued by visitors to the upper Amazon and curious seekers in faraway venues, sometimes with little to no working knowledge of its principles and precepts. Perceiving that there is an evident need for in-depth information on ayahuasca if it is to be used beyond its traditional context for healing and spiritual illumination in the future, Miller Weisberger focuses on the fundamental knowledge and practices that guide the use of ayahuasca in indigenous cultures. Weaving first-person narrative with anthropological and ethnobotanical information, Rainforest Medicine aims to preserve both the record and ongoing reality of ayahuasca's unique tradition and, of course, the priceless forest that gave birth to these sacred vines. Featuring words from Amazonian shamans--the living torchbearers of these sophisticated spiritual practices--the book stands as testimony to this sacred plant medicine's power in shaping and healing individuals, communities, and nature alike.

The Way Forward for Entrepreneurship Around the World We are in the midst of a startup revolution. The growth and proliferation of innovation-driven startup activity is profound, unprecedented, and global in scope. Today, it is understood that communities of support and knowledge-sharing go along with other resources. The importance of collaboration and a long-term commitment has gained wide acceptance. These principles are adopted in many startup communities throughout the world. And yet, much more work is needed. Startup activity is highly concentrated in large cities. Governments and other actors such as large corporations and universities are not collaborating with each other nor with entrepreneurs as well as they could. Too often, these actors try to control activity or impose their view from the top-down, rather than supporting an environment that is led from the bottom-up. We continue to see a disconnect between an entrepreneurial mindset and that of many actors who wish to engage with and support entrepreneurship. There are structural reasons for this, but we can overcome many of these obstacles with appropriate focus and sustained practice. No one tells this story better than Brad Feld and Ian Hathaway. The Startup Community Way: Evolving an Entrepreneurial Ecosystem explores what makes startup communities thrive and how to improve collaboration in these rapidly evolving, complex environments. The Startup Community Way is an explanatory guide for startup communities. Rooted in the theory of complex systems, this book establishes the systemic properties of entrepreneurial ecosystems and explains why their complex nature leads people to make predictable mistakes. As complex systems, value creation occurs in startup communities primarily through the interaction of the "parts" - the people, organizations, resources, and conditions involved - not the parts themselves. This continual process of bottom-up interactions unfolds naturally, producing value in novel and unexpected ways. Through these complex, emergent processes, the whole becomes greater and substantially different than what the parts alone could produce. Because of this, participants must take a fundamentally different approach than is common in much of our civic and professional lives. Participants must take a whole-system view, rather than simply trying to optimize their individual part. They must prioritize experimentation and learning over planning and execution. Complex systems are uncertain and unpredictable. They cannot be controlled, only guided and influenced. Each startup community is unique. Replication is enticing but impossible. The race to become "The Next Silicon Valley" is futile - even Silicon Valley itself is receding into the past. This book offers practical advice for entrepreneurs, community builders, government officials, and other stakeholders who want to harness the power of entrepreneurship in their city. Describes the core components of startup communities and entrepreneurial ecosystems, as well as an explanation of the differences between these two related, but distinct concepts Advances a new framework for effective startup community building based on the theory of complex systems and insights from systems thinking Includes contributions from leading entrepreneurial voices Is a must-have resource for entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, executives, business and community leaders, economic development authorities, policymakers, university officials, and anyone wishing to understand how startup communities work anywhere in the world

An action-packed and hilarious animal fantasy adventure from New York Times bestselling author and National Book Award finalist Eliot Schrefer, "this new series stunner" (Kirkus starred review) will thrill fans of Warriors and Spirit Animals. Includes a stunning full-color poster! Caldera has forever been divided into the animals who walk by night and those who walk by day. Nightwalker panthers, like young Mez and her sister, have always feared daywalkers as creatures of myth and legend. Then Mez discovers that she can enter the daylight world, and she rushes to discover what it means to cross the Veil—and the extent of her newly uncovered magical powers—before a reawakened evil threatens everything she's ever known. Now, with an unlikely group of animal friends—including a courageous bat, a scholarly tree frog, and an anxious monkey—Mez must unravel an ancient mystery and face her greatest fears, if they are to have any hope of saving their endangered rainforest home.

At one time rainforests covered about 14% of the earth's surface; now they're reduced to just 6%. As home to some of the most diverse plant and animal species ever known, this decline has grave implications for both man and animal kingdoms. A is for Anaconda: A Rainforest Alphabet explores the world's rainforests as it explains their important role and showcases their wonders. Nature writer Anthony Fredericks gives an A-Z tour of the many facets and fascinating facts of these tropical environments. Exotic inhabitants including the basilisk lizard and kinkajou are highlighted, along with explanations of forest structure such as understory and canopy. In A is for Anaconda young readers will meet the many endangered plant and animal species, understand the progression of a food web, and appreciate why the rainforest has been called the "world's medicine chest."Anthony D. (Tony) Fredericks is a frequent traveler to the rainforests of Hawaii and Central America. He is the author of many nature and animal books for children, including several award-winning titles. When not visiting classrooms across the country, Tony teaches education courses at York College in York, PA. Laura Regan is nationally known for her rich, contemporary style of painting and her many award-winning children's books featuring exotic flora and fauna. Her artwork has been used to raise funds for many wildlife organizations. Laura lives in the Bay Area in California.

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