



Recommended Tree Book List

Please enjoy this comprehensive list of book recommendations from Canopy staff, urban forestry professionals, and graduates of our Community Forestry School program.

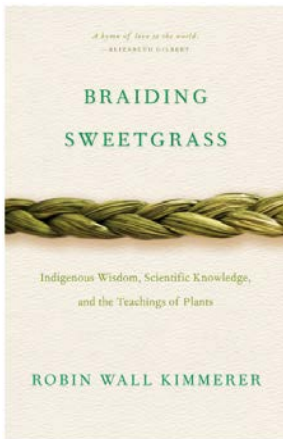
About Canopy

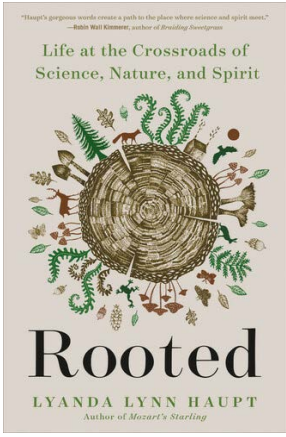
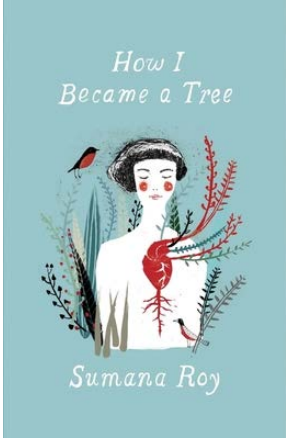
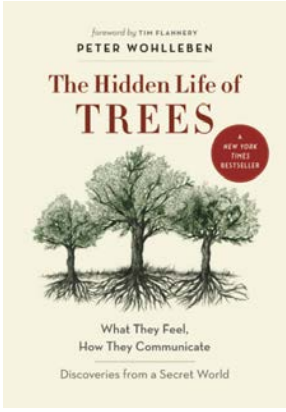
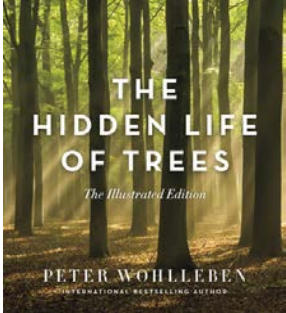
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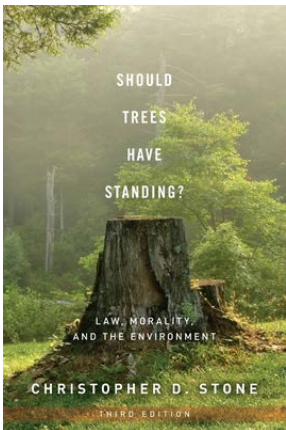
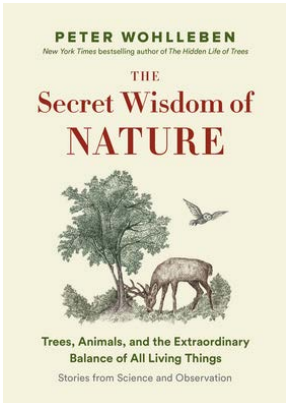
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Spirituality & Plant Wisdom

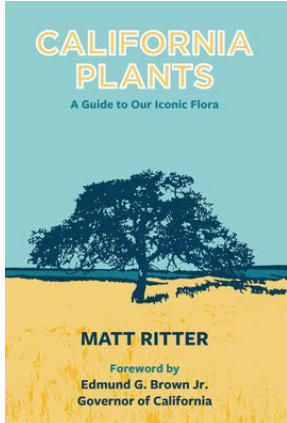
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	<i>Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants</i> Robin Wall Kimmerer	Kimmerer shows how other living beings offer us gifts and lessons, even if we've forgotten how to hear their voices. She calls on the reader to celebrate our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world in order to understand the generosity of the earth.

	<p><i>Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit</i> Lyanda Lynn Haupt</p>	<p>Science supports a truth that poets, artists, mystics, and cultures across the world have long held true: life on this planet is radically interconnected. Our whole selves affect and are affected by nature. In this time of crisis, how can we best live upon our imperiled, beloved earth?</p>
	<p><i>How I Became a Tree</i> Sumana Roy</p>	<p>Drawn to trees' wisdom, their nonviolent way of being, their ability to cope with loneliness and pain, Roy movingly explores the lessons that writers, painters, photographers, scientists, and spiritual figures have gleaned through their engagement with trees.</p>
	<p><i>The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate</i> Peter Wohlleben</p>	<p>Wohlleben draws on groundbreaking scientific discoveries to describe how trees are like human families: tree parents live together with their children, communicate with them, support them as they grow, and share nutrients with those who are sick.</p>
	<p><i>The Hidden Life of Trees: An Illustrated Edition</i> Peter Wohlleben</p>	<p>An illustrated version of the above book by Wohlleben.</p>

	<p><i>The Long, Long Life of Trees</i> Fiona Stafford</p>	<p>Stafford explores the deep connections between trees and human experience as she delves into the history, biology, and mythology of seventeen well-known tree species. She shares both the practical uses and spiritual inspiration that trees provide.</p>
	<p><i>Trees: Between Earth and Heaven</i> Gregory McNamee, Art Wolfe</p>	<p>An integral part of a variety of faiths - from Buddhism and Hinduism to Native American and aboriginal religions - trees were venerated long before any written historical records existed.</p>
	<p><i>Should Trees Have Standing?: Law, Morality, and the Environment</i> Christopher D. Stone</p>	<p>This work (first published in 1972) continues to serve as the definitive statement as to why trees, oceans, animals, and the environment as a whole should be bestowed with legal rights, so that the voiceless elements in nature are protected for future generations.</p>
	<p><i>The Secret Wisdom of Nature: Trees, Animals, and the Extraordinary Balance of all Living Things</i> Peter Wohlleben</p>	<p>Nature is full of surprises: deciduous trees affect the rotation of the Earth, cranes sabotage Iberian ham production, and coniferous forests can make it rain. But what are the processes that drive these incredible phenomena? And why do they matter?</p>

 <p>FINDING THE MOTHER TREE Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest SUZANNE SIMARD</p>	<p><i>Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest</i> Suzanne Simard</p>	<p>Trees, living side by side for hundreds of years, have evolved sophisticated methods to perceive one another, learn and adapt their behaviors, even remember the past. At the center of it all are Mother Trees that connect and sustain the others.</p>
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Local California

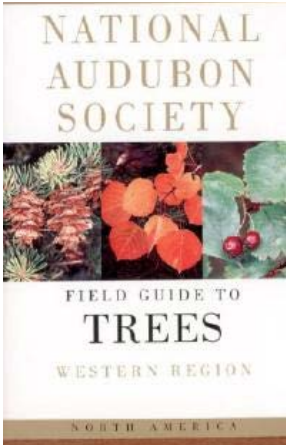
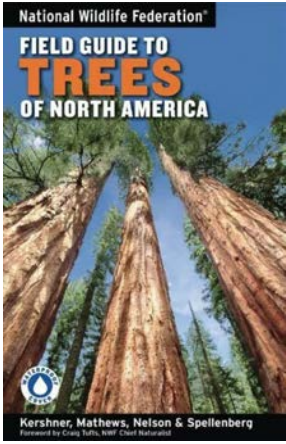
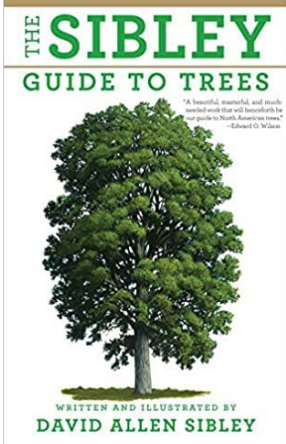
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	<p><i>Trees in Paradise: A California History</i> Jared Farmer</p>	<p>California now has more trees than at any time since the late Pleistocene. This book chronicles the changes in CA's trees, from post-Gold Rush plantings of imported species and fruit orchards, to redwood logging, to the present.</p>
	<p><i>California Plants: A Guide to Our Iconic Flora</i> Matt Ritter</p>	<p>With his vibrant photographs and lively writing, Ritter takes the reader on a journey through California's iconic landscapes and abundant plant life. This guide features more than 500 species, along with descriptions and tree and wildflower identification charts.</p>

	<p><i>The Forests of California</i> Obi Kaufmann</p>	<p>Kaufmann tells an epic story that spans millions of years, nearly one hundred species of trees, and an astonishing richness of ecosystems. Includes Kaufmann's signature watercolor maps and trail paintings.</p>
	<p><i>King Sequoia: The Tree That Inspired a Nation, Created Our National Park System, and Changed the Way We Think about Nature</i> William C. Tweed</p>	<p>Former park ranger William C. Tweed takes readers on a tour of the Big Trees in a narrative that travels deep into the Sierras, around the West, and all the way to New Zealand; and in doing so he explores the American public's evolving relationship with sequoias.</p>
	<p><i>A Californian's Guide to the Trees Among Us</i> Matt Ritter</p>	<p>Features over 150 of California's most commonly grown trees. Used as a field guide or read with pleasure for the liveliness of the prose, this book will allow readers to learn the stories behind the trees that shade our parks, grace our yards, and line our streets.</p>
	<p><i>Redwood: A Guide to Leading a Remarkable Life</i> Adam Griffin</p>	<p>This book explores the nature of growth and the conditions needed to lead a remarkable life. Like the redwoods, it's a recipe for leaving a mark and creating a vision that stays with others for the rest of their lives. It's the recipe for being a redwood, leaving others in awe.</p>

Native Plants

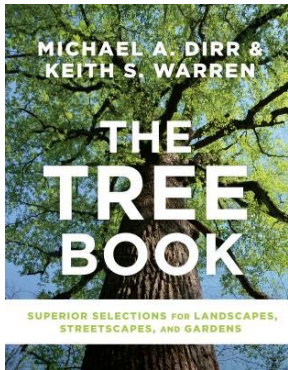
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	<p><i>The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees</i> Douglas W. Tallamy</p>	<p>This book reveals what is going on in oak trees month by month, highlighting the seasonal cycles of life, death, and renewal. Tallamy illuminates and celebrates the wonders that occur right in our own backyards and also shares practical advice about caring for oaks.</p>
	<p><i>Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants</i> Douglas W. Tallamy</p>	<p>Tallamy reveals the unbreakable link between native plant species and native wildlife—native insects cannot, or will not, eat alien plants. Everyone with access to a patch of earth can make a significant contribution toward sustaining biodiversity by simply choosing native plants.</p>

National Field Guides

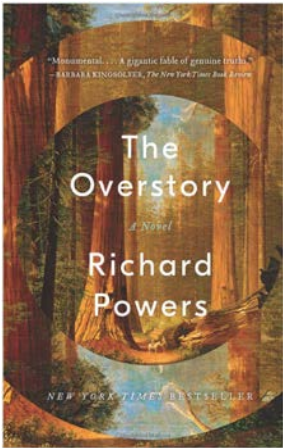
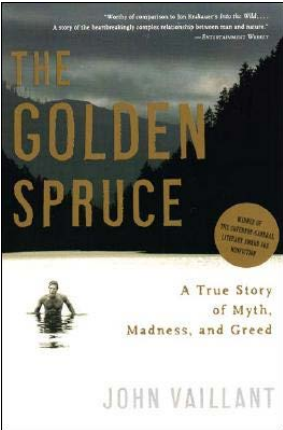
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	<p><i>National Audubon Society: Field Guide to Trees, Western Region</i> Elbert L. Little</p>	<p>A compact and comprehensive field guide of 700 species of trees, detailed in beautiful, full-color photographs of leaf shape, bark, flowers, fruit, and fall leaves, and accompanied by informative text. For beginners and advanced tree-peepers.</p>
	<p><i>National Wildlife Federation: Field Guide to Trees of North America</i> Kershner, Mathews, Nelson & Spellenberg</p>	<p>This single, portable volume features more than 700 tree species and varieties, with special emphasis on their leaves, bark, fruits, and flowers. More than 2,000 stunning images show these trees in their natural habitats. The guide has a waterproof cover.</p>
	<p><i>The Sibley Guide to Trees (Sibley Guides)</i> David Allen Sibley</p>	<p>An astonishingly elegant guide to a complex subject. With more than 4,100 meticulous, exquisitely detailed paintings, the Guide highlights the often subtle similarities and distinctions between more than 600 tree species native trees as well as many introduced species.</p>

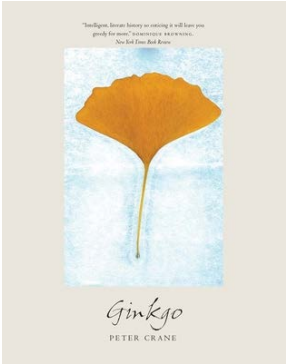
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	<p><i>The Tree Book: Superior Selections for Landscapes, Streetscapes, and Gardens</i> Michael A. Dirr and Keith S. Warren</p>	<p>"A boon to all those who plant, care for, and love trees."—Nina Bassuk, author of <i>Trees in the Urban Landscape</i>.</p> <p>The Tree Book is the go-to reference to more than 2,400 species and cultivars, from two of the biggest names in horticulture.</p>
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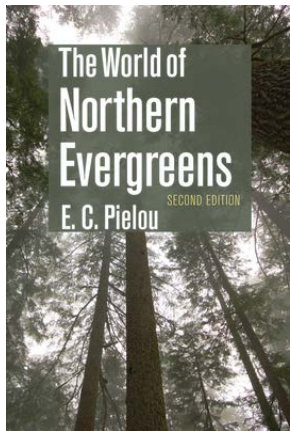
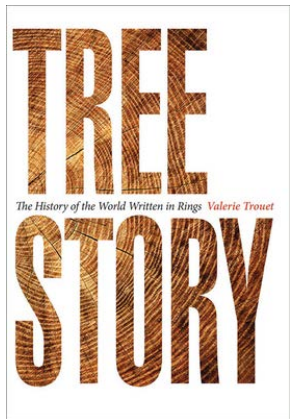
Narrative

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	<p><i>The Overstory</i> Richard Powers</p>	<p>An ambitious environmental fable of nine main characters that explores our relationship with nature, the psychology of why we're so bad at acting on climate change, our perception of time, the meaning of hope, and so much more. 2019 winner of Pulitzer Prize for fiction.</p>
	<p><i>The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness, and Greed</i> John Vaillant</p>	<p>A tale of obsession so fierce that a man kills the thing he loves most: the only giant golden spruce on earth. As vividly as John Krakauer puts readers on Everest, John Vaillant takes us into the heart of North America's last great forest.</p>

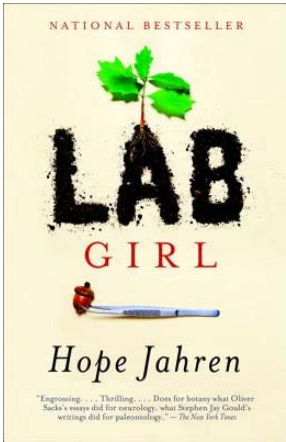
	<p><i>The Wild Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring</i> Richard Preston</p>	<p>Until recently, redwoods were thought to be impossible to ascend. Preston unfolds the spellbinding story of Steve Sillett, Marie Antoine, and the tiny group of botanists and naturalists that found a lost world above California, taking risks to explore the canopy.</p>
	<p><i>The Tree: A Natural History of What Trees Are, How They Live, and Why They Matter</i> Colin Tudge</p>	<p>A blend of history, science, philosophy, and environmentalism, The Tree is an engaging and elegant look at the life of the tree and what modern research tells us about their future.</p>
	<p><i>Ginkgo: The Tree That Time Forgot</i> Sir Peter Crane</p>	<p>Perhaps the world's most distinctive tree, ginkgo has remained stubbornly unchanged for more than two hundred million years. A living link to the age of dinosaurs, it survived the ice ages, with people first finding it useful about 1000 years ago.</p>
	<p><i>American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation</i> Eric Rutkow</p>	<p>This fascinating and groundbreaking work tells the remarkable story of the relationship between Americans and their trees across the entire span of our nation's history.</p>

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	<p><i>The Sixteen Trees of the Somme: A Novel</i> Lars Mytting</p>	<p>An engrossing literary novel about a family mystery, revenge, and forgiveness by the bestselling author of Norwegian Wood and The Bell in the Lake.</p>
	<p><i>The World of Northern Evergreens</i> E.C. Pielou</p>	<p>This book is guaranteed to enrich the reader's next forest visit.--<i>Library Journal</i> Pielou's book brings forest ecology to naturalists, bird lovers, hikers, cyclists, canoeists, skiers, mountaineers, and back-country campers.</p>
	<p><i>Tree Story: The History of the World Written in Rings</i> Valerie Trouet</p>	<p>People across the world know that to tell how old a tree is, you count its rings. Few people, however, know that research into tree rings has also made amazing contributions to our understanding of Earth's climate history and its influences on human civilization over the past 2,000 years.</p>

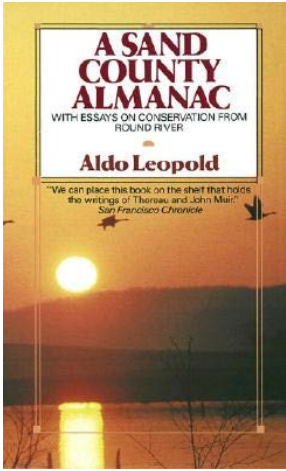
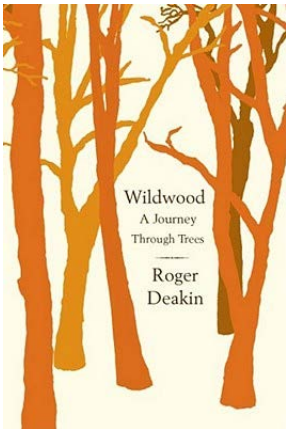
Memoir

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	<p><i>Two Trees Make a Forest</i> Jessica J. Lee</p>	<p>A chance discovery of letters written by her immigrant grandfather leads Jessica J. Lee to her ancestral homeland, Taiwan. There, she seeks his story while growing closer to the land he knew.</p>
	<p><i>Lab Girl</i> Hope Jahren</p>	<p>A celebration of the lifelong curiosity, humility, and passion that drive every scientist. Jahren shares how she found a sanctuary in science, learning to perform lab work “with both the heart and the hands.” She extends the mantle of <i>scientist</i> to each one of her readers.</p>
	<p><i>Unbowed</i> Wangari Maathai</p>	<p>Maathai recounts her extraordinary journey founding the Green Belt Movement (GBM) and fighting tirelessly to save Kenya’s forests and to restore democracy to her beloved country. The rural women of GBM have planted over 300 million trees in Kenya.</p>

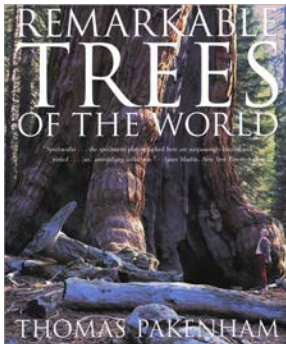
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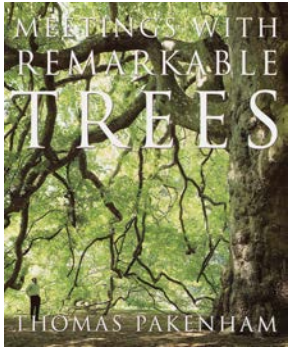
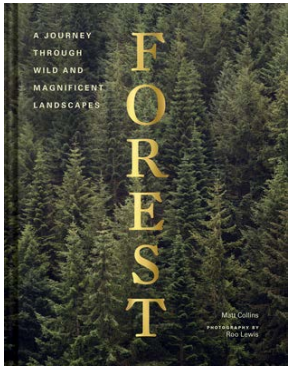
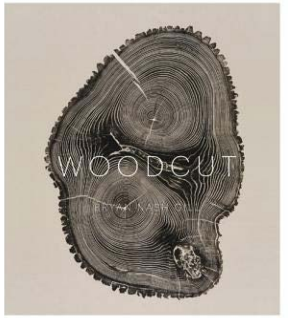
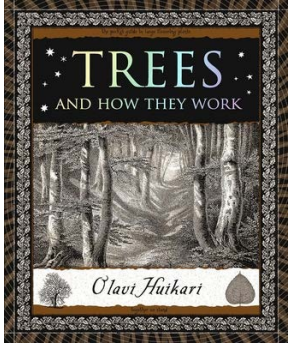
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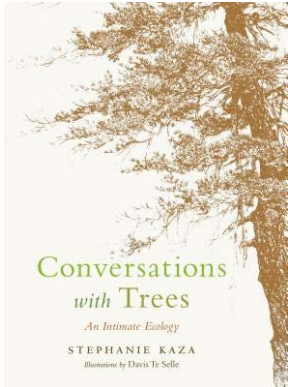
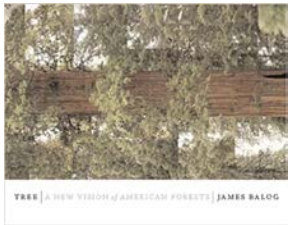
	<p><i>Toward a Natural Forest</i> Jim Furnish</p>	<p>The tumultuous history of the U.S. Forest Service, caught between the powerful timber industry and organized environmentalists who believed public lands had been abused and deserved better stewardship. A memoir from Furnish from his time with the agency.</p>
	<p><i>Guardians of the Trees: A Journey of Hope Through Healing the Planet</i> Kinari Webb</p>	<p>Webb's personal account of discovering the connection between rainforest logging and the need for local communities to pay for healthcare. Detailing her efforts to help, and her reservations, this optimistic book shares the story of one woman's quest to heal the world.</p>
	<p><i>To Speak for the Trees: My Life's Journey from Ancient Celtic Wisdom to a Healing Vision of the Forest</i> Diana Beresford-Kroeger</p>	<p>In this riveting memoir, Beresford-Kroeger uncovers the roots of her discoveries in her extraordinary childhood in Ireland. Soon after, her brilliant mind bloomed into a scientific career that melds the intricacies of the natural world with the truths of traditional Celtic wisdom.</p>

	<p><i>A Sand County Almanac: With Essays on Conservation from Round River</i> Aldo Leopold</p>	<p>The environmental classic that redefined the way we think about the natural world—an urgent call for preservation that's more timely than ever.</p> <p>"We can place this book on the shelf that holds the writings of Thoreau and John Muir."—San Francisco Chronicle</p>
	<p><i>Wildwood: A Journey Through Trees</i> Roger Deakin</p>	<p>"...[Deakin is] a congenial traveling companion in an invigorating romp...His writing reflects that fresh and tentative spirit...contains nuggets of wood lore beyond its obvious uses for food, animal fodder and building material." -- <i>The Washington Post</i></p>

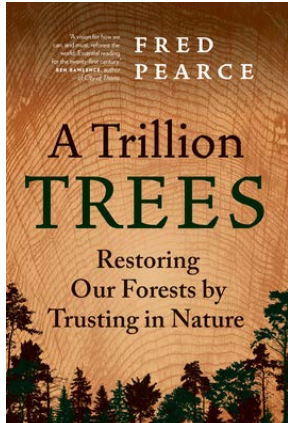
Artistic and Photo Books

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	<p><i>Remarkable Trees of the World</i> Thomas Pakenham</p>	<p>A collection of sixty tree portraits - from around the world! Pakenham embarked on a five-year odyssey to most of the temperate and tropical regions of the world to catalog a range of trees: Dwarfs, Giants, Monuments, and Aliens.</p>

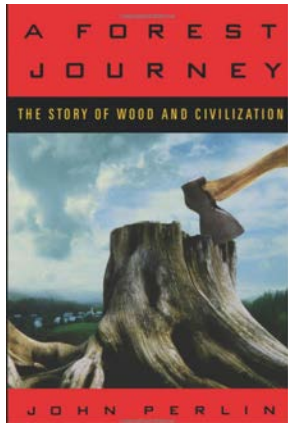
	<p><i>Meetings with Remarkable Trees</i> Thomas Pakenham</p> <p>(See also the BBC series of the same name.)</p>	<p>A collection of sixty tree portraits grouped according to their own strong personalities: Natives, Travellers, Shrines, Fantasies and Survivors. This book is lovingly researched and beautifully illustrated to inspire wonder and awe.</p>
	<p><i>Forest: A Journey Through Wild and Magnificent Landscapes</i> Matt Collins</p>	<p>Discover the secrets hidden within the Earth's lush woodlands and wild landscapes through photographs and stories about enchanting forests, magnificent trees, and people who live off the land.</p>
	<p><i>Woodcut</i> Bryan Nash Gill</p>	<p>If there is, indeed, nothing lovelier than a tree, Connecticut-based artist Gill shows us why. Creating large-scale relief prints from the cross sections of trees, the artist reveals the sublime power locked inside their arboreal rings.</p>
	<p><i>Trees and How They Work</i> Olavi Huikari</p>	<p>In this beautiful pocket book, illustrated with rare old engravings and specially commissioned drawings, renowned Finnish tree expert Huikari takes us on an unforgettable journey deep into the secrets of these most huge and majestic of life forms.</p>

	<p><i>Conversations with Trees: An Intimate Ecology</i> Stephanie Kaza</p>	<p>Meditations on the beauty, fragility, and resilience of trees, with 27 original lithographs. In an era of species extinction and worsening climate change, this book is a warm and earnest invitation to personal and ecological sanity.</p>
	<p><i>Tree: A New Vision of the American Forest</i> Jim Balog and David Friend</p>	<p>The format's more modest, but the visual splendor is as huge as ever. This miniature Tree offers James Balog's groundbreaking portraits in a smaller but equally beautiful format, with three gatefolds. Makes a great gift!</p>


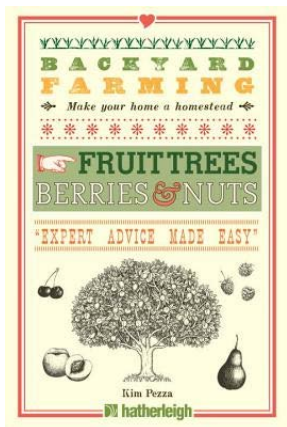
Climate Change & Reforestation

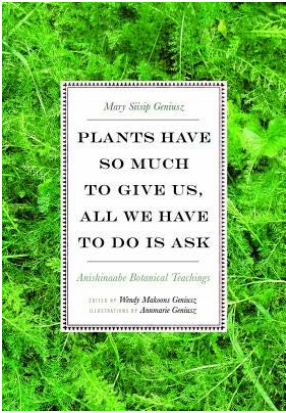
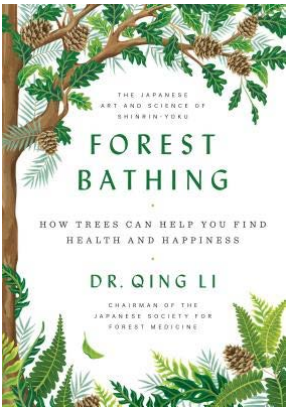
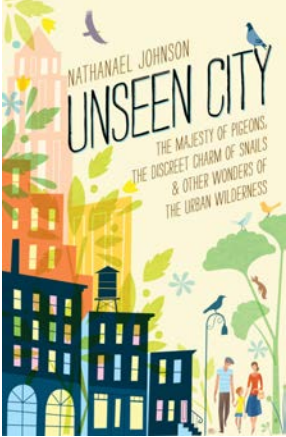
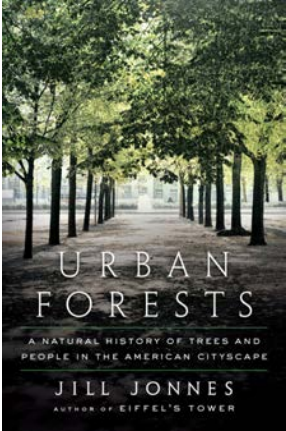
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	<p><i>A Trillion Trees: Restoring Our Forests by Trusting in Nature</i> Fred Pearce</p>	<p>Pearce has a provocative argument: planting more trees isn't the answer to declining forests. If given room and left to their own devices, forests and the people who live in them will fight back to restore their own domain.</p>

	<p><i>Forests: A Very Short Introduction</i> Jaboury Ghazoul</p>	<p>Ghazoul explores our contrasting interactions with forests, as well as their origins, concluding with an examination of the recent history of deforestation, transitions to reforestation, and the future outlook for forests particularly in the context of expected climate change.</p>
	<p><i>The Man Who Planted Trees: A story of lost groves, the science of tree, and a plan to save the planet</i> Jim Robbins</p>	<p>A timeless story about what one person can do to restore the earth. The hero spends his life planting one hundred acorns a day in a desolate, barren area in France. The result was a total transformation of the landscape- from one devoid of life to one full of life.</p>
	<p><i>The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America</i> Timothy Egan</p>	<p>A dramatic account of the worst forest fire in American history by the author of the National Book Award-winning The Worst Hard Time.</p>

	<p><i>A Forest Journey: The Story of Trees and Civilization</i> John Perlin</p>	<p>Ancient writers observed that forests always recede as civilizations develop and grow. The great Roman poet Ovid wrote that before civilization began, "even the pine tree stood on its own very hills" but when civilization took over, "the mountain oak, the pine were felled."</p>
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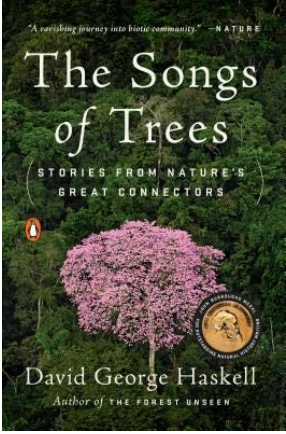
What Trees Give Us / Benefits

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	<p><i>The Orchard Book: Plan, Plant and Maintain Fruit from Garden to Field</i> Wade Muggleton</p>	<p>Muggleton has distilled 20 years of orchard know-how into this practical handbook to help you plan, plant and manage your orchard, whatever your garden size or budget. He shares how to maximise your harvest and minimise your outlay.</p>
	<p><i>Backyard Farming: Fruit Trees, Berries, and Nuts</i> Kim Pezza</p>	<p>Pezza shows you how to add an abundant orchard to your homestead so you can effectively expand your harvest. Covers every topic from preparing the soil for planting, to trimming and pruning the growing trees and bushes, to winterizing your orchard and enjoying your bounty.</p>

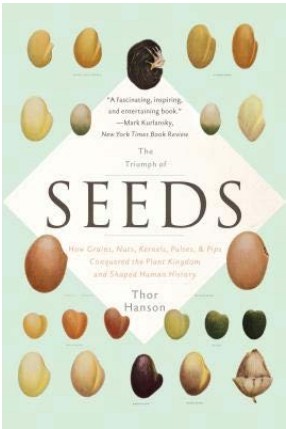
	<p><i>Plants Have So Much to Give Us, All We Have to do Is Ask: Anishinaabe Botanical Teachings</i> Mary Siisip Geniusz</p>	<p>Geniusz gained much of the knowledge she writes about from her time as an oshkaabewis, a traditionally trained apprentice. She teaches the way she was taught - through stories. She brings the plants to life with narratives that explain their uses, meaning, and history.</p>
	<p><i>Forest Bathing</i> Dr. Qing Li</p>	<p>Dr. Qing Li, the world's foremost expert in forest medicine, shows how forest bathing can reduce your stress levels and blood pressure, strengthen your immune and cardiovascular systems, and boost your energy, mood, creativity, and concentration.</p>
	<p><i>Unseen City: The Majesty of Pigeons, The Discreet Charm of Snails & Other Wonders of the Urban Wilderness</i> Nathanael Johnson</p>	<p>In an increasingly urban world, Johnson reminds city dwellers: "There's wilderness all around us, just waiting to be seen." He recounts his own journey learning to notice and explore the secrets of nature hidden in plain sight on the streets of San Francisco.</p>
	<p><i>Urban Forests: A Natural History of Trees and People in the American Cityscape</i> Jill Jonnes</p>	<p>Jonnes combines her love of trees and her love of cities to reveal and celebrate human's long relationship with the urban forest. In one chapter, Jonnes tells the story of the ecologists who began to measure and quantify the benefits of urban trees.</p>

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	<p><i>Tree: A Life Story</i> David Suzuki, Wayne Grady</p>	<p>This unique biography tells a story that spans a millennium and includes a cast of millions but focuses on a single tree, a Douglas fir. The tree's pivotal role in making life possible for the creatures around it - including human beings - is lovingly explored.</p>
	<p><i>The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative</i> Florence Williams</p>	<p>Our brain is wired for nature. Natural environments reduce our stress, boost our mood, and restore our brains and bodies. Williams shares how even a small dose of nature benefits our brain and spurs our creativity.</p>
	<p><i>The Songs of Trees</i> David George Haskell</p>	<p>Haskell repeatedly visits a dozen trees in cities and forests, exploring connections with people, microbes, fungi, and other plants and animals. In each place, he shows how human history, ecology, and well-being are intimately intertwined with the lives of trees.</p>

	<p><i>Around the World in 80 Trees</i> Jonathan Drori</p>	<p>Drori uses plant science to illuminate how trees play a role in every part of human life, from the romantic to the regrettable. From the trees of Britain, to India's sacred banyan, they offer us sanctuary and inspiration, and the raw materials for everything from aspirin to maple syrup.</p>
	<p><i>The Heartbeat of Trees: Embracing our Ancient Bond with Forests and Nature</i> Peter Wohlleben</p>	<p>A powerful return to the forest, where trees have heartbeats and roots are like brains that extend underground. Where the color green calms us, and the forest sharpens our senses. Wohlleben is convinced that age-old ties linking humans to the forest remain alive and intact.</p>
	<p><i>The Nation of Plants</i> Stefano Mancuso</p>	<p>In this playful yet informative manifesto, a leading plant neurobiologist presents the eight fundamental pillars on which the life of plants - and also humans - rests. Like attentive parents, plants have come to our aid once again, giving us their rules.</p>

	<p><i>Oak: The Frame of Civilization</i> William Bryant Logan</p>	<p>From the ink of Bach's cantatas to the first boat to reach the New World, the wagon, the barrel, and the sword, oak trees have been a constant presence in our past. With humor, and reverence, Logan awakens us to the vibrant presence of the oak throughout history.</p>
	<p><i>Sprout Lands: Tending the Endless Gift of Trees</i> William Bryant Logan</p>	<p>Once, no place could prosper without its inhabitants knowing how to cut their trees so they would re-sprout. Logan teaches us how to live with trees to mutual benefit and gives hope that humans may again learn what the persistence and generosity of trees can teach.</p>
	<p><i>The Triumph of Seeds: How Grains, Nuts, Kernels, Pulses, and Pips Conquered the Plant Kingdom and Shaped Human History</i> Thor Hanson</p>	<p>"The genius of Hanson's fascinating, inspiring, and entertaining book stems from the fact that it is not about how all kinds of things grow from seeds; it is about the seeds themselves." -- Mark Kurlansky, New York Times Book Review</p>
	<p><i>The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World</i> Michael Pollan</p>	<p>In <i>The Botany of Desire</i>, Michael Pollan ingeniously demonstrates how people and domesticated plants have formed reciprocal relationships akin to those formed between insects and plants.</p>

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Kid's Books

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	<i>Tree Beings</i> Raymond Huber, Sandra Severgnini	An adventure through the secret world of trees. Challenging the perception that trees are just 'silent statues', it introduces scientists and explorers who helped uncover the mysteries of the world's oldest living things.
	<i>Trees, Leaves, Flowers & Seeds</i> DK, Smithsonian Institution	Explore the incredible world of plants, from the smallest seeds to the tallest trees. Find out about the weirdest, smelliest, and deadliest flowers. Which plants eat insects? Where is the tallest tree in the world? Learn answers to these and more!
	<i>Because of an Acorn</i> Lola M. Schaefer, Adam Schaefer	Because of an acorn, a tree grows, a bird nests, a seed becomes a flower. Enchanting die-cuts illustrate the vital connections between the layers of an ecosystem in this magical book. An acorn is just the beginning.
	<i>Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book</i> Britta Teckentrup	Through a hole in the book's cover, an owl invites you inside to meet a majestic tree and all its forest inhabitants during the changing seasons. Children will love seeing a new set of animals appear and disappear as each page is turned.

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	<p><i>Trees</i> Tony Johnston</p>	<p>Learn about old trees. Trees with shiny leaves shimmering after rain. And at night, trees holding out their limbs for the stars. Enjoy debut illustrator Tiffany Bozic's artwork that was painted directly on tree bark.</p>
	<p><i>Trees: A Rooted History</i> Piotr Socha, Wojciech Grajkowski</p>	<p>Part botany, part history, part cultural anthropology—<i>Trees</i> goes beyond the basics to tell readers everything they might want to know about this particular branch of the plant kingdom. <i>Trees</i> also addresses the deforestation crisis.</p>
	<p><i>Can You Hear the Trees Talking?: Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest</i> Peter Wohlleben</p>	<p>This interactive book for kids aged 8-10 introduces the science of the forest through outdoor activities, quizzes, fun facts, photographs, and more. Learn about the forest internet, aphids who keep ants as pets, and other fascinating facts.</p>
	<p><i>Peter and the Tree Children</i> Peter Wohlleben</p>	<p>Piet the squirrel feels all alone in his forest home. Luckily, Peter the Forester has the perfect plan to cheer him up: a search for tree children. You can't be lonely in a forest full of friends As they wander, Peter shares amazing facts about trees.</p>

	<p><i>Dr. Wangari Maathai Plants a Forest</i> Rebel Girls</p>	<p>This is the story of environmentalist and activist Dr. Wangari Maathai, who became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. It's also a story about the importance of making your voice heard, and using that voice to protect nature.</p>
	<p><i>The Wisdom of Trees: How Trees Work Together to Form a Natural Kingdom</i> Lita Judge</p>	<p>The story of a tree is a story of community, communication, and cooperation. Trees talk, share food, raise their young, and offer protection. They not only sustain life on our planet—they can also teach us important lessons about patience, survival, and teamwork.</p>
	<p><i>The Lorax</i> Dr. Seuss</p>	<p>Dr. Seuss's beloved story teaches kids to treat the planet with kindness and stand up and speak up for others. Experience the beauty of the Truffula Trees and the danger of taking our earth for granted in a story that is playful and hopeful.</p>
	<p><i>The Giving Tree</i> Shel Silverstein</p>	<p>"Once there was a tree...and she loved a little boy." This moving parable for all ages offers a touching interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.</p>

	<p><i>Be A Tree!</i> Maria Gianferrari</p>	<p>A lyrical, gorgeously illustrated look at the majesty of trees—and what humans can learn from them</p>
	<p><i>Strange Trees: and the stories behind them</i> Bernadette Pourquie and Cecile Gambini</p>	<p>Have you ever heard of the Strangler Tree? The Bubblegum Tree? The Upside-Down Tree? How about trees with horns, bottles, sausages, crowns, and ones that walk or even explode? Crazy, maybe, but true. Find out more about these, and many others, in this colorfully illustrated collection.</p>