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# 3 Weeks in the Rainforest

## by Jennifer Swanson

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



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### What's It About?

Over 22 years, a team of scientists from the Field Museum in Chicago has helped conserve 28.9 million acres of the Amazon rainforest. Follow the team as they race to gather data over three precious weeks in the field. During rapid inventory, information is gathered in two ways:

Biologists trek through mud and rain and count every animal and plant they see, recording everything that flies, swims, crawls, slithers, or walks. They then look at key plant and animal groups to assess the health of the ecosystem.

Social scientists visit villages, speaking with local people about their desires and goals for the land, as each community has developed its own way of taking care of its environment. The team then makes a compelling, evidence-based case for conservation. Photographs from the scientists themselves give readers a glimpse into real-life fieldwork in the Amazon that will captivate STEM readers and the next generation of scientists.

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### Who Wrote It?

Jennifer Swanson has been mixing science and storytelling almost her entire life! She wrote and illustrated her first books when she was just five years old and started a science club in her garage at age seven. As a kid, Jennifer loved collecting leaves and flowers to examine under a microscope, exploring her backyard creek, and tromping through the woods. That curiosity never disappeared! Today, she has written more than 50 nonfiction books for kids about everything from brains and sports science to space, oceans, LEGO creations, and rainforests. Jennifer loves asking questions and figuring out how



things work. Her curiosity has taken her to some incredible places, including CERN, home of one of the world's largest particle physics laboratories. Her message to young scientists and readers is simple: Science ROCKS!

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