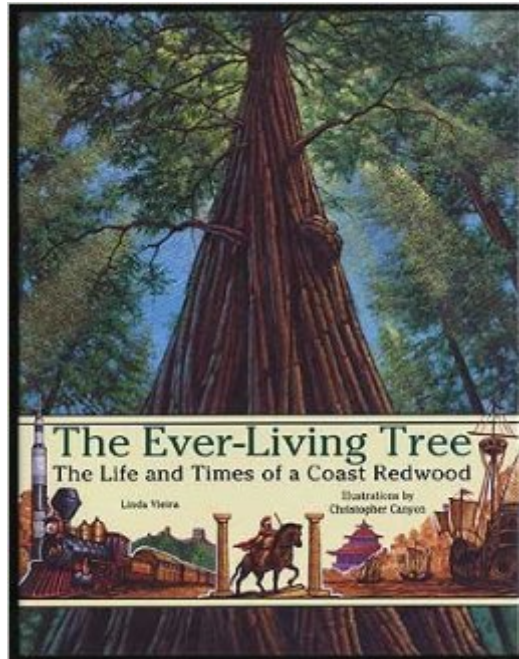


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The Ever-Living Tree: The Life And Times Of A Coast Redwood



Synopsis

Using a vibrant, painterly style, Canyon makes a dramatic entry into children's book illustration with the lush landscapes of The Ever-Living Tree. The story plots the march of time as major events in history unfold next to the growth of an ever-living sequoia. An extraordinary picture book, it is a fascinating combination of history and nature. Full color.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book after realizing it had been abridged to be included in our fourth grade reading curriculum. To see all of the pictures and read every paragraph was a great addition to my students' understanding of history, especially since one of their questions had to do with counting time back from the "common era" and also forward. In its need to be politically correct, the publishing company of our literature book excluded reference to the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. To explain either counting system (BC-AD or BCE-CE), there of necessity has to be a reference to the Man. To read the entire text was very helpful and the addition illustrations were "icing on the cake."

There's something about the way the story of this tree is tied in with world history that touches me. The pictures are highly appealing. Each two-page spread is almost it's own little story as it tells what is happening to the tree in that time period. So very young children (perhaps 4-6 year olds) can enjoy each little story individually, older children and even adults can connect these stories to the sweep of history. An unobtrusive but helpful timeline runs across the top of the two-page spreads

and builds as the years go by. There is a dinosaur and a reference to 50 million years ago on the first page which young earth creationists should be aware of. The dino is not really part of this tree's story but a mention. The timeline that builds throughout the book starts with 325 BC. and ends in 1969 (yes, one tree's life!). This book (typically a read in one sitting) would supplement world history, a study of forests, and/or certainly a trip to the redwoods in California! But most of all, it's just a delightful pleasure to read.

From my teenage years and throughout my own life, "Life of an Immortal" has been the "grounded" story I go to for inspiration. For the longest time I didn't even know who the author was. Other reviews with less than five stars were obviously from city folk who have obviously never visited a redwood forest, but even I, a young soldier right out of Vietnam, caught on to the sheer poetry of this story where I lived in Minnesota, some 20 years before I would even see a redwood forest. For those not familiar with literary poetry, largely a story that evokes emotion because a more average reader can readily identify with the content, this story probably does not ring of any identity the reader could comprehend. This is the story of an entity far removed from humans on the evolutionary path (tree). But if you are interested in evolution, science, history or just plain interested in nature generally you will find this story captivating and indeed it will become one of your favorites. For those less than captivated with this story because your mind gets confused as the book "wanders" from nature to human history and you don't understand the cue, try an added cue. Read this story to your children while playing Rimsky Korsakov's 1001 Arabian Nights and then you'll get it. I am surprised that no one has picked up this story and made it into a movie.

This book was sent directly to a sibling and was a gift for someone else - so I'm unable to rate it. It would be nice if you could change your "rating" selections to be a bit more flexible.

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