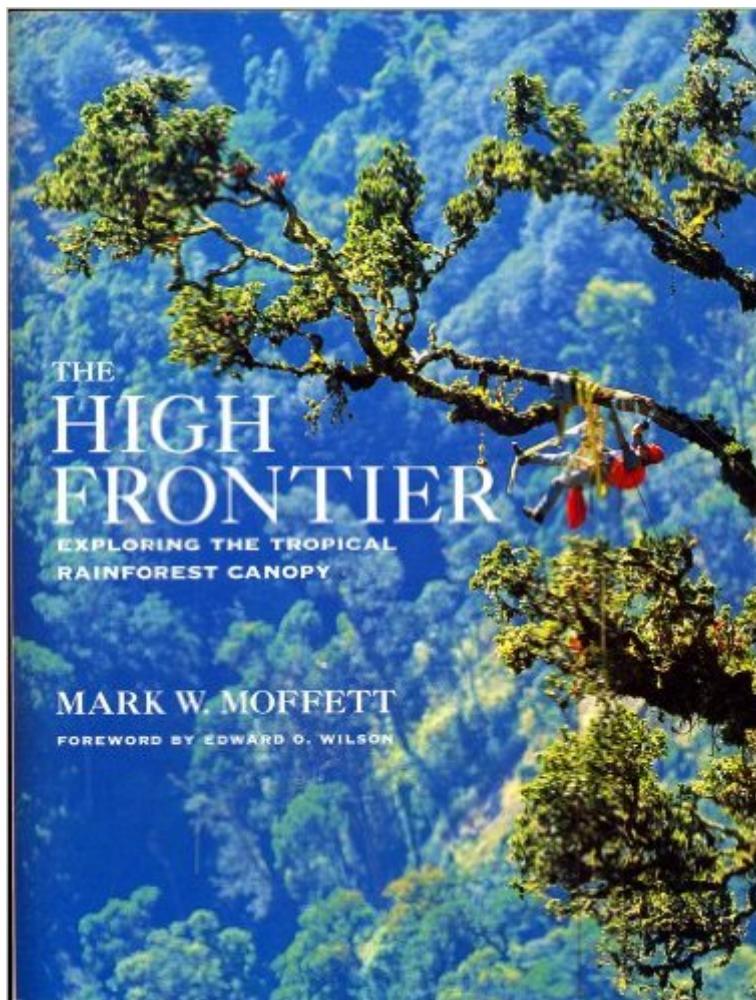


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Loaded with aerial plants and the millions of creatures dependent upon them, tropical tree crowns are the last and greatest ecological frontier. Hundreds of species - earthworms, frogs, lichens, flowers - never descend to earth during their lifetimes. Eight out of ten remain unnamed and unclassified by science. Donning rock-climbing gear to join researchers working 150 feet and more above the ground, Mark Moffett photographed strangler trees in Borneo, giant squirrels in India, and canopy bears in Colombia. He also entered the terrifying world of arboreal spiders and ants, photographing them under extreme magnification. Described as a "world-roving zoologist" by "National Geographic" magazine, Moffett has documented virtually every major active canopy research site. The immediacy of his writing and the intelligence of his photography make the canopy's fantastic architecture and unearthly inhabitants accessible to the general reader. In the tradition of the great 19th-century explorers, he captures the struggles of the individual scientists and the passions that enable them to brave perilous situations in pursuit of their work.

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This is a great popular science book, written by an adventurer/explorer who also has a Harvard PhD in biology. He travels all over the world for National Geographic, taking nature photos as well as reporting on cutting-edge discoveries in the rainforests. As such, he succeeds at mixing art and science in this book, which is somewhat technical, but explained in clear language that laymen can understand. This book changed the way I saw rainforests: fully 9/10s of their biota are in the canopy, in the leaves high above, which you would never imagine from the ground. And Moffet went

up there with camera to photograph it with some of the world's best scientists. The result is absolutely masterful. It is truly a pity that this book is out of print. I wrote a review of it for the Boston Globe when it came out and later met the author, Moffet. He was as interesting and colorful as the book, full of hilarious stories of his adventures.

The High Frontier: Exploring the Tropical Rainforest Canopy By: Mark Moffett Anyone who is planning a vacation to a Tropical Rainforest should read this book. It would help your understanding of the book if you had some background in ecology. If you do not and you are willing to use the WEB to gain an understanding of theories and definitions the book should be thoroughly interesting. It has wonderful pictures. Having read this book the Tropical Rainforest will be more than just movement and colors when you see it, you will have an actual understanding of the interrelationships between the plants and the animals. I highly recommend the book for your trip.

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