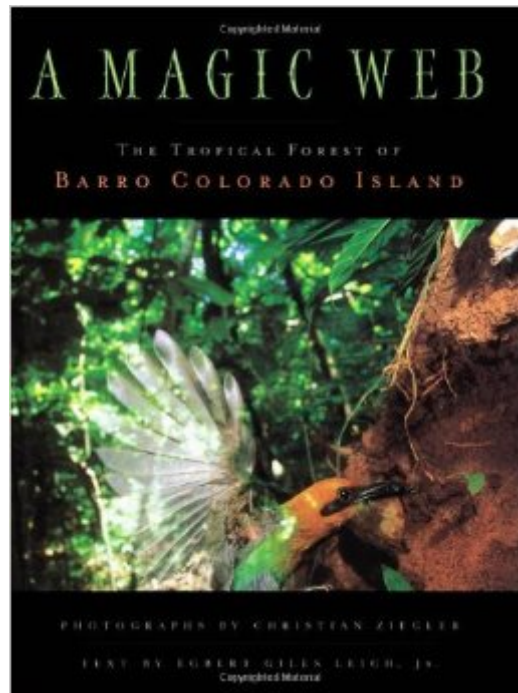


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# A Magic Web: The Forest Of Barro Colorado Island



## Synopsis

The tropical forest of Panama's Barro Colorado Island is a luxuriant community of plants and animals, pulsating with life and offering an astonishing view of nature's myriad processes. What does the forest look like? How do the activities of this forest's plants and animals create a community? Now, in *A Magic Web*, photographer Christian Ziegler and ecologist Egbert Leigh invite readers to enter the marvelous world of Barro Colorado Island. This book provides a unique combination of the spectacular photography of a picture-book and clear, authoritative text written by an active scientist who has spent half a lifetime trying to understand tropical forests. The photographs provide views of the forest and its spectacular diversity of inhabitants, and show many of the activities that give the forest its character and lend structure to its community. Drawing on decades of work on Barro Colorado Island, Egbert Leigh explains how the forest works. The photographs and text reveal the many ways its plants and animals compete with but also depend on each other: the contrasts between solitary cats and intricately organized armies of ants; the different ways plants struggle for a place in the sun, and the ways these plants attract, or domesticate, animals to pollinate their flowers. Finally, the authors show why this, and by implication all other, tropical forests matter to the people who live near them and to the world at large, what we can learn from these forests, and how they differ from temperate-zone forests. Full of gorgeous full-color photographs accompanied by clear and accessible text, *A Magic Web* is a must for anyone planning to visit a tropical forest, and for all those who only wish they could.

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The pictures are really extraordinary and the text is very readable and understandable. I don't tire of looking at the photos over and over.

Wonderful! Clearly explained information about the complexity of the Rain Forest. Also, the photography is awesome! The best book I have ever read about the intricacies of life in the Kingdom of Animals and Plants .

You could not ask for more stunning photos. Having been to BCI and researched in Panama, I can attest to how well Mr. Ziegler captured the dazzling wildlife there and it's diversity. The photos are very well accompanied by Dr. Egbert Leigh, who spent countless years researching at BCI himself. This book is a gem for any biologist or nature lover!

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