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Here are two members of a six-part set devoted to the ecology (in its widest sense) of our Tropical Rainforests. Used though we now are to the term 'rainforest', we still know very little about them and collections like this one of Chinery's are not only remarkably attractive but of great value.

People and Places looks first at the kinds of habitat rainforests provide and the natural conditions imposed on their inhabitants, going on to examine in greater details the forest and foresters of the Amazon, Africa and Asia. Threatening commercial pressures are explained, as is the growing concern for proper conservation.

Resources and Conservation shows the forests as universal providers plundered by the hideously self-insufficient 'developed' world or destroyed needlessly by it 'monoculture supplanting biodiversity, beef and bananas ousting brazil nuts. A conservational thread runs through this catalogue of missed opportunities and leads to an optimistic final chapter.

The books are distinguished not only by an excellently informed and informative text from Chinery but by a shrewd use of page-space and of truly illustrative photographs. Modestly produced, the effect of this sextet could be considerable. Excellent library source material, these two should be bought widely and their companions '**Partners and Parents** , **Plants and Planteaters** , **Poisoners and Pretenders** and **Predators and Prey** ' persistently pursued.

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