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Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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Book Review: COOL GREEN: AMAZING, REMARKABLE TREES

COOL GREEN: AMAZING, REMARKABLE TREES, available in English and Spanish, was written by Lulu Delacre in partnership with the staff of arboretums and botanical gardens around the world. The book traces the actions of a landscaper and his granddaughter as they study worldwide and admire different trees: redwood, coconut tree, monkey puzzle, baobab, Wollemi pine, mother trees, and moringa trees. The conversations between the granddaughter and grandfather are in English and Spanish and provide facts about each tree as well as general dialogue. The author also includes reference material about the featured trees and a bibliography of additional resources.

While the book is listed for grades PreK-3, I believe that students in upper elementary and middle school would like this book better. The book promotes scientific investigation and conservation. The illustrations were created with acrylic paint, stamped leaf prints, and collaged specimens. A variety of arboretums and botanical gardens donated leaf and bark specimens for the author to utilize during the artistic process.

