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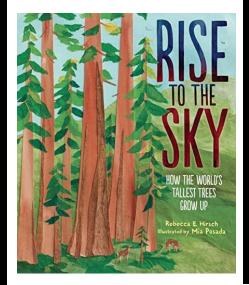
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Classification

Nonfiction (582.16)

**Grade Level** 

K-5



Book Review:
RISE TO THE SKY:
HOW THE WORLD'S
TALLEST TREES GROW
UP

"What is the tallest living thing?" This is the first sentence you read as you open the book. You may be amazed to find out it is a tree. Some are taller than the Statue of Liberty and the Big Ben clock tower, but how does that happen from a tiny seed? This book engages readers with the life cycle of a tree, detailing the various steps, such as how growing trees are thirsty and how they take a drink. The process will start all over with the tall trees sending seeds to the ground to begin a cycle for new trees to rise to the sky.

The illustrations are incredible in this book. They are created from watercolors and paper collage methods. The text is engaging, bringing the reader more in tune with the life cycle of a tree. The illustrations take it to a different level. For example, when talking about how the tree drinks when it is thirsty, there are multiple trees shown at different stages of growth. The roots are shown and how they drink last year's rain and snow. A facing page presents an enhanced image of what the inside of a tree looks like. It lets the reader know that there are tubes in the tree that take the water all the way up to the leaves. The book is filled with detailed images of similar processes. The back pages include more information on trees and how they grow. Readers can also view a two-page spread of a map showing where the tallest trees live along with information about eight different types of trees,



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where they grow, and how tall they are.

