

The following books are used with the class as a whole to develop reading and comprehension skills. Each book is related to the rainforest theme.

**The Great Kapok Tree**

By Lynne Cherry  
Harcourt, Brace and Company  
6277 Sea Harbor Drive  
Orlando, FL 32887  
Amazon.com price: \$11.68

This is a great book to introduce students to the animals of the rainforest and how they are dependent on the rainforest. There are good maps to show animals and where the rainforests exist. The book is dedicated to Chico Mendez who, like Sister Dorothy, dedicated his life to preserving the rainforest. He also was murdered by people who were threatened by his beliefs.

**Miss Rumphius**

By Barbara Cooney  
Puffin Books  
345 Hudson Street  
New York, New York 10014  
Amazon.com price: \$7.00

This book is about an adventurous lady who sets out to make the world more beautiful by planting flowers. It is a great book to get students thinking about what they can do to make the world more beautiful.

**The Wartville Wizard**

By Don Maddon  
Aladin Paperbooks  
1230 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10020  
Amazon.com price: \$6.99

This is a good story about ecology and pollution. The Wartville Wizard does not like litter and has magical powers to teach people about littering. It pairs nicely with the story of Miss Rumphius.