



No Monkeys, No Chocolate

by Melissa Stewart and Allen Young

About the Book

What does a capuchin monkey have in common with a pollen-sucking midge, an aphid-munching anole lizard, and brain-eating coffin fly maggots? Chocolate! Our favorite dessert comes from cocoa beans, which grow on cocoa trees in tropical rain forests. And those trees couldn't survive without help from a menagerie of rain forest critters. This book tells their story.

Reading to Young Children

No Monkeys, No Chocolate features three kinds of text. When sharing the book with young children, read the large main text first. Then you can fill in details from the sidebars as seems appropriate. Finally, invite the children in your group to read the bookworms' dialog.

Before You Read

- Ask children how they think monkeys and chocolate might be related.
- Ask children what they know about rain forests and rain forest habitats. Can they name plants found in a rain forest habitat? Animals found in a rain forest habitat
- Would they like to live in a rain forest? Why or why not?

After You Read

Work with children to make a list of animals that help cocoa trees survive. Ask them to draw a picture showing how one of these animals helps the tree.

Follow-up Activities

If time permits, students may want to do some of the Activity Pages for *No Monkeys, No Chocolate* available on the author's website: www.melissa-stewart.com.