

## ON THE BANKS OF THE AMAZON EN LAS ORILLAS DEL AMAZONAS

“... creatively describes life, and the animals that inhabit the rain forest with imagination, expressive wording, and vivid descriptions. Animal lovers and little explorers will enjoy reading **On the Banks of the Amazon** and will be amazed at the life-like and colorful drawings. This reviewer and her little explorers loved reading this wondrous book... would make a wonderful addition to any school.”

*Jennifer LB Leese, A StoryWeaver's Book Review*

“... educational with beautiful pictures... will motivate children to ask questions about animals and to identify with the wildlife hunters, thinking that maybe they can do that, too... glossary is beneficial since Spanish is the second most-used language in the U.S., and the number of Spanish-speaking people is growing rapidly... multicultural approach... timely in our pluralistic society. I see this book as being very usable.”

*Harold E. Barnett, Ph.D., Lee's Branch  
Hazard Community College, KY*

“The text and pictures for **On the Banks of the Amazon** provide an accurate depiction of the rainforest. I have visually verified the information presented in this book on my trek through a rainforest in Central America.”

*Paul Currie, D.V.M., Science Department, Hazard  
Community College, KY*

“I love the attention to detail. The facts relating to unusual animals taught me things I did not know. To communicate in both English and Spanish is beneficial to both groups of children... that aspect of the book certainly appealed to me.”

*Valina Hurt, Ph.D., Science Department (Biology and  
Botany), Hazard Community College, KY*

“The text and pictures are delightful descriptions of life along the Amazon. Tension is created by the people who are shooting the birds and animals but the surprise ending is rewarding. They are shooting with cameras. Children love the humorous surprise. This is a book to enjoy again and again.”

*Betsy B. Lee, Ed.S. in School Psychology  
Learning Abilities Books*

“This will make you feel like you've been on a safari through the rainforest. The pictures jump out at you and the story carries you through the mystery and adventure in the exotic foliage. Different times of day and night expose an interesting variety of animals that live along the Amazon. It gave me shivers.”

*Jean Peerenboom, Green Bay Press-Gazette*

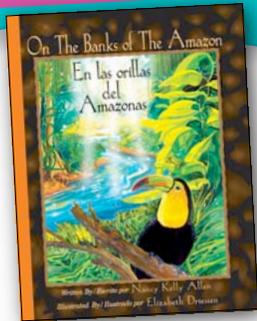
“A crisp, clean narrative... a variety of plants and animals in their natural habitat are brought to life by the lyrical prose and vibrant full-page illustrations. The inclusion of Spanish text will benefit students who speak Spanish as a first language and those who are in the process of learning Spanish as a second language.”

*Charles B. Simpson, President of  
Writers of the North Fork*

“... Detailed full-page illustrations keep a child's interest well and support the reading material... a well-done bilingual book for children about seven to ten years old. **“On the Banks of the Amazon”** is a recommended children's book.”

*Midwest Book Review*

# Book Reviews



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“...fiction and nonfiction in one story. Teachers will love this book...appropriate for a science class studying the habitat of diverse animals...language arts classes, especially using the whole language approach...and for Special Education classes. I visualize children reading about the animals unknown to them, and following up with research to learn even more. Love the glossary in the way that it compares English and Spanish for an easy transition.”

*Kari Huber, Kentucky Association for School Councils*

“...Colorful drawings accompany the words rich in describing animals, the rain forest, and the beautiful things that grow there...[*On the Banks of the Amazon*] is a great learning tool for students...Elizabeth Driessen is an incredible artist. The animals are drawn to perfection. You have to see them to believe it!”

*Book Review Café*

“...The vibrant greens of the forest and blues of the Amazon River radiate off the pages. The wide variety of wildlife continues to shine with more brilliant colors from the rainbow...Children will delight in seeing the different animals and creatures...recommended.”

*Children's Literature*

“...The text is rhythmic in both English and Spanish, giving a factually accurate description of a particular niche in this disappearing habitat. Both text and pictures are bordered, with the bright, detailed watercolor illustrations both reinforcing and augmenting the text. Embedded facts make this a solid introduction to the rain forest and the dwellers therein...”

*School Library Journal*

The book [*On the Banks of the Amazon*] is well written and illustrated, inspiring young people to realize that... they, too, can become writers, photographers, naturalists, or enter into any profession they choose.”

*Dessie Bowling, Director of Safe and OhCrumpsReviews.pdfDrug-Free Schools Program, Hazard, KY*

“Two wildlife hunters travel through the Amazon observing and being observed by the wildlife in this tale. The repetitive text...evokes the feeling of the jungle as it describes scenes of animal life at different times of the day.”

*Críticas*

“Safari adventure to the Amazon to see what creatures are about and where they are going. Page borders and large font set off the two paragraphs of text per page. Beautiful illustrations track the progress off ‘two wildlife hunters’ on the move.”

*Fort Worth I.S.D. Book Reviews*

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