



## The Wonders of the Woods

Forests grow throughout the world. They're the favorite habitat of countless trees, plants, fungi, and animals. Forests brim with life, but a large part of that life passes pretty much unnoticed. For example, most animals prefer not to be seen. They hide underneath a stump, behind a tree, or above the foliage. The life of the other forest inhabitants is also largely hidden from our view. But if you know a bit more about the woods and watch carefully, a whole new world unfolds. When you learn how trees help one another, how mushrooms operate as couriers, how seeds can fly, how clever bushes can be, how gigantic a fungus can become, or how a tree makes delicious pancake syrup for you, the forest comes to life. This book will show you that something magical is taking place behind each tree and bush. So come along through the wild woods and discover the hidden wonders between the greenery.



*I'm growing  
toward  
the light*

*Me too!*



*Me too!*





## *A Plant on a Stick*

Depending on the circumstances, forests can be large or small and old or young, and the animals living there can differ as well. But one thing is the same in all woods: the main inhabitant is the **tree**.

A tree is simply a plant on a big stick. That stick, the trunk, allows the tree to grow high. There's a reason for this, of course. Plants love light because they make their food with it. But in the woods, it can be very dark. So the trunk allows the tree to rise above all other plants and catch the most light.

