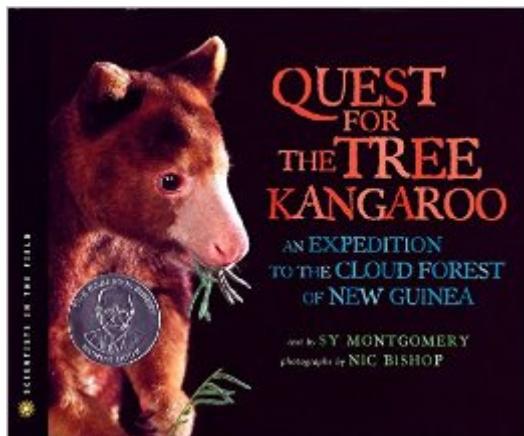


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# The Quest For The Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition To The Cloud Forest Of New Guinea (Scientists In The Field Series)



## **Synopsis**

It looks like a bear, but isn't one. It climbs trees as easily as a monkey" but isn't a monkey, either. It has a belly pocket like a kangaroo, but what's a kangaroo doing up a tree? Meet the amazing Matschie's tree kangaroo, who makes its home in the ancient trees of Papua New Guinea's cloud forest. And meet the amazing scientists who track these elusive animals. This title has been selected as a Common Core Text Exemplar (Grades 4-5, Informational Texts)

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Age Range: 10 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

I received this book from a thoughtful, loving, and dear kindred spirit of a friend and while it is being marketed as a children's book, I found that it was just as wonderful as an animal lover's or even a conservationists' (organic-free trade-decaffeinated) coffee table book. Nic Bishop's up close and personal photography is beyond any Life Magazine or National Geo quality color photos. Sy Montgomery's writing takes the reader along on the expedition with all the science, language and even a bit of humor provided in part by the guides. Montgomery has created a fun book for kids and adults alike! A great gift for high school graduates to inspire them to follow their dreams and passions. For kid's, this would make a great science report book!

More of a Documentary book than anything. We got it because the school required it and my daughter said that it was interesting. I read parts of it and found it as good as a National Geographics magazine.

Sy Montgomery, with a team, set out to photograph and continue their study of the elusive tree kangaroo. Although Sy discusses each member of the team, the book is filled with copious photos of the people, the cloud forest, and animals. Astonishingly clear pictures of the New Guinea flora show texture of every little frond on the many huge fern plants. The close up pictures of the tree kangaroo are clear, but not enough for this reader. The book is in picture book form and is classed as juvenile; however this reader feels all ages would enjoy seeing and reading about such an unusual animal. If you're looking for report information on the tree kangaroo, this title isn't enough. If you're looking for a good browsing title to enjoy, this is perfect. This book is part of the "Scientists In The Field" series.

This is a spectacular book. It is exciting and intriguing and the photography is awesome. I read this book while taking a Children's Literature class and instantly changed my mind about non-fiction literature. This book would definitely hold kid's attention. It is fantastic! I will definitely be purchasing more Scientists in the Field Series.

Montgomery, S. (2006). *Quest For The Tree Kangaroo*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. 75 pp. This book won the Orbis Pictus award in 2007. This book is about a trip that was made to New Guinea to find a tree kangaroo. The author describes this trip in a journal or diary format. She is narrating the experience of Lisa Dabek, who is the leader of the research team. The group begins their quest on with a shaky plane ride, and then a long hike up mountains and down slopes. The trip is described in such detail, and they finally made their destination which is called the "cloud forest". The pictures on each page are fascinating and each has a caption. I learned a lot about the small island of New Guinea and how they have changed from people that hunted Tree Kangaroos to one that is trying to save them. The author talked about how to survive in the forest. The research team found a male (Ombom), and then a male (Christopher) and female (Tess). They were able to track the couple. The last one they found was Joey (male). I think that this book presented accurate facts about the Tree Kangaroo. Fact and theory are balanced in this book and the life of the people in New Guinea is described. The qualifications of Montgomery (located on the flap of the cover) tell of

her other experiences with animals and that she has written other award winning children books. The story is told as a journal and a few times the book seems a little unclear or unorganized. The author has placed an index in the book although there is not a table of contents. Montgomery uses beautiful photos of her experience looking for the Tree Kangaroo. There is also a map to show the reader where the small island is located. I am Greg's wife Michele

very informative book, great condition, shipped fast! thanks would recommend this book AND seller! my daughter enjoyed it, and wants a tree kangaroo for herself! The Roger Williams zoo in this book was unavailable to speak to however!

"Quest for the Tree Kangaroo" by Sy Montgomery also wrote "Kakapo Rescue" and the book format is virtually the same. The book is about an expedition to the cloud forest of New Guinea to search for Tree Kangaroo's and attempt to learn about them and their ways. The book is written in a journal format and seems to be confusing, to me, at times. It is full of information that would be great for children and adults alike who would like to learn about Tree Kangaroo's and their habitat.

Using this as a listening comprehension book was great. The kids were excited and it then became a great writing prompt in which we made travel brochures.

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