



# A TREE FOR A YEAR

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The forest is a beautiful place, full of many different animals, tall trees, and a crystal-clear river. But when Man appears, he cuts down trees and scatters litter on the ground. Soon, the animals find their home threatened and decide they must come up with a plan to change Man's ways. How can the animals show Man the true beauty and importance of their home? To understand the forest, Man must become a part of it.

With Mother Nature's help, Man is transformed in ways he never thought possible. But will a change in Man's ways take root?



## About the Author

Born and raised in Chicago, IL, Ellen was fortunate to grow up near the woods of the Forest Preserves. Her time spent there, during all seasons, planted the passion Ellen has for nature. As a biologist and an environmental educator, Ellen is now sharing that passion and promoting practices of stewardship and sustainability.



## About the Illustrator

Emily grew up in western New York and has loved to draw and paint all her life. She studied illustration at Brigham Young University in Utah before moving back to the East Coast. She loves to read books for kids and grown-ups, sing, dance, and play video games. She currently lives in Boston, where she loves to hike in the woods with her husband and son. You can find more about Emily at her website, [emilypritchettart.com](http://emilypritchettart.com).

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