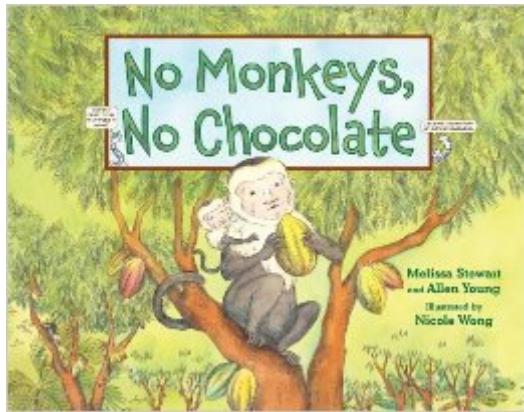


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# No Monkeys, No Chocolate



## Synopsis

Everyone loves chocolate, right? But how many people actually know where chocolate comes from? How it's made? Or that monkeys do their part to help this delicious sweet exist? This delectable dessert comes from cocoa beans, which grow on cocoa trees in tropical rain forests. But those trees couldn't survive without the help of a menagerie of rain forest critters: a pollen-sucking midge, an aphid-munching anole lizard, brain-eating coffin fly maggotsâ "they all pitch in to help the cocoa tree survive. A secondary layer of text delves deeper into statements such as "Cocoa flowers can't bloom without cocoa leaves . . . and maggots," explaining the interdependence of the plants and animals in the tropical rain forests. Two wise-cracking bookworms appear on every page, adding humor and further commentary, making this book accessible to readers of different ages and reading levels. Back matter includes information about cocoa farming and rain forest preservation, as well as an author's note.

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If you're like most people on earth, you are rather fond of chocolate. And if you're more like I am, you dream about it, crave and frankly, live for it. So why not learn all you can about magical cocoa beans that satisfy your taste buds like no other food can? For starters, cocoa pods are the fruits

that grow on cocoa trees, and throughout the pages of No Monkeys, No Chocolate, what these beans need to grow and thrive will unfold in a most fascinating fashion. The way the authors wrote this book is very clever. Many of the two-page spreads have headings summarizing what the beans can't live without. For example, Cocoa Beans Cannot Develop Without Coco Pods, Cocoa Pods Can't form Without Cocoa Flowers and...Midges and Cocoa Flowers Can't Bloom Without Cocoa Leaves...and Maggots. We learn intriguing facts about how the plants depend on the ecosystem of the rainforest - from the earth to the animals - to produce the coveted beans. There's even a page about how the trees are protected from damaging leaf-cutter ants, which are close to my heart, as these are incredibly powerful insects I talk about in every author visit I do myself. All the many facts in this story are fascinating, and will educate and entertain, not only children, but also teachers and parents. I read it twice to soak it all in, and I loved every minute of it. I also enjoyed the tiny Smart Aleck cartoon bookworms in the corners of the pages and their humorous, yet educational comments. I'm sure you will too. By now I'm also sure you're wondering about the wonderful title of this book and the role monkeys play in the survival of cocoa trees, but you didn't expect me to give that away, now did you? You'll have to read it yourself.

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