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The popular view of the tropical rainforest as a monolithic tangle of rain-soaked trees, vines, birds, monkeys and big cats is a widespread myth. "Tropical Rain Forests: An Ecological and Biogeographical Comparison" explodes that myth by showing that rain forests in different tropical regions are unique despite superficial similarities. Written by two leading figures in the field, this essential new volume: emphasizes the distinctive characteristics of rain forests in tropical Asia, tropical America, Africa, Madagascar, New Guinea, and Australia. It begins with an introduction to the climate, biogeographic history, and environment of tropical rain forests. It presents an extended cross-continental treatment of major animal and plant groups. It outlines a research program involving cross-continental comparisons. It considers the impact of people on tropical forests and discusses conservation strategies based upon the characteristics of particular regions rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. It includes natural history examples, figures, and a stunning collection of color photographs.

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