

The Tree Play

Synopsis

The Tree Play tells the story of a girl who grows up in the Amazon rainforest and befriends a tree.

When the girl is very young she goes into the woods with her father. He is a charcoal burner and cuts down trees to earn a living. He explains to his daughter the importance of maintaining the rainforest — both for the local people's livelihoods and to protect the forest and the abundant animal life within.

The little girl decides that one particular tree is "her" tree. The tree feels a special bond with the girl and the two forge a unique friendship.

The girl grows up and the tree observes her as she makes frequent visits to the forest.

When the girl is an adult she leaves the forest for a career as a conservationist.

She returns to the rainforest after many years away. She has become an environmental activist and tries to save the forest from industrial logging companies that wish to cut all the trees down.

The girl meets a logger who is about to cut down "her" tree. They argue about the forest and who is right, the loggers or the conservationists. There are no easy answers. He wants to cut down the girl's tree and she wants to save it. They struggle and, as they do, something magical happens.