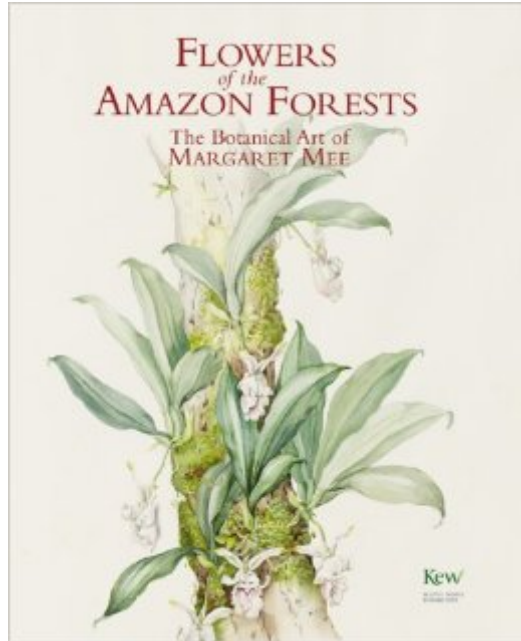


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# Flowers Of The Forest: The Botanical Art Of Margaret Mee



## Synopsis

Margaret Mee must rank as one of the most remarkable women of the twentieth century. She was an intrepid explorer of the Brazilian rainforest and an outstanding botanical artist, acclaimed by botanists and art critics worldwide. At the age of 47 Mee started exploring the , travelling throughout the wildest parts of ia for the next thirty years. Mee learned to live with the forest and its plants, animals and people and learnt much from the Native people about the trees and plants she so meticulously painted. Mee initially sketched the plants in the forest and then worked on the large illustrations of the entire plant in her studio in Rio de Janeiro. Nine of these plants recorded by Mee, previously unknown to science, are now named after her. *Flowers of the Forests: The Botanical Art of Margaret Mee* illustrates more than sixty of Mee's major works with additional sketches painted while in the forest. The text is taken directly from the diaries she kept whilst travelling, giving

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Margaret Mee was an amazing woman who explored the in Brazil, collected and sketched plants native to that region, and produced lovely botanical illustrations of these plants. She endured many hardships during her expeditions, but always persevered in her work. She was also a champion for conservation. This book contains excerpts from her diaries, photos from her travels and reproductions of her sketches and finished art. The reproductions of the artwork are the best of all of her books that I have seen. The colors are bright and fresh. In other reproductions the colors, especially greens are flattened and the plants look one dimensional. These have a full range of values and show off the work to its advantage. Definitely a five star book for me.

This is a nice book with many of Margaret Mee's paintings included in good color reproduction, but a very similar but more expansive book, entitled "Margaret Mee's : The Diaries of an Artist Explorer," published also by Kew Gardens, is a better buy.

It is unimaginable that Mee spend time in the jungle and creating the most spectacular renderings. She is a pioneer.

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