

## Book of the Month for November 2019

The book of the month for November is *The Secret Life of Trees: How They Live and Why They Matter*. It was written by Colin Trudge and published by Penguin Books in 2005.

Here on the Island, we have a special relationship with trees. We live amongst them, we walk through forests of them, and we marvel at their beauty and majesty. Just the sight and smell of the forest can relax and calm us. On the practical side, trees are used to build, heat and furnish our homes. And what would we do without printer paper, paper towels, cardboard boxes and, of course, Charmin?

Early man wouldn't have got far without his wooden club and spear. The first wheels were wooden, and have you ever tried rubbing two fish together to make fire? But over the centuries people have forgotten about trees in favour of coal, iron, and oil products, all of which have a much greater impact on the environment.

The author of this book shows us how trees have historically adapted to survive under extreme conditions and why we need to turn back the clock and learn to depend on them again.

The book is scientific and detailed, but if you love trees you will love this book.

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