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One redwood tree can live over 2,000 years!
They are the tallest living things on earth.

“Stunning . . . inventive . . . eye-opening . . .
[An] effective mix of fiction and non-fiction.”

—Kirkus Reviews

REDWOODS

By Jason Chin

**Let a subway ride take you from underground New York City
to the soaring redwood forest where giants live.**

When a boy riding the subway finds an abandoned book about redwood trees, strange things happen. He reads that their ancestors lived during the Jurassic period as dinosaurs appear at the window. Discovering that redwoods alive today first sprouted during the Roman Empire, he finds himself seated between two Roman citizens. And when, still reading, he emerges from the subway, he enters the very forest described in the book he holds in his hands . . .

THE AUTHOR/ARTIST SAYS:

“REDWOODS is a blend of non-fiction and fiction, with facts about redwoods delivered within a pictorial narrative that is pure fantasy. My publisher had a difficult time deciding whether to market it as fiction or non-fiction. If they had asked me I might have suggested memoir! In 2006, I sat down in a New York City subway train and read about the discovery of the world's tallest tree. I was enthralled by descriptions of researchers working in the redwood canopy hundreds of feet above the forest floor, and I was transported out of the loud, smelly, crowded subway car to the redwood forest thousands of miles away. . . .”

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The tallest tree in the world is a redwood, named *Hyperion* after the Greek God of Light. It is more than 379 feet tall!

Hyperion is more than six stories taller than the Statue of Liberty—and it's still growing.

These enormous trees start from tiny seeds no bigger than the seeds of tomatoes.

The oldest redwoods are estimated to be over 2,000 years old!

Redwoods grow in many places around the world, but the tallest trees are located in northern California.

Redwoods are so big and live for so long that they support a unique ecosystem in their canopy. Some animals live their whole lives in the redwood canopy and never set foot on the ground!

Redwoods are survivors. They collect moisture on their needles and make their own rain when needed! In a fire, their extremely thick bark shields them from heat like the heat-resistant tiles on a space shuttle.

Since logging began in the 1800s, over 95 percent of America's original redwood forest has been destroyed, and only 18% of the remaining forest is protected.

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