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Some trees have lived many lifetimes, standing as silent witnesses to history. Some are remarkable for their age and stature; others for their usefulness. A bristlecone pine tree in California has outlived man by almost 4,000 years; a baobab tree in Australia served as a prison for Aboriginal prisoners at the turn of the twentieth century; and a major oak in England was used as a hiding place for Robin Hood and his men (or so the story goes...).

The fourteen trees in this book have earned the title “Celebritrees” for their global fame and significance. Both in fact and in legend, these fascinating trees remind us not only how much pleasure trees bring, but what they can tell us about history.

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## **From Reader Review Celebritrees: Historic & Famous Trees of the World for online ebook**

### **Lisa Vegan says**

I love this book. My only quibble is that I'd have loved to have photographs of all the trees/living trees included. Otherwise, this is an excellent book about some special trees, trees famous enough, for various reasons, to have their own names.

Reading this made me want to visit all these trees, and further piqued my interest to travel to all the places where these trees live. Three of the fourteen are in my state of California, though not all are easy to find. At least one is hidden in sight within its own grove of trees, all the more reason to have included photos.

The illustrations are great, giving a feel for each tree and what it offers to other species and how it appears.

The text, including expanded text in the back of the book, for each tree, is told in a very interesting manner.

This is a wonderful book for those interested in trees, ecosystems, nature in general. It's really engaging and fascinating, for a wide age range and even interest range.

The back of the book, in addition to more about each tree, also has a section on what the reader can do to help trees, a bibliography, and a short list of web sites for further reading and study.

I think for families and schools, this is a book well worth owning.

4 1/2 stars

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### **Laura says**

A very cool collection of famous trees. Each two page spread describes the tree, its reasons for celebrity, and provides interesting facts. This would be a great book to use for note-taking practice in grades 3 - 5. Students could take notes on each short page to share as part of a jigsaw activity.

Recommended for grades 2 - 5. These are also perfect time fillers in the library -- I will read just a few sections as a book talk or to end class.

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### **Julie Esanu says**

If trees could talk, what stories would they tell? Driving to the Maryland seashore as a child, we always passed signs for the great Wye Oak in Talbot County, Maryland. I finally had a chance to see this huge white oak, Maryland's state tree, as a teen. It lived for more than 450 years before it was felled during a storm in 2002. If this tree could talk, it would tell the story of a birth of a nation. The Wye Oak was definitely a celebritree. Preus and Gibbon take the reader on a journey over time and across the globe to share fabulous stories of famous trees, often important and historical landmarks.

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**June says**

What a great book for Arbor Day! There are several trees that I had not heard of. My favorite is "The Tree That Owns Itself."

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**Natalie says**

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I found this while browsing the shelves at my branch. It seemed like an interesting read for the "S" of Library of Congress Classification. The book features short, informative passages about "famous" trees in the world. I have to admit that I had not heard about most of them.

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**Morgan Beaty says**

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This book is so awesome! It is all about some "famous" trees- the oldest, the tallest, or any additional fun facts of trees around the world and what makes them special. Definitely a good pick for an environmental enthusiast!

I can use this book in the classroom when teaching about the environment to show the importance of savoring trees.

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**Concetta Kellough says**

I loved this book. Margi Preus presents 14 trees located around the world that are famous for their age, size, use, etc. She gives extra details about the trees at the end of the book along with advice on how to take care of trees. A bibliography is included. Reading this book makes me want to plant more trees in my yard.

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**Colby Sharp says**

I found myself fascinated with each of the celebrietrees in this book. Still can't believe how old some of those trees are. Kids will love this nonfiction picture book.

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### **Kristen Dota says**

I absolutely loved this book! My back yard consists of many trees and after reading this book I just want to take a tour for myself and find out the history that lies behind every tree. The author did an excellent job in telling the history or the significance of each of the 14 trees. This is a very good book to read to children because it is important to notice the significant things that are around on everyday. I recommend this book to every classroom!

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### **Snail in Danger (Sid) Nicolaides says**

Maybe this is nitpicking, but I feel like the part after the title should have been "of America and the World." Half the trees here here are in US states. (More than that if you want to count the moon trees.) Also, I felt like some of the comparisons were out of place for the intended audience. (Like saying that the Little Dipper pointed south when one tree was planted.)

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### **Kathy says**

I loved reading about these amazing trees from all over the world, and finding out where they are, and why they are "Celebritrees!"

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### **Edward Sullivan says**

Finally, a title to booktalk on Arbor Day!

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### **Kimberly Harris says**

We loved this book! A very fun way to get a worldwide perspective of famous and unusual trees. We would read about a couple of them, and then look up pictures or videos of the trees online.

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### **Sandy says**

Interesting. My child got a bit bored with the topic, but she loved the illustrations and the inclusion of the Bodhi tree.

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### **Donalyn says**

One of the reasons I love to read is because I like learning random things that non-reading people don't

know.

Celebritrees is a fascinating book about fourteen remarkable trees. Formatted like biographies, each two page spread shares the history of each tree and provides statistics about its size, age, and interest to humans.

The back matter includes additional factual information about trees as well as a tips on tree care and conservation. The paper used for this book comes from sustainable and recycled sources.

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