

CENTRAL AMERICA GOOD READING

PANAMA

Panama. Shelby Hiatt. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. GR.4-6.



At fifteen, a girl moves from a small town in Ohio to Panama while her father takes part in building the Panama Canal. This trip comes just at the right time for her. She yearns to see more of the world than her small midwestern town has to offer. She wants to meet new people. Visit exciting places. Panama with its lush rainforests and myriad of people is the perfect place for her desires to be fulfilled.



COSTA RICA

The Forever Forest: Kids Save a Tropical Treasure. Kristin Joy Pratt-Serafini. Dawn, 2008. GR.4-6.



The 54,000-acre Children's Eternal Rainforest in Costa Rica began as an idea, a few kids, and a bake sale. Word spread and children from over 44 countries raised the funds to make it happen in 1987. Here is its story with a fresh twist, as young Peter discovers that his mother was one of those original kids. What a terrific way to learn both about cooperation and a magnificent habitat!



NICARAGUA

The Blue People. J.T. Rivera. Amazon Digital Services, 2012. GR.4-6.



"*The Blue People*" follows the adventures of Julia Rivera during her early childhood years in Nicaragua. A spirited and bright young girl, Julia faces challenges from her family as well as turbulent times in her country. In the midst of these difficulties, Julia develops a friendship with a pair of strange visitors whom she refers to as the "Blue People." These