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A ferocious jaguar, a sleepy-eyed sloth, a tiny tree frog -- the wild creatures of the tropical jungle are all here in superb close-up photos. Where do orangutans live? How are baby crocodiles born? Simple text and detailed illustrations will satisfy curious preschoolers who are busy learning about the world.

From School Library Journal PreSchool-Grade 2-- As visually appealing as the "Eyewitness" and "Eyewitness Jr." books (Knopf), but aimed at a younger audience, these titles each contain eight two-page spreads showing large, clear photographs strikingly accentuated against white backgrounds with a few smaller drawings that give other views or details of the object. Some of these pictures--the door handle of a convertible--are superficial, while others call attention to interesting aspects of the featured subject, such as the scales of a crocodile. Attractive covers, borders, and endpapers, along with thick sturdy pages, round out a winning visual package. The simple texts offer brief facts about each photograph; while most children will not understand "gas mileage," others will want more on the relative sizes of the dinosaurs. In most cases, though, there is just enough to satisfy readers or listeners while they pore over the exciting illustrations. Dynamic layouts and graphics ensure a wide and enthusiastic audience. --Steven Engelfried, Pleasanton Lib . , CA Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.