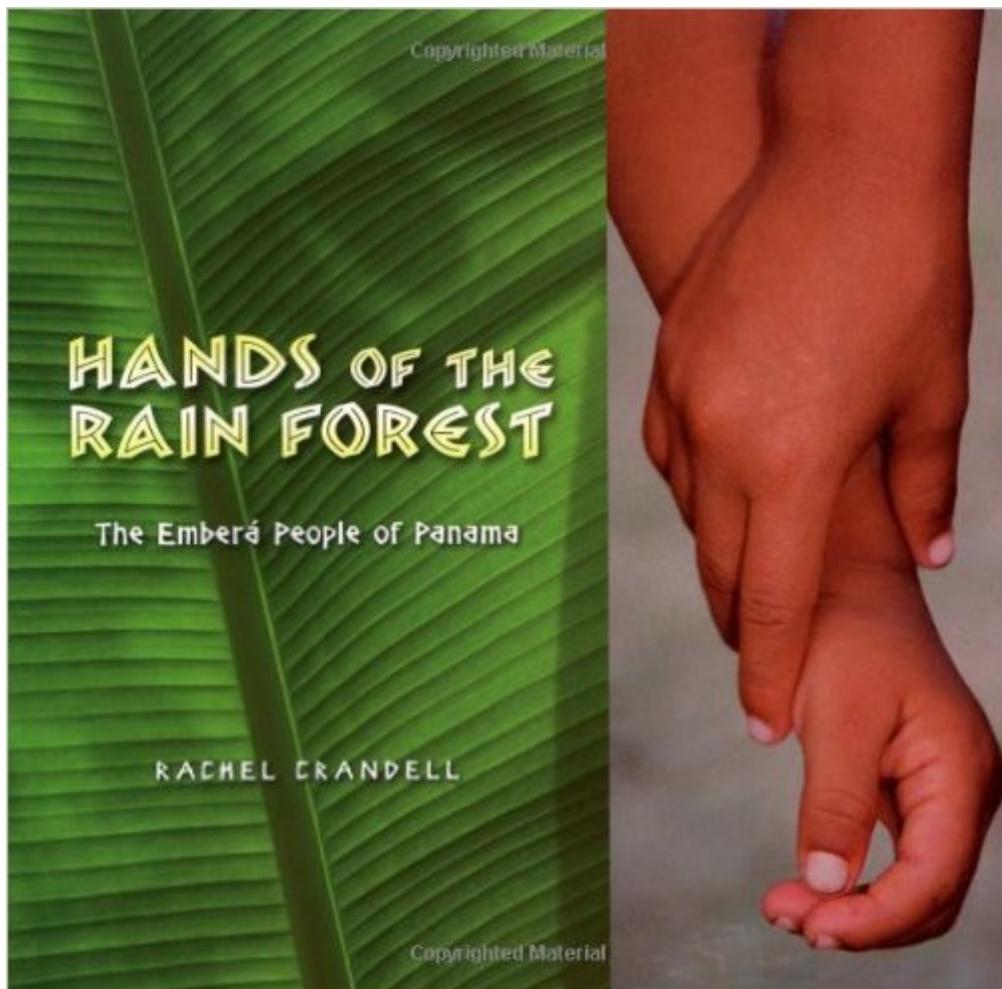


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# Hands Of The Rain Forest: The EmberÃi People Of Panama



## **Synopsis**

The EmberÃ¡ people of Panama use their hands to turn the gifts of the tropical rain forest into meals and essential daily supplies. EmberÃ¡ children quickly follow in the steps of their parents. They learn to fish for crabs and carve a canoe from wood. Nothing is wasted in the rain forestâ •leaves are used to make baskets, the juice of the jagua fruit is applied as a mosquito repellent, and the river provides fresh water for bathing. Through firsthand experience, children are introduced to the lifestyle and traditions of the EmberÃ¡ culture.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Lovely color photographs spotlight the artistic skills and lifestyle of the Embera People of Panama: children at school, wood carvers, basket weavers, and a man making a dugout canoe. Simple descriptive sentences identify the activities featured in the photographs. A map appears at the front of the book opposite an introductory paragraph that provides a brief background about this remarkable culture. A glossary with pronunciation guidance is included. This is a perfect multicultural book to share in an elementary school classroom. Disclosure: One of the women who are weaving is topless.

Having lived in Panama, I was looking for a book to share with my child. This is a wonderful book. Fantastic pictures, glossary, map, and descriptions give this book five stars. Great depiction of life as a Rain Forest inhabitant. Yes, there is one woman without a shirt on weaving. This is again indicative of the tribe. I had no problem allowing my child to look at the book. However, using it in the classroom, I would obtain the approval of your administrator. My son was able to learn about the native that made the baskets in his granny's house. For me it was a wonderful way to share part of my childhood overseas with my son. He was also amazed at what the children were expected to do in their daily life.

The EmberÁj, a group of indigenous people living in the southern part of Panama, have held onto long-standing traditions in using resources from the rain forest to meet most of their subsistence needs. Adults and children work to pound rice and make mosquito repellent out of jagua fruit; catch fish and prepare plantains (starchy bananas) for family meals; and weave palm leaves into beautiful strong baskets and sturdy rooftops. With her clear text and striking photographs, Rachel Crandell shares with the reader her first-hand account of an indigenous group whose way of life has largely withstood the forces of economic development.

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