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What a delightful little book! I can see myself reading and discussing with my grandchildren anytime. Not only is the book beautifully illustrated, the colourful images are drawn by a number of kids. They have been part of the book project. Gonsalves writing style is lively and conducive to reading out loud. So what is it about? Five year old Stan is taken on a visit to the Secret Forest by Fern. He loves walking in the forest with his father but on this day neither his father nor his mother can take him... Fern opens Stan's eyes to the life in the forest in ways he never knew.

Gloria Gonsalves is not a beginner in the genre of children's literature. She combines fun of exploration with learning about and appreciating the multiple benefits and uses of a wide variety of plants and Stan is eager to return to his friends in the forest after a time when he was ill at home and Fern and his friends call on help from plants from all over to try to help him... [\(less\)](#)