A traditional plant for the 21st century: Teaching children about one of Earth’s most versatile and sustainable plants, the coconut tree

Children’s book publisher, Hands-on-Prints, has just released a book that raises children’s awareness and appreciation for the coconut tree, one of Earth’s most cultivated and widely used plants. “Nuts for Coconuts” is a playful account of the coconut tree’s importance and role in a variety of cultures around the world.

Rhyming lines take readers of all ages on a fact-filled journey of discovery. Long-standing and pressing concerns for sustainability find answers in this long-cultivated plant, whose every part has been put to thorough use by human ingenuity and recognition of the plant’s remarkable versatility.

About the Authors:
Christinia Cheung directs a Montessori bilingual school educating children aged 3 months to 18 years, where she has seen first-hand a vital need for books that both treat subjects in greater depth and are also designed with the aim of leading children to become more reflective and more aware – of the world, of the past, and of others. Her collaboration with Han Tran originates in a belief in the power of storytelling as a way of engaging the mind while encouraging thoughtfulness and personal responsibility. Dr. Tran received a doctorate in Classics from UC Berkeley and is currently a lecturer at the University of Miami at Coral Gables. Her area of expertise is in classical and world myth, as well as ancient religions. She has also previously taught at The Ohio State University and the University of Oregon.

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