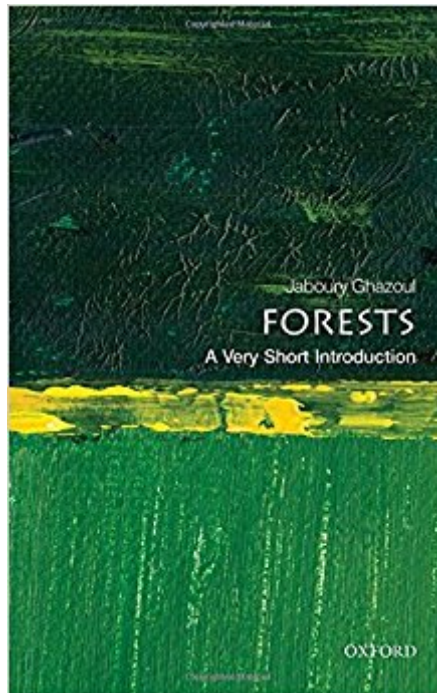




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The book is so useful to give a brief but concise introduction about forests.

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