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*A new and inspiring Scientist in the Field installment about breeding rare Sumatran rhinos in an American zoo.*

## **Emi and the Rhino Scientist**

By Mary Kay Carson

With photographs by Tom Uhlman

*Emi and the Rhino Scientist* (Houghton Mifflin; October 2007) is the powerful tale of one scientist's battle to save a species of rare Sumatran rhinos—one calf at a time. In order to realize this hope and preserve the future of one of the planet's most endangered animals, Dr. Terri Roth works with her team at the Cincinnati Zoo to help their own Sumatran, Emi, conceive and birth her first calf. Finally, after four years of disappointment, it looks as though Emi might finally become a mother . . . but will it happen for her?

Mary Kay Carson's fascinating and easy-to-follow tale of this special rhino's journey is a compelling and uplifting adventure not to be missed. Featuring beautiful full-color photographs by Tom Uhlman and detailed charts and graphs to help the reader follow the science of the story, *Emi and the Rhino Scientist* is both entertaining and educational. Children will love learning about this strange and rarely seen animal, and parents and teachers will applaud the conservation message that Mary Kay Carson so poignantly illustrates.

*Emi and the Rhino Scientist* is a testament to the dedication and passion of scientists like Dr. Terri Roth, whose tireless efforts on behalf of science change the face of the world we live in.

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Dear Reviewer, Editor, Producer,

We at Houghton Mifflin Children's Books are proud to present *Emi and the Rhino Scientist* (**October 2007**) by Mary Kay Carson, the latest addition to our acclaimed Scientist in the Field series. This moving tale about breeding rare Sumatran rhinos in an American zoo will educate and uplift readers of all ages.

Mary Kay Carson takes the reader on a mission with Dr. Terri Roth, the director of the Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife at the Cincinnati Zoo. Dr. Roth has been struggling valiantly for four years to help the zoo's prize Sumatran rhino, Emi, conceive and carry to term her first calf. After five miscarriages, it seems that both Dr. Roth and Emi are losing time to make this miracle happen, but then a flicker on a sonogram machine restores hope not just for Emi but also for the future of this precious endangered species.

*Emi and the Rhino Scientist* is a fascinating story of both scientific achievement and passionate dedication. Beautifully accented by Tom Uhlman's photographs, this detailed story of science and, ultimately, survival is sure to captivate.

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Please let us know if you are interested in speaking with Mary Kay about *Emi and the Rhino Scientist* or if you need any other information.

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