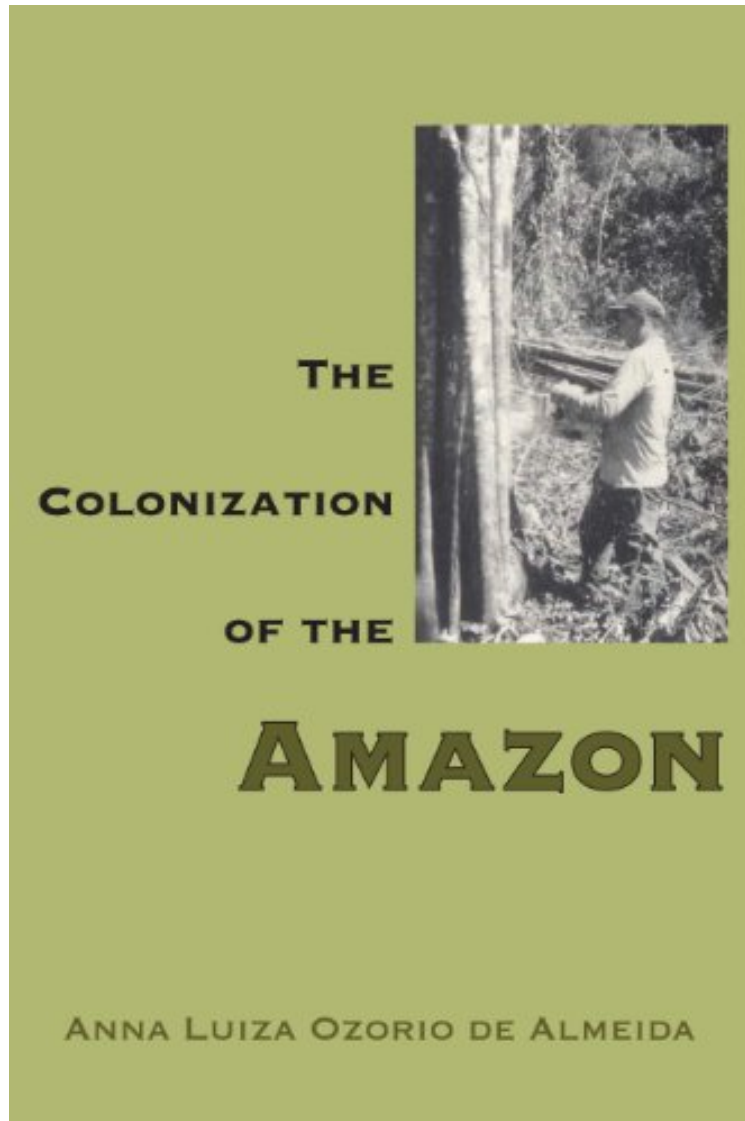


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considered closed, and that further exploitation will only be destructive. We now know that deforestation in the within the past decades has been the greatest globally in rates and magnitudes, and may be affecting weather patterns in the Americas and the world.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Do not pass by this one!By C. E. R. Mendoncedil;I worked as a research assistant under the late Anna Luiza in the early ninety-nineties, and one of my first chores was to revise the Portuguese original of this book, which is the by-product of a (very) throughly reasearch about the role of deforestating in the strategies of capital accumulation of small planters practcising slash-and-burn agriculture in the borders of the rainforest. Ozorio de Alamida's team simply took down note of _all_ yearly expenses and revenues of the small farmers included in the sample, in order to arrive at the conmlusion that, in the absence of a coherent public policy of funding, the only alternative for such small producers is to buy a forest plot and to deforestate it entirely _in order to resell it as pasture land_ and then to repeat this same move three to four times before eventually managing to settle down in a stable plot of their own. To all those who don't content themselves with sentimental generalizations, but want to have hard (and, I have to admit, dry)actual economic information about what is going on behind an ecological disaster. Due to the fact of Anna Luiza's untimely death in 1994, she is not here to discuss her work, and I wanted to advise all interested in the plights of the not to pass by this fine work.

Deforestation in the Amazon, one of today's top environmental concerns, began during a period of rapid colonization in the 1970s. Throughout that decade, Anna Luiza Ozorio de Almeida, a Stanford-trained economist, conducted a complex and massive economic study of what was going on in the Amazon, who was investing what, what was gained, and what it cost in all its aspects. The Colonization of the Amazon, the resulting work, brings together information on the physical, demographic, institutional, and economic dimensions of directed settlement in the Amazon Basin and raises significant questions about the gains and losses of the settlers, the reasons for these outcomes, and the economic rationale behind the devastation of the rainforest. Particularly illuminating is Almeida's exploration of the role of the frontier in Brazil and her distinction between types of migrants and migrations. She concludes that the political costs avoided by not undertaking agrarian reform are being paid by devastating the Amazon, with the conflict between distribution and conservation steadily worsening. Today, it can no longer be circumvented.

Language NotesText: English Original Language: PortugeseAbout the AuthorThe late Anna Luiza Ozorio de Almeida was a research economist at the Economics Ministry of Brazil's Applied Economic Research Institute and a professor on the faculty of economics and business administration at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.