

## Suggested Readings

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### Picture Books (Grades K and up)

Allsburg, Chris V. [Just a Dream](#). New York: Houghton Mifflin Publishing, 1990.

*This illustrative story introduces a boy who dreams of many environmental nightmares, the opposite of what he imagined the world to be.*

Anderson, Judith. [Nature's Miracles: Once There Was a Raindrop](#). New York: Barron's Educational Series, 2010.

*With colorful illustrations, the story explains the life of a raindrop from the perspective of two children and their dad.*

Asch, Frank. [Water](#). Florida: Voyager Books, 2000.

*With colorful paintings, the author depicts one of our important resources.*

Brown, Peter. [The Curious Garden](#). New York: Little, Brown Books, 2009.

*In this book, a young boy is on a journey for a greener world, working on one garden at a time.*

Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. [Let It Rain](#). New York: Cartwheel Books, 2013.

*This book celebrates spring and rain. With simple rhymes and illustrations, it brings excitement to children about rain because of the fun they can encounter.*

Cole, Henry. [On Meadowview Street](#). New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2007.

*In the story, Caroline lives on Meadowview Street. She takes action and decides to change the view of her street.*

Cole, Joanna. [The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge](#). New York: Scholastic Press, 2010.

*In this book, Ms. Frizzle takes her students around the world to study climate change, the greenhouse effect and to learn about alternative energy sources. They then return back to class to put these techniques into practice.*

Fine, Edith H. and Angela Halpin. [Water, Weed and Wait](#). USA: Tricycle Press, 2010.

*The story tells of Miss Marigold challenging her students to turn an unlikely patch of their schoolyard into a garden full of fruits.*

Formento, Ashley A. [This Tree Counts!](#) New York: Albert Whitman and Company, 2010.

*In this story, the readers will count the number of animals that rely on a tree in the backyard of Oak Lane School. It will also speak about the important aspects of trees.*

Lyon, George E. and Katherine Tillotson. [All the Water in the World](#). New York: Richard Jackson Books, 2011.

*Powerful verses and illustrations are used to describe water's cyclical nature. With rhymes and poetic lines, it will bring a sense of mystery to the reader.*

Middleton, Charlotte. Nibbles: A Green Tale. USA: Cavendish, Marshall Corporation, 2010.  
*This eco-fable tells a story of a guinea pig whose favorite food is dandelions. They are disappearing and it is up to the character to grow them himself.*

Peet, Bill. The Wump World. New York: Houghton Mifflin Publishing, 1981.  
*In the story, Wump World is invaded by aliens called Pollutians, who convert green meadows into a concrete jungle.*

Rammell, S. Kelly. City Beats: A Hip Hoppy Pigeon. California: Dawn Publications, 2006.  
*Take a glimpse from the perspective of a pigeon of their daily activities. The author depicts their nature of choosing to live with people and adaptation of urban life.*

Reid, Barbara. Picture a Tree. New York: Albert Whitman and Company, 2013.  
*The author, who is also the illustrator, beautifully displays the images of trees within the four seasons, from a tree with barren branches to one with colored leaves.*

Udry, Janice M. and Marc Simont. A Tree is Nice. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1987.  
*The beauty of trees is depicted throughout the story along with illustrative images by a young boy.*

Yolen, Jane. Letting Swift River Go. New York: Little, Brown Books, 1995.  
*This book tells of Sally Jane experiencing the drowning of the Swift River to form the Quabbin Reservoir in Massachusetts.*

## Young Readers (Grades 4 and up)

### Non Fiction

Burns, Loree G. Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion. New York: Houghton Mifflin Publishing, 2010.  
*In this picture book, Oceanographer Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer tracks trash with science, and other scientists and friends are using his data to protect and understand the ocean.*

Reynolds, Jan. Down Under. New York: Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2007.  
*This photographic book views the vanishing culture of the Tiwi Tribe, aborigines who live on a small island off the coast of Australia along with their relationships of their environment.*

Winckler, Suzanne. Population Growth. USA: Lerner Publishing Group, 1991.  
*This book will help students understand how soil is formed, how it has become endangered and how this important natural resource can be protected.*

### Fiction

Adler, David A. Cam Jansen: The Green School Mystery. Turtleback Books, 2009.  
*Cam Jansen's school is going green. They will earn money for recycling cans and bottles. This eco-friendly mystery will keep the readers wondering how much money the school earned and where the money went.*

Babbitt, Natalie. The Search for Delicious. New York: Square Fish, 2007.

*In this story, Gayle, the king's messenger, is traveling from town to town on his horse to find a way to save the kingdom from havoc. His quest leads him to a 900-year-old creature that lives alone in a forest.*

Cherry, Lynne. A River Ran Wild. Florida: Voyager Books, 2002.

*This is a story of restoration and renewal. Nashua Indians and European settlers fight pollution and bring back the beauty of the Nashua River.*

Dr. Seuss. The Lorax. New York: Random House Books, 1971.

*This book brings a message for everyone, depicting an ecological warning due to pollution and disregard for the earth's environment.*

## Young Adult Readers (Generally Grades 5-8)

### Non Fiction

Carson, Rachel. Silent Spring. New York: Houghton Mifflin Publishing, 2002.

*This book talks about the effects of insecticides and pesticides on songbird populations throughout the United States, whose declining numbers yielded the silence to which her title indicates.*

Leopold, Aldo. A Sand County Almanac. New York: The Oxford University Press, 1953.

*This book is widely cited as one of the most influential nature books ever published. There are mixes of essays, polemics and memoirs within these pages.*

### Fiction

Bradman, Tony. Under the Weather: Stories about Climate Change. Frances Lincoln Children's Book, 2012.

*In this collection of stories, the author emphasizes the impact global warming is having on different parts of the world.*

Hiaasen, Carl. Flush. New York: Yearling, 2010.

*In this book, Abbey and her older brother must gather evidence that the owner of a floating casino is affecting the protected waters around Florida in a negative way.*

## Adult Books

### Non Fiction

Gore, Al. An Inconvenient Truth. New York: Penguin Group Inc., 2007.

*Former Vice President Al Gore's bestselling book is a daring one, exposing a shocking reality of how humans aided in the destruction of our planet. He expresses the need for humans to take action in order to see a better future ahead.*

Maathai, Wangari. Unbowed. New York: Random House Inc., 2007.

*A memoir filled with spirit and charisma, Wangari Maathai recounts her extraordinary life as a political activist, feminist and environmentalist in Kenya.*

Steinberg, Ted. Down to Earth: Nature's Role in American History. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

*Environmental historian Ted Steinberg offers a sweeping history of the United States. It places the environment at the very center of the narrative, focusing on plants, animals and climate.*