

Books to Read & Use to Save the Planet: Environmental Topics for Young Readers

Picture Books

Child, Lauren. ***What Planet Are You From Clarice Bean?*** When Clarice has to do a school project on the environment, she and her family become eco-warriors in an attempt to save a tree on their street. (Ju E Chi)

Joslin, Mary; illustrated by Meilo So. ***The Tale of the Heaven Tree.*** After humans almost totally destroy all the beautiful gardens of the world, a young girl plants a seed that grows into a tree so tall that it reaches to the Great Maker's garden paradise. (Ju E Jos)

McCully, Emily Arnold. ***Squirrel and John Muir.*** In the early 1900s, a wild little girl nicknamed Squirrel meets John Muir, later to become a famous naturalist, when he arrives at her parents' hotel in Yosemite Valley seeking work and knowledge about the natural world. (Ju E McC)

Madden, Don. ***The Wartville Wizard.*** An old man fights a town of litterbugs by magically sending each piece of trash back to the person who dropped it. (Ju E Mad)

Van Allsburg, Chris. ***Just a Dream.*** When he has a dream about a future Earth devastated by pollution, Walter begins to understand the importance of taking care of the environment. (Ju E Van) correspondence

Fiction

Gutman, Dan. ***Mr. Granite is from Another Planet!*** New third grade teacher Mr. Granite has so many strange ideas about how to make Ella Mentary School environmentally friendly that the students are sure he must be an alien. (Ju F Gut)

McDonald, Megan. ***Julie and the Eagles.*** Julie and her best friend, Ivy, find a baby owl in Golden Gate Park--and it needs help. At a wildlife rescue center, Julie meets Shasta and Sierra, two bald eagles that will be caged for life, unless money is raised to release them back into the wild. For Earth Day, Julie thinks of a unique way to tell the public of the eagles' plight. The "Looking Back" section explores the beginning of the environmental movement. American Girls series. (Ju F Mac)

McDonald, Megan. ***Judy Moody Saves the World!*** When Judy Moody gets serious about protecting the environment, her little brother Stink thinks she

is overdoing it, but she manages to inspire her third grade class to undertake an award-winning, environment-saving project. (Ju F McD)

McKinley, Robin. ***Dragonhaven***. When Jake Mendoza, who lives in the Smokehill National Park where his father runs the Makepeace Institute of Integrated Dragon Studies, goes on his first solo overnight in the park, he finds an infant dragon whose mother has been killed by a poacher. (Ju F McK)

Thomas, Rob. ***Green Thumb***. While spending the summer in the Amazon rain forest of Brazil doing botanical research, thirteen-year-old Grady discovers a secret language used by the trees to communicate with each other and falls afoul of the dictatorial Dr. Carter, whose motives seem questionable. (Ju F Tho)

Non-Fiction

Amsel, Sheri. ***The Everything Kids' Environment Book: Learn how you can help save the environment -- by getting involved at school, at home, or at play***. With this **book**, kids and parents will find out what they can do every day to help protect the planet. (Ju 363.738 Ams)

Cherry, Lynne and Gary Braasch. ***How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate: Scientists and kids explore global warming***. This volume describes where scientists look to find evidence of climate change--from changes in bird migration patterns and fruit blossom dates, to obtaining tree rings and mud cores--and especially how students and other citizen-scientists are assisting to monitor climate change, as well as what can be done to mitigate global warming. (Ju 363.7392 Che)

David, Lauie and Cambria Gordon. ***The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming***. Discusses why global warming happens, the ways in which it impacts our planet, and how we can work together to stop it. (Ju 363.738 Dav)

The Earth Works Group. ***50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth***. Explains how specific things in a child's environment are connected to the rest of the world, how using them affects the planet, and how the individual can develop habits and projects that are environmentally sound. (Ju 363.7 Fif)

Gore, Al. ***An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of global warming***. This young readers' version of the recent documentary film's companion adult volume cuts the page count by about a third but preserves the original's cogent message and many of its striking visuals. (Ju 363.738 Gor)

Morris, Neil. **Global Warming.** Changing climate -- Icy meltdown -- Rising seas -- Human health -- Endangering species -- Weather warnings -- Fuel for transportation -- What can we do? (Ju 363.738 MOR)

Oxlade, Chris. **Global Warming.** About global warming -- The atmosphere and the weather -- The greenhouse effect -- Greenhouse gases -- Upsetting the balance -- Gathering evidence -- Changing climates -- More causes of climate change -- Modeling the future -- Effects of global warming -- Problems for us -- Stopping global warming -- Waking up to global warming. (Ju 363.738 Oxl)

Rockwell, Anne; illustrated by Paul Meisel. **Why Are the Ice Caps Melting? The Dangers of global warming.** Tells about the greenhouse effect, recycling, and what you can do to help fight global warming. (Ju 363.738 Roc)

Thornhill, Jan. **This Is My Planet: The Kids' guide to global warming.** From the effects of climate change on animals, plants, sea levels, and humans to the many ways in which it may still be possible to reverse this deadly spiral, this work highlights the interconnectedness of all living beings in bite-sized bits. (Ju 363.738 Tho)

Webb, Sohpie. **My Season With Penguins: An Antarctic journal.** What is it like to live in a tiny Polar Haven for two months? To look into the odd, expressive eyes of an Adelie chick? To be flipper-slapped by a bird whose wings are powerful enough to propel it swiftly through frigid waters? Sophie Webb knows, and she gives readers a frank firsthand account of what it is like to spend a season in a land not yet affected by humans, yet populated for centuries by true dwellers of the Antarctic - the fearless, round-bellied, pink-footed, waddling, diving, utterly adept Adelie penguins.

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