

Teen Book List - Environmental Topics Fiction & Non-Fiction Books & Videos

FICTION

Abrahams, Peter. ***Into the Dark: An Echo Falls mystery.*** Thirteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes aficionado Ingrid Levin-Hill tries to clear her grandfather's name when he is accused of murdering an environmental activist found dead on his farm. (YA F Abr)

Bloor, Edward. ***Tangerine.*** After moving to a housing development in Florida citrus farmland, twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight. (YA F Blo)

Cooper, Susan. ***Green Boy.*** Twelve-year-old Trey and his seven-year-old brother Lou, who does not speak, cross the barrier between two worlds, that of their island in the Bahamas, and a land called Pangaia, and play a mysterious role in restoring the natural environment in both places. (Ju F Co)

Gauthier, Gail. ***Saving the Planet & Stuff.*** After losing his summer job with his uncle, sixteen-year-old Michael agrees to go to work for an environmentalist magazine in Vermont run by friends of his grandparents. (YA F Gau)

George, Jean Craighead. ***Charlie's Raven.*** Charlie Carlisle's grandfather is ill. Charlie's friend, Singing Bird, a Teton Sioux, tells him that ravens have curing powers, so Charlie steals a baby bird from its nest. Granddad, a retired naturalist, encourages Charlie to record his observations of the bird and study the effect it has on humans. (YA F Geo)

Gilman, David. ***The Devil's Breath.*** When fifteen-year-old Max Gordon's environmentalist-adventurer father goes missing while working in Namibia and Max becomes the target of a would-be assassin at his school in England, he decides he must follow his father to Africa and find him before they both are killed. (YA F Gil)

Gratz, Alan. ***Something Rotten: A Horatio Wilkes mystery.*** In a contemporary story based on Shakespeare's play, Hamlet, Horatio Wilkes seeks to solve the murder of his friend Hamilton Prince's father in Denmark, Tennessee. Something is rotten in Denmark, Tennessee, and it is not just the polluted Copenhagen River. (YA F Gra)

Hautman, Pete and Mary Logue. ***Skullduggery.*** During a field trip in the local woods, Roni and Brian find the local archaeology professor, Andrew Dart, knocked unconscious in a cave, which leads them to investigate a land development scheme. (YA F HAU)

Hiaasen, Carl. ***Hoot.*** Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. (YA F Hia)

Hiaasen, Carl. ***Flush.*** With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home. (Ju F Hia)

Hughes, Monica. ***The Crystal Drop.*** In the summer of 2011, the death of their mother sends Megan and her younger brother Ian on a dangerous journey across a Canada ravaged by drought and the collapse of civilization. (Ju F Hug)

Klass, David. ***California Blue.*** When seventeen-year-old John Rodgers discovers a new sub-species of butterfly which may necessitate closing the mill where his dying father works, they find themselves on opposite sides of the environmental conflict. (Ju F Kla)

Matson, Suzanne. ***The Tree-Sitter: A Novel.*** Julie Prince is a college student at the top of her class and seems destined for conventional success. But then she falls in love with Neil, a radical environmental activist and graduate student writing on the economics of deforestation. At his urging she abandons her privileged East Coast life to tree-sit in the forests of Oregon. Julie at first regards the journey as a romantic field trip; soon, though, she finds herself increasingly moved by the endangered forest and, like Neil, invested in its protection. As Neil veers toward militant acts of sabotage, Julie is forced to reassess her loyalties and beliefs. (YA F Mat)

Nelson, Blake. ***They Came from Below***. While vacationing on Cape Cod, best friends Emily, age sixteen, and Reese, seventeen, meet Steve and Dave, who seem too good to be true, and whose presence turns out to be related to a dire threat of global pollution. (YA F NEL)

O'Brien, Robert C. ***Z for Zachariah***. Seemingly the only person left alive after the holocaust of a war, a young girl is relieved to see a man arrive into her valley until she realizes that he is a tyrant and she must somehow escape. (YA PB Obr)

Oppell, Kenneth. ***Dead Water Zone***. Muscular sixteen-year-old Paul tries to find his genetically stunted younger brother Sam in the polluted ruins of Watertown, where Sam is trying to cure himself with toxic "dead water" that alters the metabolism of those who drink it. (Ju F Opp)

Petrucha, Stefan. ***Teen, Inc.*** Fourteen-year-old Jaiden has been raised by NECorp since his parents were killed when he was a baby, so when he discovers that the corporation has been lying about producing illegal levels of mercury emissions, he and his two friends decide to try to do something about it. (YA F Pet)

Pfeffer, Susan. ***The Dead Among the Gone***. After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City. (YA F Pfe)

Pfeffer, Susan. ***Life As We Knew It***. Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. (YA F Pfe).

Stevermer, Caroline. ***River Rats***. Nearly twenty years after the holocaust called the Flash has destroyed modern civilization, Tomcat and a group of other orphans face danger as they steer an old steamboat over the toxic waters of the Mississippi River. (YA F Ste)

Sweeney, Joyce. ***The Spirit Window***. A trip to Florida that is meant to heal the rift between her father and her grandmother forces both fifteen-year-old Miranda and her father to face feelings they have long suppressed; after her Grandmother dies the rift widens when her father wishes to develop the large tract of undeveloped marshland owned by her grandmother. (YA PB Swe)

Taylor, Theodore. ***The Weirdo***. Seventeen-year-old Chip Clewt fights to save the black bears in the Powhatan National Wildlife Refuge, and gets caught in the center of a heated controversy between local hunters and environmentalists. (YA F Tay)

Winton, Tim. ***Blueback***. A boy named Abel grows up loving the sea and develops an enduring relationship with a large grouper that inspires him to become a marine biologist, and to save his coastal paradise from land-hungry developers, greedy fishermen, and pollution.

NON-FICTION

Hawken, Paul. ***Blessed Unrest: How the largest movement in the world came into being, and why no one saw it coming***. (Non-F 333.72 Haw)

Siverts, Linda. ***Generation Green: The Ultimate guide to living an eco-friendly life.*** You are generation green! -- Green machine -- Eating green -- Green begins at home -- Guilt-free shopping -- Hanging out green -- Green wheels -- Greener schools and careers -- Step up and speak out -- A day in a green life. (YA 333.72 Siv)

Bang, Molly. ***Nobody Particular: One Woman's Fight to Save the Bay***. Describes a female shrimper's attempt to stop a large chemical company from polluting a bay in East Texas. (Ju 363.7384 Ban)

Gore, Al. ***An Inconvenient Truth***. 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. (YA 363.738)

Steffen, Alex; and Stephan Sagmeister. ***Worldchanging: A User's guide for the 21st century***.

(YA 333.7 Sag)

Taylor, Barbara. **How to Save the Planet.** Discusses such environmental concerns as depletion of the ozone layer, global warming, air and water pollution, recycling, wildlife conservation, and more. (Ju 363.7 Tay)

Opposing viewpoints series:

Endangered Oceans. William Dudley, book editor. (Ju 577.7 End)

Food Safety. Stuart A. Kallen, book editor. (YA 363.19 Foo)

Foreign Oil Dependence / James Haley, book editor. (YA 333.8 For)

Global Warming / Cynthia A. Bily, book editor. YA 363.738 Glo)

What Energy Sources Should be Pursued? YA 333.79 Wha

Video Series: The Earth at risk. Four videos focus on various aspects of environmental pollution. "Based on Chelsea House Publishers highly acclaimed series of books, these programs make science enjoyable by showing actual environmental projects, vivid nature footage, plus interviews with leading experts in each field."

Global Warming [videorecording] (Ju Video 363.73 Glo)

Nuclear Energy/Nuclear Waste [videorecording] (Ju Video 363.73 Nuc)

The Ozone Layer. [videorecording]. (Ju Video 363.73 Ozo)

The Rainforest. [videorecording]. (Ju Video 363.73 Rai)

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