

Round and Round the Garden: Connecting Young Children to Nature and the World Around Them

Board Books

Adair, Jason. **Ojibway Animals/We All Count**

Beautiful board books illustrating animals important to the Ojibway with brief descriptions in English.

Elmquist, Laurie. **Forest Baby**

The soft sound of footsteps on the trail and the rocking of mother and baby moving through the forest.

Flett, Julie. **We All Count: A Book of Cree Numbers**

Whether in the country or the city, creature or insect, plant or animal, a part of a big family or a small family, we all live together and we all take care of one another. We all count.

Pasricha, Neil. **Awesome is Everywhere**

Fly through wispy clouds, dive deep into the sparkling ocean, feel wet grains of sand on a hot and sunny beach... you'll learn that awesome truly is everywhere.

Smith, Monique Gray. **My Heart Fills With Happiness**

With illustrations from celebrated artist Julie Flett, a reminder for little ones and adults alike to reflect on and cherish the moments in life that bring us joy.

Connecting to Each Other and the World Around Us

Asch, Frank. **The Earth and I**

A story about a friendship that one child has with the earth.

Fox, Mem. **Whoever You Are**

Urges us to accept our differences, to recognize our similarities, and-most importantly-to rejoice in both.

Gillingham, Sara. **How to Grow a Friend**

A lovely metaphor teaches valuable lessons in how to treat others and make friendships blossom.

Joose, Barbara. **Mama, Do You Love Me?/Papa, Do You Love Me?**

A child living in the Arctic and in Africa learn about unconditional love.

McCloud, Carol. **Will You Fill My Bucket?**

Daily acts of love around the world.

Miller, Pat. **Be Kind**

What does it mean to be kind?

Rylant, Cynthia. **Life**

Life is beautiful, ever changing, but always worth waking up in the morning to see what might happen

Sayre, April Pulley. **Thank You, Earth**

From life cycles to weather, colors, shapes, and patterns, a terrific book for bedtime sharing.

A World of Kindness from the Editors & Illustrators of Pajama Press

Nine celebrated children's picture book illustrators unite to illustrate an empowering text that celebrates, in a series of questions, the ways young children can show kindness.

The Natural World

Fernandes, Eugenie. **Kitten's Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter**

Rhyming couplets capture Kitten's sounds and actions throughout the seasons. Fun interactive read-alouds.

Fleming, Denise. **In the Small, Small Pond**

Illustrations and rhyming text describe animals living in and near a small pond.

Hall, Kirsten. **The Honeybee**

Illustrations and rhyming text follow endangered honeybees through the year as they forage for pollen and nectar, communicate with others at their hive, and make honey.

Henkes, Kevin. **In the Middle of Fall**

In the middle of fall, it takes only one gust of wind to turn the whole world yellow and red and orange.

Isadora, Rachel. **There Was a Tree**

'The prettiest tree that you ever did see' come to life in an African setting.

Lionni, Leo. **A Colour of His Own**

The charming story of a chameleon searching for his own color, who ends up finding a true friend.

Lyon, George Ella. **All the Water in the World**

A lively and inspiring poem weaves together facts about water and the need for water conservation.

Matheson, Christie. **Tap the Magic Tree**

Invites the reader to tap, rub, touch, and wiggle illustrations to make an apple tree bloom, produce fruit, and lose its leaves.

McCanna, Tim. **Watersong**

A fox's journey to take shelter from a rainstorm, told entirely in onomatopoeia.

Raffi. **Baby Beluga**

Illustrated text of the song about the little white whale who swims wild and free.

Reid, Barbara. **Picture a Tree**

Picture a tree, from every season, and from every angle. Its majestic presence evokes family, growth, changes, endings and new beginnings.

Russell, Bill. **Spider on the Floor**

Arachnophobes, beware: there's a spider on the floor. A silly song sure to delight and entertain.

Salas, Laura Purdie. **Water Can Be**

Explores the many things water can be, simply and poetically. Water information is included at the end.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **Green**

An intricate and satisfying homage to green.

Snow, Virginia Brimhall. **Winter Walk/Spring Walk/Fall Walk**

Grammy takes her grandchildren through all the seasons, identifying flowers, leaves and animals.

Zimmerman, Werner. **At the Pond**

In this counting book there is a pond in which there are goldfish, but also the flora and fauna of this tiny ecosystem.

Indigenous Teachings

Gear, Alison. **Taan's Moons: A Haida Moon Story**

Follows Taan as she experiences the wonder of the unfolding seasons.

McLeod, Elaine. **Lessons from Mother Earth**

While visiting her grandmother, Tessa learns about nature in her grandmother's garden.

Yahgulanaas, Michael Nicoll. **The Little Hummingbird**

Based on a South American indigenous story about a courageous hummingbird who defies fear and expectations in her attempt to save the forest from fire.

*See also board books by Jason Adair and Monique Smith

Night Explorations

Gay, Marie-Louise. **Stella, Princess of the Sky**

Stella and her brother, Sam, camp out at night and encounter raccoons, fireflies, tree frogs and bats.

Griffith, Helen. **Moonlight**

After Rabbit goes into his burrow to sleep, the moon comes out, covering the countryside like butter and awakening Rabbit to come out and dance.

Hillenbrand, Will. **First Star: A Bear and Mole Story**

While camping, Bear tells Mole the story of how the First Bears created the moon and the stars.

Long, Sylvia. **Hush Little Baby**

A variation on the old lullaby, a baby rabbit is promised an assortment of presents from its adoring parent.

Yolen, Jane. **Owl Moon**

On a winter's night under a full moon, father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

Urban Environments

Graham, Bob. **How to Heal a Broken Wing**

When Will finds a bird with a broken wing, he takes it home and cares for it, hoping in time it will fly.

Kuefler, Joseph. **The Digger and the Flower**

Digger discovers something growing in the rubble, which will change him, and the city, forever.

Lappano, Jon-Erik. **Tokyo Digs a Garden**

When an old woman offers Tokyo seeds, he and his grandfather are astonished when the seeds grow into a forest so lush that it takes over the entire city overnight.

Lawson, Jon Arno. **Sidewalk Flowers**

A little girl collects wildflowers while walking through town with her father.

Kochanoff, Peggy. **Be a City Nature Detective**

Takes readers through city streets to learn about the plants and animals with which city dwellers coexist.

Mackay, Elly. **Butterfly Park**

A young girl and her neighbours plant flowers to attract butterflies.

Informational Books

Alinsky, Shelby. **Flutter, Butterfly!**

Fun, informative facts about the butterfly at a pre reader level.

Evans, Shira. **Bugs!**

Information about and images of bugs, for beginner readers.

Flatt, Lizann. **Sizing Up Winter**

Readers will discover that numbers, patterns, shapes -- and much more! -- can be found in everyday plants and animals.

Gray, Rita. **Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?**

We hear all the different bird calls in counterpoint to the pervasive quiet of a mama bird waiting for her eggs to hatch.

Jenkins, Martin. **Bird Builds A Nest**

This engaging and simple story is the perfect introduction to physical forces for very young readers.

White, Dianne. **Who Eats Orange?**

Young animal enthusiasts will explore the colorful diets of many animals, from the familiar to the exotic.

Musical Resources

Music for Little People. Peace: Is the World Smiling?

The Paddling Puppeteers. Song Gardens

Pirtle, Sarah. Pocketful of Wonder

Raffi. Songs of Our World

Reid-Naiman, Kathy. Welcome Summer/When It's Autumn/Sing the Cold Winter Away

Splash'n Boots. Razoo

Wright, Hal. Nature Sounds

Online Resources

Canadian Children's Book Centre

<http://bookcentre.ca/resources/themed-book-lists/environmental-books>

Storytime Standouts

<http://www.storytimestandouts.com/environment-picture-books-children/>

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