

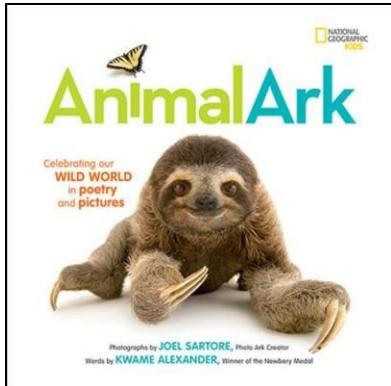
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## CHILDREN'S BOOKSLIST

### Every Day is Earth Day!

Books for Grades K – 3

Earth is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! Check out these titles to explore the wonders of the natural world and learn what you can do to help protect our planet.



### Animal Ark: Celebrating Our Wild World in Poetry and Pictures

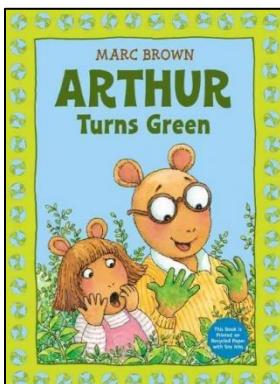
by Kwame Alexander; photographs by Joel Sartore

Nonfiction Picture Book (2017)  
J590 Alexander

A howling wolf, a stalking tiger, a playful panda, a dancing bird – pairing the stunning photography of National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore with the delicate

poetry of Kwame Alexander, this lush picture book celebrates the beauty, diversity, and fragility of the animal world. Featuring more than 40 unique animal portraits, the pages invite kids to explore each creature's markings, textures, and attributes in stunning detail, while calling on all of us to help protect each and every one.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**



### Arthur Turns Green

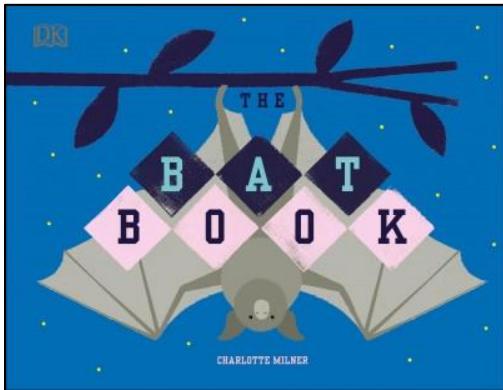
by Marc Brown

Picture Book (2011)  
P Brown

Arthur comes home from school and begins sneaking around the house, taking notes and talking about a Big Green Machine. D.W. is suspicious of her brother's weird behavior, but when Arthur shows up late for dinner with green hands, she *really* gets the creeps! But it turns out Arthur is making a poster listing all the ways to save energy at home – and go green!

**Suggested for ages 5-8**





## The Bat Book

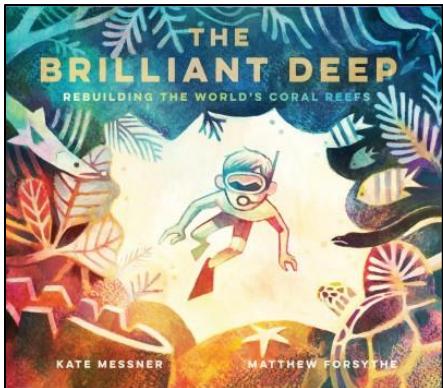
by Charlotte Milner

Nonfiction Picture Book (2020)  
J599.4 Milner

Discover the secret world of bats! Every evening at nightfall, bats take to the sky, swooping and swerving in the dark. Like tiny superheroes, these busy animals often go completely unnoticed. But

even when we don't know that they are around, bats play an important role in keeping the natural world healthy. Find out why these mammals are essential to the world we live in, and learn just how much they matter, why they are under threat, and what we can do to help.

**Suggested for ages 6-10**



## The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs: The Story of Ken Nedimyer and the Coral Restoration Foundation

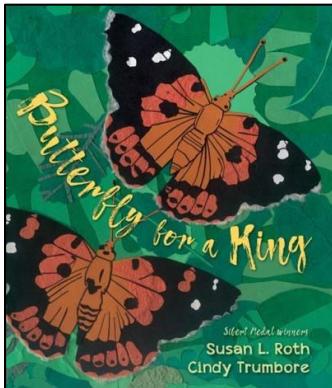
by Kate Messner; illustrated by Matthew Forsythe

Nonfiction Picture Book (2018)  
J577.7 Messner

All it takes is one: one coral gamete to start a colony in the ocean, one person to make a difference in the world, one idea to help us heal the earth. The ongoing conservation efforts to save and rebuild the world's coral reefs – with hammer and glue, and grafts of newly grown coral – are the living legacy of environmental scientist Ken Nedimyer, founder of the Coral Restoration Foundation.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**





## Butterfly for a King: Saving Hawai'i's Kamehameha Butterflies

by Susan L. Roth & Cindy Trumbore

Nonfiction Picture Book (2021)  
J595.789 Roth

The fascinating true story of a beautiful native Hawaiian butterfly, a great Hawaiian warrior king, and current-day efforts to restore the butterfly's declining population. The beautiful

Kamehameha butterfly lives in Hawaii and nowhere else on Earth. When it became the state insect in 2009, people noticed that the butterflies were disappearing. A team of dedicated professional and citizen scientists began working together to restore the butterfly's natural habitat and reintroduce butterflies in places where they were once found.

**Suggested for ages 6-10**



## Caring for Earth

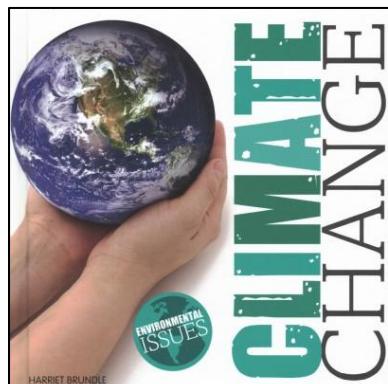
by Steffi Cavell-Clarke

Nonfiction Book (2018)  
J333.72 Cavell-Clarke

All people are part of a global community that has a responsibility to care for planet Earth. This book introduces environmental stewardship to young readers. Relatable examples show readers how to care for the environment in

their own communities, and how even small changes can help address issues in the global community.

**Suggested for ages 6-10**



## Climate Change

by Harriet Brundle

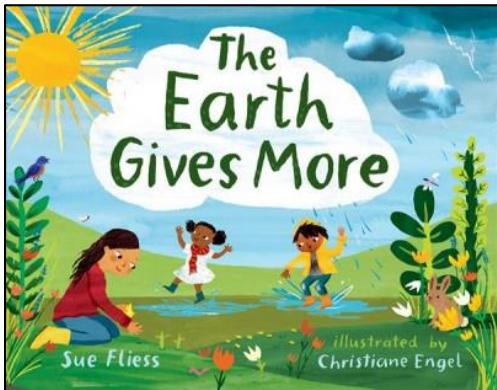
Nonfiction Book (2020)  
J363.7 Brundle

Some people are skeptical about climate change. According to many scientists, this threat to the environment is real. Readers explore the ways in which humans contribute to the problem of climate change, and

they also learn how humans can work to stop this environmental crisis.

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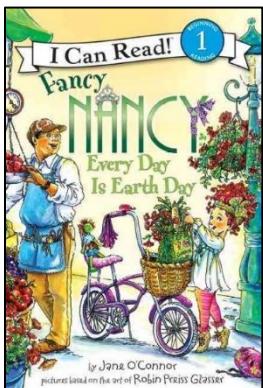
## The Earth Gives More

by Sue Fliess; illustrated by Christiane Engel

Picture Book (2019)  
P Fliess

From leaves falling and becoming fertilizer to raindrops bringing plants to life in the spring, the cycle of every season has something to enjoy. While delighting in all nature offers, we need to remember to respect and treasure the world around us. This sweet rhyming story follows the change in seasons and illustrates how we can all be stewards of the Earth.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**



## Every Day is Earth Day

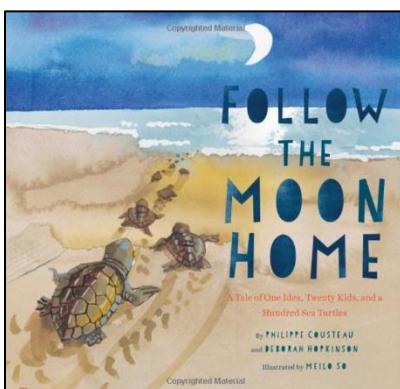
by Jane O'Connor; illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser, Aleksey Ivanov & Olga Ivanov

Early Reader (2010)  
Yellow E O'Connor

Learning to respect the environment is no small task, especially if you want to celebrate Earth Day every day of the week! Luckily, Nancy is on hand to make sure Mom, Dad, and her little sister do their part in being green, even if she has to keep reminding them. Nancy knows that she's helping her family do something very important, but will she take her enthusiasm for the environment a step too far?

*Also available as a Hoopla Ebook & Hoopla E-Audiobook.*

**Suggested for ages 5-8**



## Follow the Moon Home

by Philippe Cousteau & Deborah Hopkinson;  
illustrated by Meilo So

Picture Book (2016)  
P Cousteau

Meet Viv, who has moved with her family to one of the South Carolina barrier islands. One day while exploring the beach, Viv discovers that the baby loggerhead sea

turtles that are starting to hatch may need help making it into the ocean. Can Viv and her new classmates come up with a plan to help protect the sea turtle hatchlings? Comprehensive back matter includes information on loggerheads and community activism.

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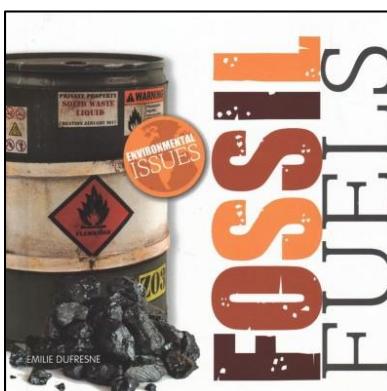
## The Forest Man: The True Story of Jadav Payeng

by Anne Matheson & Kay Widdowson

Picture Book Biography (2020)  
JB Payeng

This is the true story of how one young boy dedicated his life to creating and cultivating an expansive forest that continues to grow to this day. In a world impacted by climate change, Jadav Payeng's inspirational story shows how one person's contributions can make a difference in helping to save our environment.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**



## Fossil Fuels

by Emilie Dufresne

Nonfiction Book (2020)  
J333.8 Dufresne

As the human population grows and technology advances, more energy is needed to power different products, such as cars, machines, and household appliances. The use of excessive fossil fuels is

detrimental for the environment, whereas using renewable energy sources causes less destruction to the natural world. Readers expand their knowledge of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas, and learn about their impact on our planet.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**



## Hello, Earth! : Poems to Our Planet

by Joyce Sidman; illustrated by Miren Asiain Lora

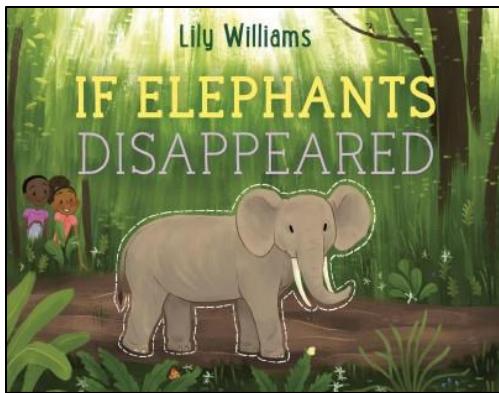
Poetry Picture Book (2021)  
J811.6 Sidman

We walk on Earth's surface every day, but how often do we wonder about the incredible planet around us? From the molten cracks below to the shimmering moon above, *Hello, Earth!* explores the wonders of the natural world. This playful journey across our

puzzle-piece continents does not hesitate to ask questions – even of the Earth itself!

**Suggested for ages 6-10**





## If Elephants Disappeared

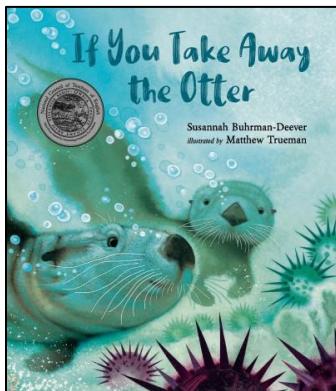
by Lily Williams

Nonfiction Picture Book (2019)  
J599.67 Williams

The African elephant is an iconic African mammal. They can grow over 10 feet tall and eat up to 300 pounds a day. While these giants are beloved figures in movies and zoos, they also play a large

role in keeping the forest ecosystem healthy. Unfortunately, African forest elephants are in grave danger from poachers who hunt them for their ivory tusks. What would happen if forest elephants disappeared completely?

**Suggested for ages 5-9**



## If You Take Away the Otter

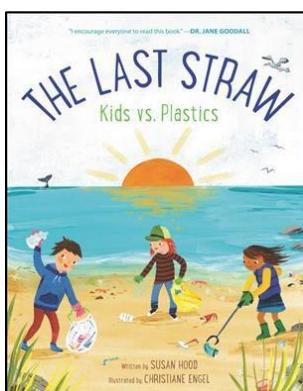
by Susannah Buhrman-Deever;  
illustrated by Matthew Trueman

Nonfiction Picture Book (2020)  
J599.769 Buhrman-Deever

On the Pacific Coast of North America, sea otters play, dive, and hunt for sea urchins, crabs, abalone, and fish in the lush kelp forests beneath the waves. But there was a time when

people hunted the otters almost to extinction. Without sea otters to eat them, an army of hungry sea urchins grew and destroyed entire kelp forests. Fish and other animals that depended on the kelp were lost, too. But when people protected the sea otters with new laws, their numbers began to recover, and so did the kelp forests. Luminous illustrations and clear text help readers understand the importance of keystone species.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**



## The Last Straw: Kids vs. Plastics

by Susan Hood; illustrated by Christiane Engel

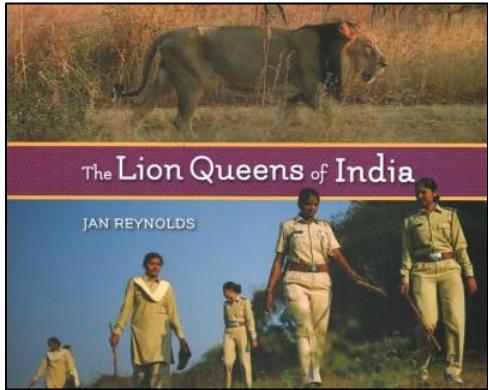
Nonfiction Picture Book (2021)  
J363.7 Hood

There's no doubt about it – plastic is in almost everything. From our phones and computers to our toys and utensils, plastic is everywhere. But the amount of plastic we throw away is hurting the health of our planet. This collection of lyrical nonfiction

poems highlights the threat of plastic and the kids who are fighting for change to save our planet.

**Suggested for ages 4-10**





## The Lion Queens of India

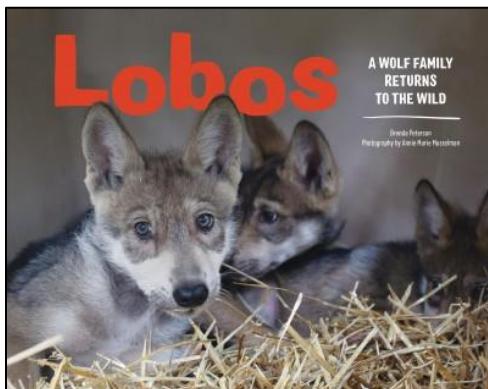
by Jan Reynolds

Nonfiction Book (2020)  
J599.757 Reynolds

In the far west of India, in Gir National Sanctuary, dwells one of the rarest big cats on Earth: the Asiatic lion. Once nearly extinct, there are now more than six hundred Asiatic lions stalking the

forest and savannahs of Gir – thanks in part to the work of the “Lion Queens,” a team of female rangers who specialize in caring for the lions. Join Rashila and her fellow rangers on a journey around the park as they visit the lions in their habitats, monitor the web of life that encompasses all of the animals, and work with local villagers to preserve harmony between the human and animal populations.

**Suggested for ages 6-10**



## Lobos: A Wolf Family Returns to the Wild

by Brenda Peterson;  
photographs by Annie Marie Musselman

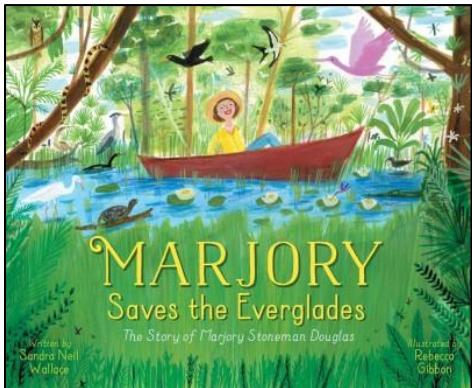
Nonfiction Book (2018)  
J599.773 Peterson

This book chronicles the journey that one family of Mexican gray wolves, or lobos, takes from a

sanctuary in Washington State to their eventual release into the Mexican wilderness. A hopeful and engaging story of wildlife conservation and the challenge of reintroducing an endangered species to the wild.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**





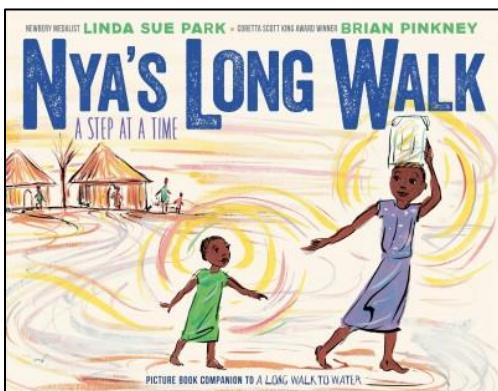
## Marjory Saves the Everglades: The Story of Marjory Stoneman Douglas

by Sandra Neil Wallace;  
illustrated by Rebecca Gibbon

Picture Book Biography (2020)  
JB Douglas

Marjory Stoneman Douglas didn't intend to write about the Everglades but when she returned to Florida from World War I, she hardly recognized the place that was her home. The Florida that Marjory knew was rapidly disappearing – the rare orchids, magnificent birds, and massive trees disappearing with it. Marjory couldn't sit back and watch her home be destroyed – she had to *do* something.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**



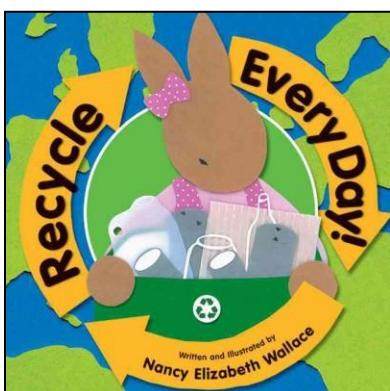
## Nya's Long Walk: A Step at a Time

by Linda Sue Park; illustrated by Brian Pinkney

Picture Book (2019)  
P\* Park

In South Sudan, where Nya lives, many girls have a hard job: fetching water for their families from a remote water hole. When her little sister, Akeer, becomes sick as they are returning home from the water hole, Nya must carry her and the water back to their village, one step at a time.

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## Recycle Every Day!

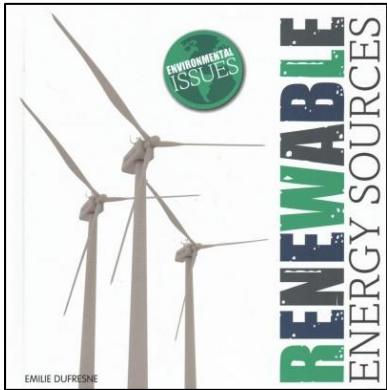
by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

Picture Book (2003)  
P Wallace

When Minna has a school assignment to make a poster about recycling, her entire rabbit family spends the week practicing various kinds of recycling and suggesting ideas for her poster.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**





## Renewable Energy Sources

by Emilie Dufresne

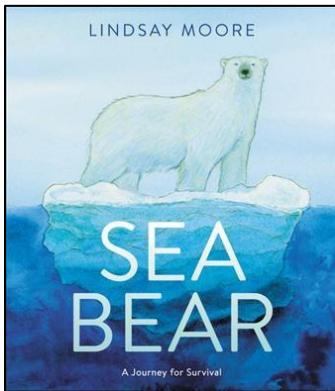
Nonfiction Book (2020)

J333.79 Dufresne

As technology advances, new solutions are being found for the problems caused by our growing need for energy. While some people continue to believe fossil fuels are the best sources of energy, others have begun to use

renewable energy sources that are better for the environment. Readers learn about different renewable energy sources, such as solar power, wind power, and geothermal power.

**Suggested for ages 5-9**



## Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival

by Lindsay Moore

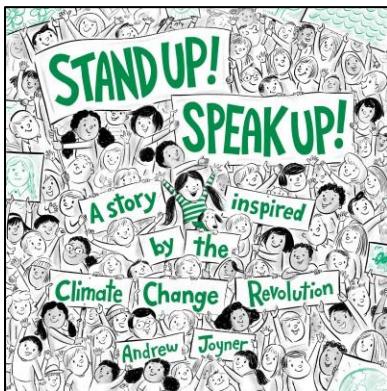
Picture Book (2019)

P Moore

A solitary polar bear travels across the sea ice in pursuit of food. As the ice melts and food becomes scarce, she is forced to swim for days. Finally, storm-tossed and exhausted, she finds shelter on land, where she gives birth to cubs and waits

for the sea to freeze again. Informed by the author's background in marine science, *Sea Bear* includes extensive backmatter about Arctic animals, climate change, and sea ice.

**Suggested for ages 5-8**



## Stand Up! Speak Up! : A Story Inspired by the Climate Change Revolution

by Andrew Joyner

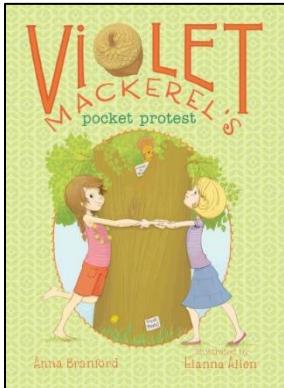
Picture Book (2020)

P Joyner

Celebrate young climate change activists in this story about an empowered girl who shows up, listens, and ultimately, speaks up to inspire her community to take action against climate change. This uplifting picture book is an important reminder that no change is too small – and no person is too young – to make a difference.

**Suggested for ages 6-10**





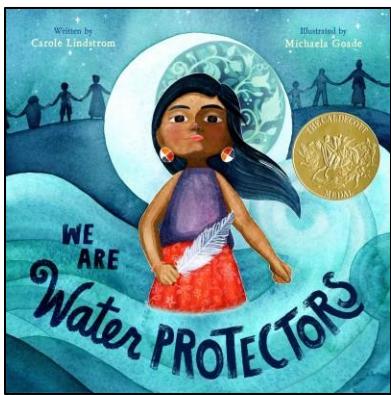
## Violet Mackerel's Pocket Protest

by Anna Branford; illustrated by Elanna Allen

Beginning Chapter Book (2014)  
J\* Branford

Violet and her best friend Rose have shared wonderful experiences of friendship and discovery under the big oak tree in Clover Park. When they learn that the oak tree is scheduled to be cut down, they organize a small protest with a big result.

Suggested for ages 6-10



## We Are Water Protectors

by Carole Lindstrom; illustrated by Michaela Goade

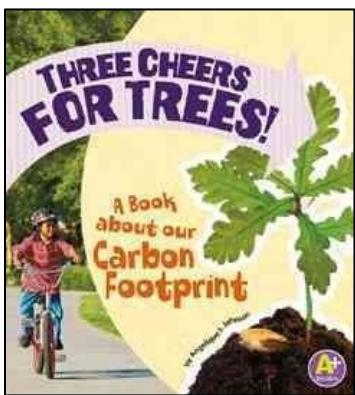
Picture Book (2020)  
P Lindstrom

Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption. Water affects and connects us all. We must

fight to protect it.

Also available as an OverDrive Ebook.

Suggested for ages 4-12



## What's Sprouting in My Trash? : A Book About Composting

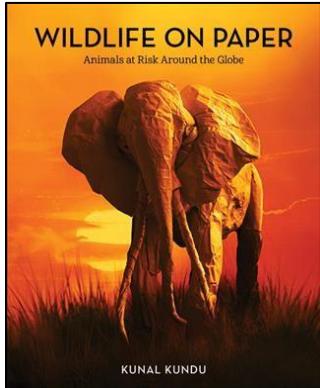
by Esther Porter

Nonfiction Book (2013)  
J631.8 Porter

You can't recycle a banana peel... can you? Learn about how composting your food scraps, egg cartons, and other waste make Earth a greener place.

Suggested for ages 5-8





# Wildlife on Paper: Animals at Risk Around the Globe

by Kunal Kundu

Nonfiction Picture Book (2020)  
J591.68 Kundu

From the Peary Caribou in Northwest Canada to the Galapagos Penguin in Ecuador, the Bengal Tiger in India to the Hawksbill Sea Turtle in Australia, this book celebrates the rich diversity of wildlife on almost every continent. The illustrations, which feature crumpled paper sculptures and digital backgrounds, vibrantly showcase sixteen unique and endangered animals. Accompanying facts and trivia detail each animal's physical characteristics, behavior and native habitat.

**Suggested for ages 6-10**



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