

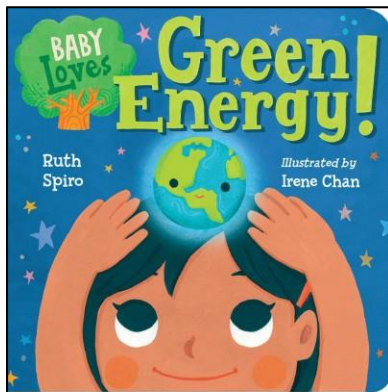
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CHILDREN'S BOOKSLIST

Every Day is Earth Day!

Books for Toddlers & Pre-K

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.



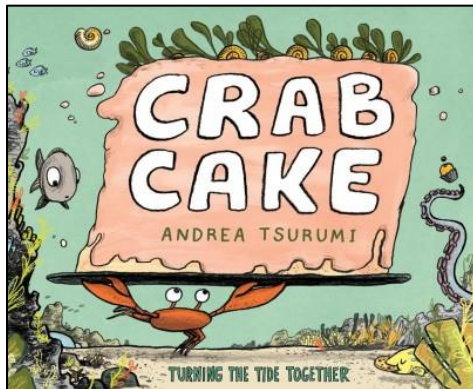
Baby Loves Green Energy!

by Ruth Spiro; illustrated by Irene Chan

Board Book (2018)
Toddler Spiro

Accurate enough to satisfy an expert, yet simple enough for a baby, this clever board book explores the science of global warming and shows how we can use green energy to help combat climate change.

Suggested for ages 1-4



Crab Cake: Turning the Tide Together

by Andrea Tsurumi

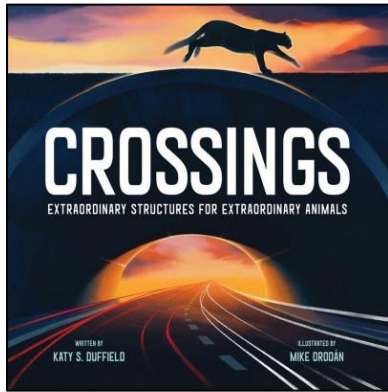
Picture Book (2019)
P Tsurumi

Diligently baking cakes while his undersea neighbors swim, hide and blow bubbles, a little crab carries out a small act of bravery in the face of a

disaster to help his community unite and carry on.

Suggested for ages 4-8





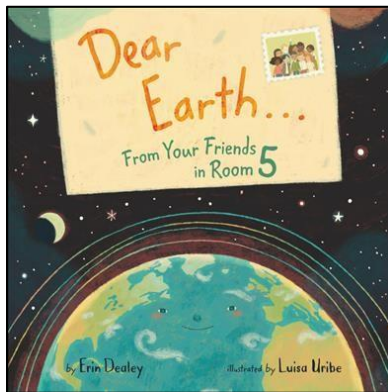
Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals

by Katy S. Duffield; illustrated by Mike Orodan

Nonfiction Picture Book (2020)
J333.954 Duffield

Around the world, bridges, tunnels, and highways are constantly being built to help people get from one place to another. But what happens when construction spreads over, under, across, and through animal habitats? Explore wildlife crossings around the world and how they help to save thousands of animals every day!

Suggested for ages 4-8



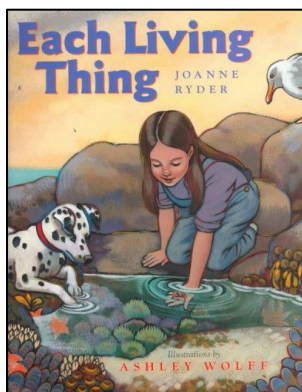
Dear Earth ... From Your Friends in Room 5

by Erin Dealey; illustrated by Luisa Uribe

Picture Book (2020)
P Dealey

When the kids in Room 5 write to Earth asking what they can do to help save our planet, they are delighted to get a letter back. This picture book is a celebration of every child's ability to connect to the environment and make a positive impact.

Suggested for ages 4-8



Each Living Thing

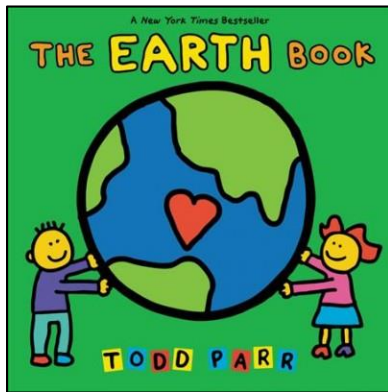
by Joanne Ryder; illustrated by Ashley Wolff

Picture Book (2000)
P Ryder

As a day moves gently from morning to night, a variety of children interact with – or keep a respectful distance from – animals in their natural environments. With spare, poetic text and action-packed paintings, this book celebrates the many creatures of the earth and asks that we respect and care for them.

Suggested for ages 3-7





The EARTH Book

by Todd Parr

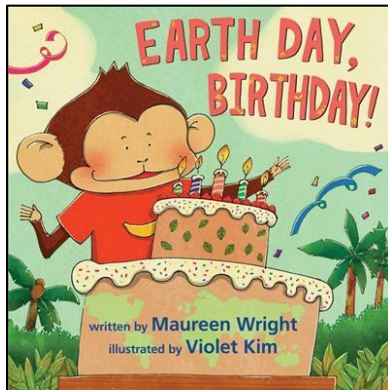
Picture Book (2010)

P Parr

Printed with recycled materials and non-toxic soy inks, this book is a playful introduction to environmental protection and conservation. It includes a variety of easy, smart ideas on how we can all work together to make the Earth feel

good – from planting a tree and using both sides of the paper, to saving energy and reusing old things in new ways.

Suggested for ages 3-6



Earth Day, Birthday!

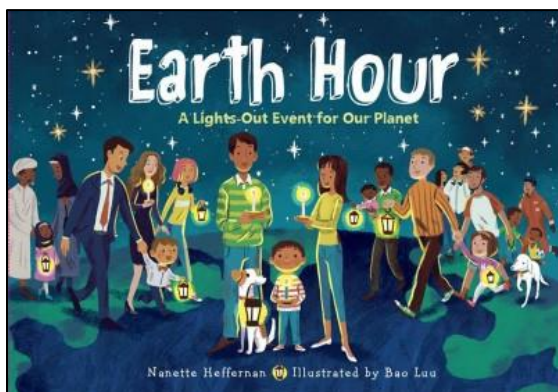
by Maureen Wright; illustrated by Violet Kim

Picture Book (2012)

P Wright

When Monkey proclaims that it is his birthday, all the other jungle animals protest, claiming instead that it is Earth Day and telling Monkey what he should do to honor this special day.

Suggested for ages 3-6



Earth Hour: A Lights-Out Event for Our Planet

by Nanette Heffernan;
illustrated by Bao Luu

Nonfiction Picture Book (2020)

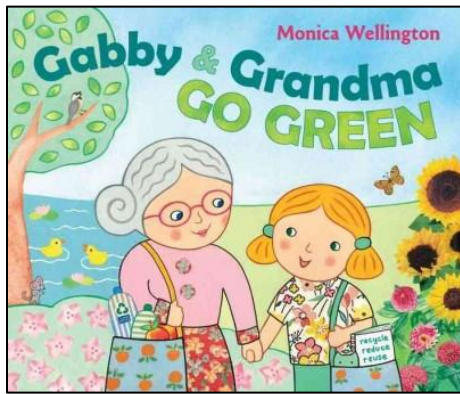
J333.7 Heffernan

Click flashlights, light lanterns, and get ready to turn electric lights out to celebrate Earth

Hour! Wherever you are, you can help our planet. Across each continent – from the Eiffel Tower to the Great Wall of China to the Statue of Liberty – one small act reminds all of us of our enormous impact on planet Earth.

Suggested for ages 4-8





Gabby & Grandma Go Green

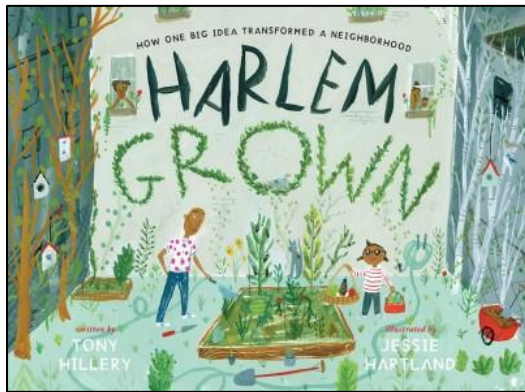
by Monica Wellington

Picture Book (2011)
P Wellington

When Gabby and Grandma get together, “Green Day” means “Fun Day.” From sewing their own cloth bags and buying vegetables at the Farmers’ Market to recycling their bottles, these two know how to have

a good time while doing good things for the earth.

Suggested for ages 3-6



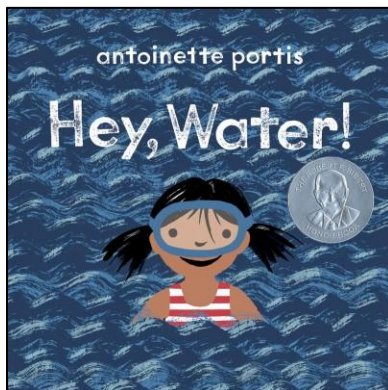
Harlem Grown: How One Big Idea Transformed a Neighborhood

by Tony Hillery; illustrated by Jessie Hartland

Picture Book (2020)
P Hillery

In 2011 Tony Hillery began volunteering at a public elementary school in Harlem. It was then that he noticed the vacant lot across the street and had a big idea. Discover the incredible true story of Harlem Grown, a lush garden in New York City that grew out of an abandoned lot and now feeds an entire neighborhood.

Suggested for ages 4-8



Hey, Water!

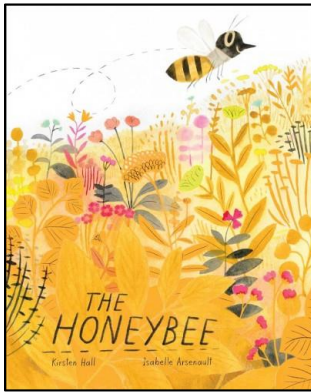
by Antoinette Portis

Picture Book (2019)
P Portis

Join a young girl as she explores her surroundings and sees that water is everywhere. But water doesn’t always look the same, it doesn’t always feel the same, and it shows up in lots of different shapes!

Suggested for ages 3-6





The Honeybee

by Kirsten Hall; illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault

Picture Book (2018)

P Hall

Buzz from flower to flower with a sweet honeybee in this delightful picture book. Zooming, vibrant verse follows honeybees through the seasons as they forage for pollen and nectar, communicate with others at their hive, and make honey.

Back matter touches on current threats to the honeybee population and suggests ways readers can help.

Suggested for ages 4-8



The Last Straw: Kids vs. Plastics

by Susan Hood; illustrated by Christiane Engel

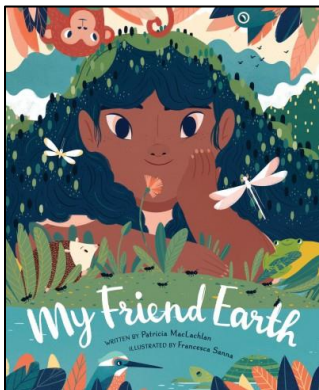
Nonfiction Picture Book (2021)

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



My Friend Earth

by Patricia MacLachlan; illustrated by Francesca Sanna

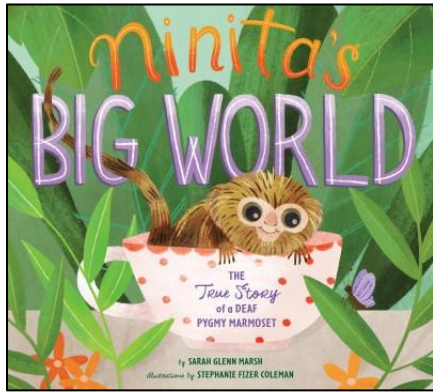
Picture Book (2020)

P MacLachlan

Celebrate Earth Day with this valentine to our wonderful planet! Die-cut pages invite readers to explore how Earth is a friend to all creatures, watching over us as the year cycles through the seasons.

Suggested for ages 3-6





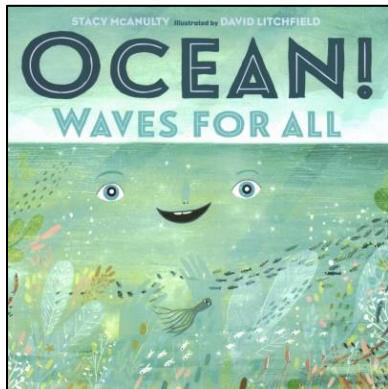
Ninita's Big World: The True Story of a Deaf Pygmy Marmoset

by Sarah Glenn Marsh;
illustrated by Stephanie Fizer Coleman

Nonfiction Picture Book (2019)
J599.8 Marsh

Ninita is the only known deaf pygmy marmoset in the world, but that doesn't stop her from making friends and chasing her next adventure! Abandoned by her parents and rescued by the RSCF, this tiny, curious monkey loves exploring her habitat. And when she meets Mr. Big, another pygmy marmoset, she has finally found a friend who likes to eat, climb, and play as much as she does.

Suggested for ages 4-8



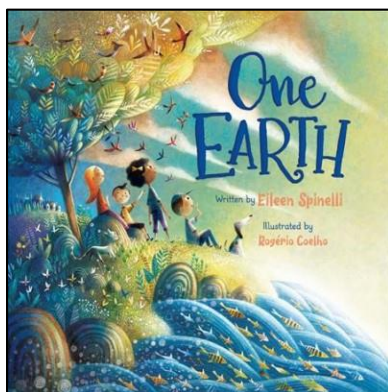
Ocean! : Waves for All

by Ocean (with Stacy McAnulty);
illustrated by Ocean (and David Litchfield)

Nonfiction Picture Book (2020)
J551.46 McAnulty

Dude, I am Ocean. You know my many names: Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, Indian, Southern. It's all excellent me. My salt water flows across the planet as one. I have no flag. No nationality. My waves are for all. But I'm facing a major wipeout! Only by working together can we get back in the zone. It's you and me, dudes.

Suggested for ages 4-8



One Earth

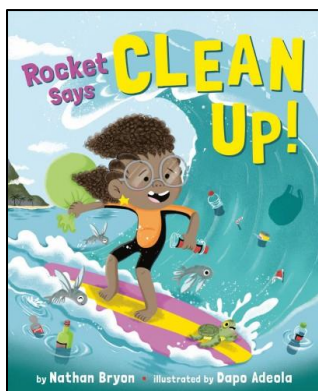
by Eileen Spinelli; illustrated by Rogério Coelho

Picture Book (2019)
P Spinelli

This counting book celebrates the beauty of nature and recommends ways to protect our one and only world, including recycling, conserving energy, and repairing broken items.

Suggested for ages 4-8





Rocket Says Clean Up!

by Nathan Bryon; illustrated by Dapo Adeola

Picture Book (2020)
P Bryon

Rocket is off to Jamaica to visit her grandparents. Her family loves nothing better than to beach comb and surf together... but the beach is clogged with trash! When she finds a turtle tangled in a net, Rocket sees first hand how plastic is harming ocean creatures, and she organizes a crew to clean up the beach.

Suggested for ages 4-8



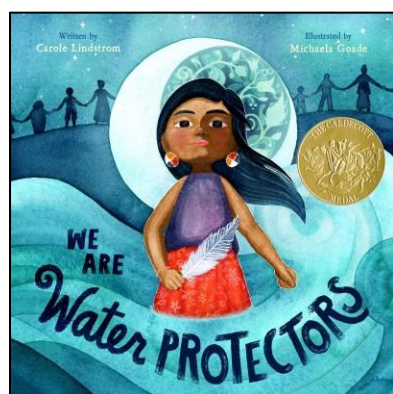
Spring After Spring: How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement

by Stephanie Ross Sisson

Picture Book Biography (2018)
JB Carson

As a child, Rachel Carson lived by the rhythms of the natural world. Spring after spring, year after year, she observed how all living things are connected. And as an adult, Rachel watched and listened as the natural world she loved so much began to fall silent. Spring after Spring traces Rachel's journey as scientist, writer, and pioneer for the modern environmental movement.

Suggested for ages 4-8



We Are Water Protectors

by Carole Lindstrom; illustrated by Michaela Goade

Picture Book (2020)
P Lindstrom

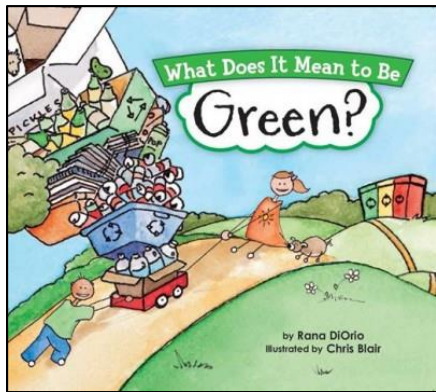
Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption. Water affects and connects us all. We must

fight to protect it.

Also available as an OverDrive Ebook.

Suggested for ages 4-12





What Does It Mean to Be Green?

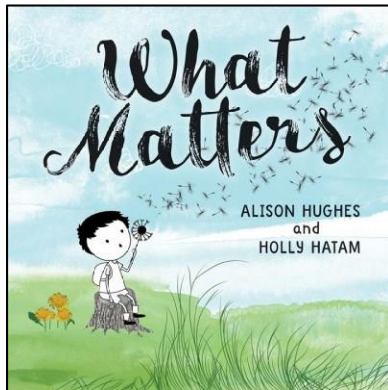
by Rana DiOrio; illustrated by Chris Blair

Picture Book (2010)

P DiOrio

Explore all the different ways we can live “green” lifestyles, protect the Earth’s most precious resources, and help save the planet!

Suggested for ages 4-8



What Matters

by Alison Hughes; illustrated by Holly Hatam

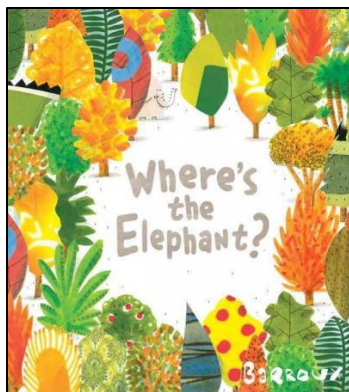
Picture Book (2016)

P Hughes

What happens when one small boy picks up one small piece of litter? He doesn’t know it, but his tiny act has big consequences. From the miniscule to the universal, *What Matters* sensitively explores nature’s connections and

traces the ripple effects of one child’s good deed to show how we can all make a big difference.

Suggested for ages 3-6



Where's the Elephant?

by Barroux

Picture Book (2016)

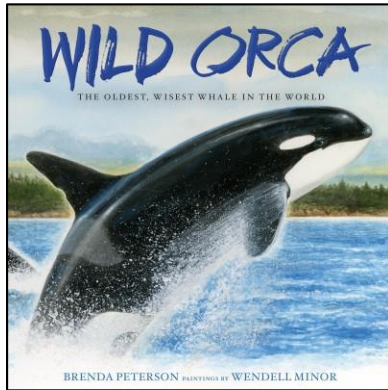
P Barroux

Where’s the elephant? Where’s the parrot? Where’s the snake? And wait a minute – where are all the trees? Where will the elephant, parrot, and snake go now? A vibrant landscape in flux with three hidden animals on each spread

offers parents and children an opportunity to talk about animal habitats, urban development, and deforestation.

Suggested for ages 3-7





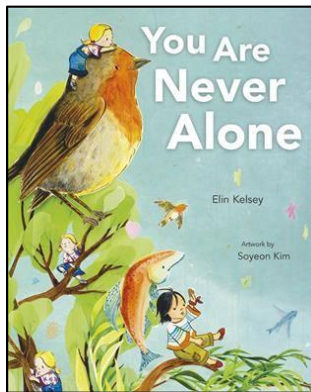
Wild Orca: The Oldest, Wisest Whale in the World

by Brenda Peterson; illustrated by Wendell Minor

Picture Book (2018)
P Peterson

Mia, her family, and friends gather in the San Juan Islands for Orca Sing, hoping that 105-year-old Granny, the world's oldest known orca, will return with the pods she watches over. This informative story celebrates the importance of respecting and protecting wildlife.

Suggested for ages 4-8



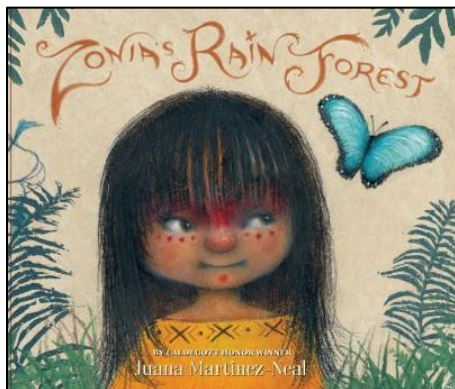
You Are Never Alone

by Elin Kelsey; illustrated by Soyeon Kim

Picture Book (2019)
P Kelsey

Using lyrical text grounded in current science, this informational picture book draws examples from the clouds and the cosmos, the seafloor and the surface of our skin, to show how we are never alone: we are always surrounded and supported by nature.

Suggested for ages 4-8



Zonia's Rain Forest

by Juana Martinez-Neal

Picture Book (2021)
P Martinez-Neal

Zonia's home is the Amazon rain forest, where it is always green and full of life. Every morning, the rain forest calls to Zonia, and every morning, she answers. She visits the sloth family, greets the giant anteater, and runs with the speedy jaguar. But one morning, the rain forest calls to her in a troubled voice. How will Zonia answer?

Suggested for ages 4-8



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