

# The Environmental Change-Makers

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## Children's Environmental Booklist

“We believe the best way for children to become good stewards of the environment is to teach them to have an appreciation of nature. Many authors think informing children of environmental dangers/problems is the way to "reach" them. But, we believe they feel disempowered, scared and hopeless when they learn of all the problems the earth is facing. When children have an understanding and an appreciation of the earth and her cycles there is a natural interest in protecting her and in doing what's best for her.” – Environmental Change-Makers Earth Care Fair, Children's display committee

The following list of books and videos is a small portion of all the environmental/nature books available, and a good starting point.

### Trees

*What's Inside Trees*, by Jane Kelly Kosek  
*The Big Tree*, by Bruce Hiscock  
*The Tree Giants*, by Bill Schneider  
*My Favorite Tree*, by Diane Iverson  
*How Trees Help Me*, by Bobbie Kalman  
*The Tree That Would Not Die*, by Ellen Levine  
*Be a Friend to Trees*, by Patricia Lauber  
*A Tree is a Plant*, by Clyde Robert Bulla  
*Tell Me, Tree*, by Gail Gibbons  
*The World's Largest Plants*, by Susan Blackaby

### Wetlands

*Wetlands*, by Lynn M. Stone  
*Squishy, Misty, Damp & Muddy*, by Molly Cone  
*The Shape of Betts Meadow*, by Meghan Nuttall Sayres  
*Wetlands*, by Ewan McLeish  
*Wetlands*, by Emilie U. Lepthien  
*A Journey into a Wetland*, by Rebecca L. Johnson  
*Squish! A Wetland Walk*, by Nancy Luenn

### Gardens/Yards

*The Surprise Garden*, by Zoe Hall  
*Plants That Never Ever Bloom*, by Ruth Heller  
*Ant Cities*, by Arthur Dorros  
*The Garden in Our Yard*, by Greg Henry Quinn  
*The Reason For a Flower*, by Ruth Heller  
*The Plant Sitter*, by Gene Zion  
*The Tiny Seed*, by Eric Carle  
*Miss Rumphius*, by Barbara Cooney  
*A Garden in the City*, by Gerda Muller  
*Two Little Gardeners*, by Margaret Wise Brown and Edith Thacher Hurd

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*Tiny Green Thumbs*, by C Z Guest

*City Green*, by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan

## **Composting**

*The Compost Heap*, by Harlow Rockwell

*Compost Critters*, by Bianca Lavies

*Worms Eat My Garbage*, by Mary Appelhof

*Compost! Growing Gardens From Your Garbage*, by Linda Glaser

## **Trash/Recycling**

*Mr. Garbage*, by Willam H. Hooks

*Let's Talk Trash*, by Kelly McQueen

*The Treasure of Trash*, by Linda Mandel

*Re-Cycles*, by Michael Elsohn Ross

*Round and Round Again*, by Nancy Van Laan

*Recycle*, by Gail Gibbons

## **General Earth Care/Appreciation**

*When God Made the Tree*, by Virginia Kroll

*Children of the Earth...Remember*, by Schim Schimmel

*I Heard the Willow Weep*, by Toni Albert

*Butterfly Count*, by Sneed B. Collard III

*Did You Hear Wind Sing Your Name*, by Sandra De Coteau Orié

*Stars Beneath Your Bed*, by April Pulley Sayre

*Stickeen*, John Muir and the *Brave Little Dog*, by John Muir, as retold by Donnell Rubay

Also ... A good collection of nature guides for your local area: birds, insects, butterflies, small animals, wildflowers, edible native plants. These can be collected from local parks, natural history museums, local used bookstores. See the resources for the Wildlands Solutions display, via [www.EnviroChangeMakers.org](http://www.EnviroChangeMakers.org)

## **Positive Solutions (For older children)**

*Permaculture, A Beginner's Guide*, by Graham Burnett (selected portions available online)

*How to Save the Planet*, by Barbara Taylor

*Alternative Energy*, by Christine Petersen (A True Book series)

*Solar Power*, by Josepha Sherman (FactFinders series)

*50 Simple Things Kids Can Do To Save the Earth*

## **Videos**

Where the Garbage Goes

Recycle Wranglers

This Good Earth

The Magic Schoolbus Holiday Special (recycling, desert animals, rainforest)

Most titles are available through the Los Angeles Public Library system.

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