

Science and Stories
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There's Still Time Mark Galan (National Geographic, 1997) Celebrates the recovery of many once-endangered species, great photos.

Bats On Parade Kathi Appelt (Morrow, 1999) A parade full of animals, multiplication, and fun.

I Call It Sky Will C. Howell (Walker, 1999) Questions about weather answered in beautiful language.

Frank's Great Museum Adventure Rod Clement (HC, 1998) An Amusing look at a trip to the museum where a boy puts his own interpretation on history.

Marvelous Math Bennett Hopkins (SS, 1997) sixteen poems selected for their mathematical themes.

Muscles Seymour Simon (Morrow, 1999) An interesting look at the muscular system and how it works. Great photos and Simon's signature readable text.

Bones Seymour Simon (Morrow, 1998) More great work from Simon.

The Brain Seymour Simon (Morrow, 1997) Unique photos and brain imagery accompany interesting text..

The Universe Seymour Simon (Morrow, 1998) Simon tackles a broad subject with his usual success.

Earthdance Joanne Ryder (HHT, 1996) Encourages movement as kids act out being various elements of the earth's makeup.

The Bone Detectives Donna M. Jackson (LB. 1996) Forensic anthropologists and how they solve crimes, great photos.

Head Dr. Pete Rowan (Knopf, 1998) life size illustrations and plenty of info about the brain, the senses, and other things about your head.

This Book Bites Timothy Gower (Planet Dexter, 1999) Fun layout and irreverent text, but lots of great info and experiments to help you get to know your mouth.

The Magic Schoolbus Explores the Senses Joanna Cole & Bruce Degen (Scholastic, 1999) The adventures continue as the kids get a sense for their senses and those of other animals around them.

The Magic Schoolbus and the Electric Fieldtrip Joanna Cole & Bruce Degen (Scholastic, 1997) The journey is from the source of electricity to it's part in making our lights light and our lives run more smoothly.

Prehistoric Life Explained Jinny Johnson (HHT, 1996) Explains all those dinosaur facts, what they mean, and how we came to know them.

Graveyards of the Dinosaurs Shelley Tanaka (Hyperion, 1998) An exciting exploration of both Dinosaurs and paleontology itself.

Gigantic Patrick O'Brien (HHT, 1999) Simple, fun text, and illustrations, plus a look as the roots of those tongue twister dinosaur names.

Gone Forever Sandra & William Markle (Atheneum, 1998) An alphabet of extinction and how those animals got that way.

Earth's Endangered Peoples Virginia Kroll (Dawn, 1998) facts on disappearing cultures mix with poetic lesser-style text to give a unique view on what their absence will mean.

Red-Eyed Tree Frog Joy Cowley (Scholastic, 1999) Simple text and beautiful photos trace a day in the life of a tree frog.

Destination: Rainforest Jonathan Grupper (National Geographic, 1997) Vivid photos and extremely descriptive text create unforgettable images of the rainforest.

In Search of Lemurs Joyce A Powzyk (National Geographic, 1998) A Wildlife Biologist gives a first person account of her time with lemurs in Madagascar, very readable.

Amazon Diary Hudson Talbots (Putnam, 1996) A young boy survives a plane crash in the Amazon & recounts, in diary form, his experience with the region and its people.

Common Ground Molly Bang (Scholastic, 1997) a poetic text and graphic illustrations remind us that we are all connected to each other and the earth.

The Shaman's Apprentice Lynne Cherry (HB, 1998) a young boy learns to blend tradition and new learning to save his people from illness.

Earthsong Sally Rogers (Dutton, 1998) Bold graphics illustrate this book based on the song "Over in the Endangered Meadow".

The Tree Suitcase David Suzuki (Sommerville, 1998) A boy who loves his grandma's spruce tree learns he can take the tree home through the pine cones.

Marshes and Swamps Gail Gibbons (HI-i, 1998) great information, readable text, and well-labeled illustrations help the reader understand this unique and fragile environment.

A Crow's Journey David Cunningham (AW, 1996) a crow's travels take the reader from the water's source at the mountaintop all the way to the sea. Poetically written.

Nilo & she Tortoise Ted Lewin (Scholastic, 1999) a boy's trip to the Galapagos leads to some amazing encounters with the animals there.

WaterDance Thomas Locker (HB, 1997) the water speaks in first person as the water cycle is beautifully explained, gorgeous illustrations.

Counting on the Woods George Ella Lyon (DK, 1998) Great photos illustrate this counting poem that follows a walk through the woods.

Storm on the Desert Carolyn Lesser (HB, 1997) a poetic text describes a desert storm and its effect on the wildlife.

A Log's Life Wendy Pfeffer (SS, 1997) unique collage illustrations show the life of a tree from tree, to log, to creating new life.

Gifts Phyllis Limbacher Tildes (Talewinds, 1997) simple text encourages children so see the wonder in nature.

A Tree Is Growing Arthur Dorros (Scholastic, 1997) follows the life of a reed through the seasons, well-labeled illustrations.

While a Tree Was Growing Jane Bosveld (Workman, 1997) Describes a tree's life while pairing it with historical events that were happening at the same time, fascinating.

African Animals Caroline Arnold (Morrow, 1997) a section for each animal, gorgeous photos, very readable.

Safari Robert Basemen (LB, 1998) a naturalist and his beautiful paintings describe to readers these incredible animals and their behavior, fact boxes for quick reference.

Living Fossils James Martin (Crown, 1997) an interesting look at some of the most ancient living species.

Home at Last April Pulley Sayre (HHT, 1998) beautiful text and illustrations sing a song of animal migration.

Secrets of Animal Flight Nic Bishop (HM, 1997) This book explains how birds, bats, and butterflies do it!

U Jane Yolen (Philomel, 1998) story poems about animals that have retained their ancient characteristics while their relatives have evolved.

At the Edge of the Forest Jonathan London (Candlewick, 1998) a boy tries to balance his shepherding family with his fascination and encounters with coyotes.

Walk With a Wolf Janni Howker (Candlewick, 1997) a beautiful description of a wolf's life and experiences.

Teddy Roosevelt's Elk Brenda Z. Guiberson (HHT, 1997) the future president's encounter with an elk one year leads to his later conservation efforts.

Nanuk, Lord of the Ice Brian J. Heinz (Dial, 1998) a polar bear and a young Inuit boy rise on the same day to go hunting, and have an unforgettable encounter.

Ice Bear & Little Fox Jonathan London (Dutton, 1998) a fox and a bear team up during a day of hunting.

Bats, Shadows in the Night Diane Ackerman (Crown, 1997) Merlin Tuttle's photos illustrate the words of one of the best essayists on the natural world to explain the hidden appeal of these maligned creatures.

Little Bull Ellen Foley James (Sterling, 1998) a baby elephant grows up and the reader begins to understand elephant society and life.

All about Rattlesnakes Jim Arnosky (Scholastic, 1998) This beloved nature author

focuses on one of nature's least-loved creatures.

All About Turkeys Jim Arnosky (Scholastic, 1998) another focus book, this time on a cultural icon

Outside and Inside Alligators Sandra Markle (Atheneum, 1998) Alligator life and behavior examined close up, one of a series.

Out of the Ocean Debra Frasier (HB, 1998) a child describes in first person her trip to the beach, her mother's lessons, and all the treasures she found there. Author of "On the Day You Were Born".

Across the Big Blue Sea Jakki Wood (National Geographic, 1998) a child's red boat begins a journey at the beach and goes onto experience all the wonders of the world's oceans.

Whale Journey Vivian French (Zero to Ten, 1998) Migration of these magnificent creatures is beautifully examined in this wonderful text.

How Whales Walked into the Sea Faith McNulty (Scholastic, 1999) An evolutionary journey from land to sea.

The Drop In My Drink Meredith Hooper (Viking, 1998) A young child wonders how the water in his tap got there and the water cycle is examined from Space to your home.

Anthology for the Earth Judy Allen, ed. (Candlewick, 1997) a collection of some excellent writing about and for the earth.

Penguins Gail Gibbons (HH, 1998) Penguin facts and lives in Gibbon's trademark style.

Soaring With the Wind Gail Gibbons (Morrow, 1998) the life of the bald eagle.

Chirping Crickets Melvin Berger (Harper, 1998) informative text that looks at these odd insects.

An Extraordinary Life Laurence Pringle (Orchard, 1997) The Life of the Monarch Butterfly is looked at through a narrative account of one butterfly named Danaus.

Starry Messenger Peter Sis (FSG, 1996) Sis' unique style tells the story of Galileo.

Verdi Janell Cannon (HB, 1997) a young snake tries to find his place in the world as he waits to turn green and grow up. By the author of "Stellaluna".

My Life With the Wave Catherine Cowan (LLS, 1997) most kids bring home shells from the beach, but when one boy brings home a stray wave, the results are unexpected.

Nature's Paintbrush Susan Stockdale (SS, 1999) a look at camouflage and patterns in nature.

Bird Talk Ann Jonas (Greenwillow, 1999) the author interprets bird sounds in her own way to tell a story.

Beaver Glenn Rounds (HH, 1999) a beaver goes through his day, great fact or fiction section