

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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".

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

Ice Story Shackleton’s Lost Expedition. Elizabeth Cody Kimmel (Clarion, 1999) Great original photos to go along with a fascinating chapter of exploration history

Space Station Science Life in Free Fall. Marianne J. Dyon (Scholastic, 1999) What it’s really like in Space and how our bodies adjust, Lots of text but nicely divided into readable chunks


Once a Wolf. Steven R. Swinburne (HM, 1999) same series, how wildlife biologists fought to bring back the grey wolf

Digging for Bird Dinosaurs. Nic Bishop (HM, 1999) same series, an expedition to Madagascar to explore the links between dinosaurs and birds.


Wild Horses I have Known. Hope Ryden (Clarion, 1999) Beautiful photos and informative text about the lives and social workings of wild horses.

Always Inventing. Tom L. Matthews (National Geographic, 1999) Part of a series, A photobiography of Alexander Graham Bell

Dragon Bones and Dinosaur Eggs. (National Geographic, 1999) same series, a photobiography of Explorer Roy chapman Andrews in Mongolia
The Fungus the Ate My School. Arthur Dorros (Scholastic, 2000) Kids come back to school to find a science experiment gone wrong. They use good questions to solve the problem.

Spring Thaw. Steven Schnur (Viking, 2000) A poetic look at the very beginnings of the change from winter to spring.

Pumpkin Circle. George Levenson (Tricycle, 1999) Great photos and poetic language make pumpkins and what kids do with them beautiful.


Fighting for the Forest. Gloria Rand (HHT, 1999) a father and son fight to save the forest they love, illustrated by Ted Rand.

Journey Through the Northern Rainforest. Karen Pandell (Dutton, 1999) Informative text and photos are paired with the story of how an eagle fits into this ecosystem.

Soaring with the Wind, The Bald Eagle. Gail Gibbons (Morrow, 1998) Gibbon’s unique style brings story and science together, look for her numerous other books like this one.

This is the Sea that Feeds Us. Robert F. Baldwin (Dawn, 1998) Teacher’s choice winner, Modeled after "This is the House that Jack built".

The Emperor’s Egg Martin Jenkins (Candlewick, 1999) The story of Emperor Penguins, playfully told with informative companion text in italics.

Tyrannosaurus Time. Joanne Ryder (Morrow, 1999) second person text puts the reader in the experience of being a t-rex.

Dinosaurs to Dodos. Don Lessem (Scholastic, 1999) A fascinating encyclopedia of extinct animals.

Bones. Seymour Simon (Morrow, 1998) Great series, great info, readable text. If you don’t know Simon for science books, take a look.

With love. Jane Goodall (NS, 1994) ten heartwarming stories of Chimpanzees in the wild.

Gorilla Walk. Ted & Betsy Lewin (LLS, 1999) a true story of the Lewin’s trip to Uganda to meet the wild Mountain Gorilla.

Freshwater Giants. Phylis Perry (FW, 1999) Great info and photos on Hippos, River dolphins, and manatees

Outside and Inside Kangaroos. Sandra Markle (Atheneum, 1999) Anther installment in this great series that has included spiders, sharks, and many other interesting animals.

Nanook’s Gift. Michio Hoshino (Cadence books, 1996) A beautiful story of a boy who learns from the king of the polar bears, text is paired with great photography

Horses and Rhinos: What They Have in Common. Sara Swan Miller (FW, 1999) part a series that pairs such animals as camels and Pigs, and cicadas and aphids

The World According to Horses. Stephen Budiasky (HHT, 2000) How they run, see, and think, lots of text but worth the read

Rainbows of the Sea. Meredith Thomas (Mondo, 1998) poetic text and incredible paper sculptures bring the sea to life, you will wonder if they are photographs or paper


Maya, Tiger Cub. Theresa Radcliff (Viking, 1999) a baby tiger fights a hungry heyena for survival

Northwest Animal Babies. Andrea Helman (Sasquatch, 1998) Photos that are adorable, great information, and accurate nomenclature for each baby (cub, pup, chick etc.)

Animal Faces. Akira Satoh and Kyoko Toda (Kane Miller, 1996) No text, but the multiple photos chronicling the various expressions of each animal speak volumes, very unique

Gentle Giant Octopus. Karen Wallace (Candlewick, 19998) great text describes these shy creatures, wonderful art

How Whales Walked Into the Sea. Faith McNulty (Scholastic, 1999) Illustrated by Ted Rand, traces the unique evolution of whales

Are You a Lady Bug? Judy Allen (Kingfisher, 2000) part of great series that describes, second person, the life of a lady bug. Look for the snail book too

Bright Beetle. Rick Chrustowski (HHT, 2000) great text describes a ladybug’s life cycle, bright, simple illustrations

Big Numbers. Edward Packard (Millbrook, 2000) a fun explanation of big numbers and illustrations that drive the point home

Measuring. Penny Loreen Leedy (HHT, 1997) a girl has an assignment to measure one object in a variety of ways, she chooses her dog. Great creative thinking


The Hidden Forest. Jeanine Baker (Harper, 2000) Amazing Collages illustrate the undersea forest and a boy named Ben explores it

Fish Wish. Bob Barner (HH, 2000) Great illustrations of Coral reef paired with beautifully simple text

Mammalabilia. Douglas Florian (HB, 2000) Another fabulous collection of poems from the "insectopedia" author

Growing Frogs. Vivian French (Candlewick, 2000) a little girl overcomes her ignorance and raises some frogs

The Barn Owls. Tony Johnston (Charlesbridge, 2000) a poetic story of owls with a beautiful illustrations

Rain. Manja Stojic (Crown, 2000) a jubilant but simple text of how the African Savannah reacts to a rain storm

On the Same Day in March. Marilyn Singer (Harper, 2000) a comparison of weather all over the world.

The History of Counting. Denise Schumant Besserat (Morrow, 1999) an archeological history of counting

Touchdown Mars. Peggy Wethered (Putnam, 2000) an ABC book of Mars travel and information

About Reptiles. Cathryn Sill (Peachtree 2000) Simple text, great illustrations

Emeline at the Circus. Marjorie Pricenar (Knopf 1999) A teacher turns the class trip to the circus into a true learning experience with information of physics, history, biology and much more

Rita Rice is Life. Golden Gelman (HHT, 2000) the life cycle and importance of Rice, includes poetry