



Books on Conservation: Fiction



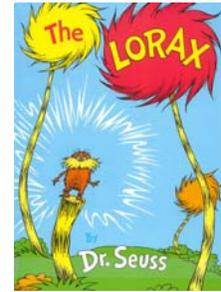
SF Environment
Our home. Our city. Our planet.

Title: The Lorax

Author: Dr. Seuss

Grade: All ages

Summary: This Dr. Seuss classic is the story of the Lorax, a character who speaks for the trees. The Lorax tries to fight a factory owner who is cutting down all of the trees to make *Thneeds*. This book is wonderful for all ages and is a must read.



Also available in Spanish!

Title: I Was Good to the Earth Today

Author: Susan Bryer Starr

Grade: k-2

Summary: This is the tale of a young boy's day taking care of the world around him. From helping his parents plant a tree to taking a water-saving shower, Thomas' simple actions to help the Earth will inspire even the youngest environmentalists.

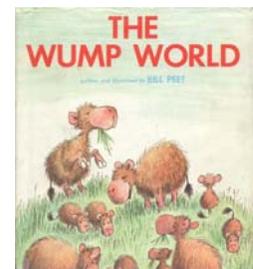


Title: The Wump World

Author: Bill Peet

Grade: k-4

Summary: A lovely story about the Wump creatures and the chaotic events that took place when the Pollutians from the planet Pollutus arrived on their beautiful planet. The Wump creatures must find new hope when they re-emerge from underneath their destroyed world.

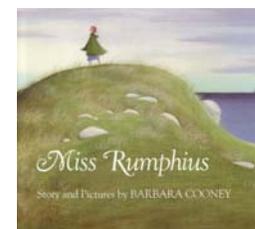


Title: Miss Rumphius

Author: Barbara Cooney

Grade: k-4

Summary: This winner of the American Book Award and *New York Times* Best Book of the Year tells the tale of finding fulfillment through making the world a more beautiful place.

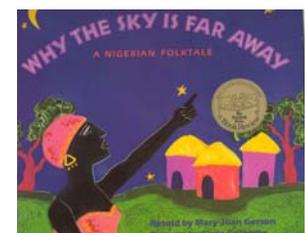


Title: Why the Sky is Far Away - A Nigerian Folktale

Author: Mary-Joan Gerson

Grade: k-4

Summary: The sky was once so close to the Earth that people cut parts of it to eat, but their waste and greed caused the sky to move far away. Winner of the *New York Times* best-illustrated book of the year.

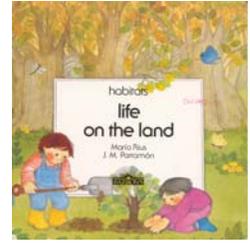


Title: Habitats: Life on the Land

Author: Maria Rius

Grade: k-2

Summary: A tall tree in the forest explains to a tiny new tree how plants and animals are nourished and reliant on each other.



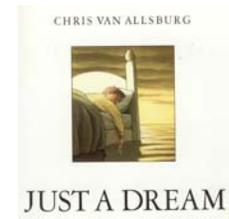
Title: Just a Dream

Author: Chris Van Allsburg

Grade: k-5

Summary: This excellent book is the story of a boy who dreams of a future filled with pollution and environmental destruction. The boy awakens from the dream realizing the importance of conservation and the everyday things he can do to help ensure a brighter future.

★ Staff Favorite!



Title: Special Species

Author: San Diego County School Children

Grade: 3-6

Summary: A collection of English and Spanish essays and poems written for and by children. Includes ideas for combining the topics of conservation and literature in the classroom.

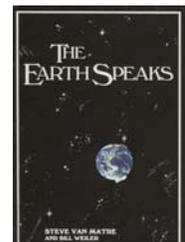


Title: The Earth Speaks

Author: Steve Van Matre

Grade: 6-12

Summary: A compilation of poems and stories about our Earth written by environmentalists.

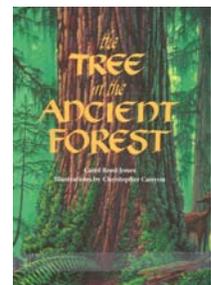


Title: The Tree in the Ancient Forest

Author: Carol Reed-Jones

Grade: 2-4

Summary: The remarkable web of plants and animals living around an old Fir tree takes on a life of its own in this story. Written in the style of cumulative verse, this book showcases the ways in which forest inhabitants depend upon one another for survival. There is a guide at the end for the forest creatures and their interrelationships.

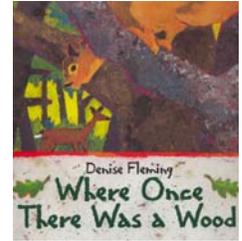


Title: Where Once There Was a Wood

Author: Denise Fleming

Grade: k-3

Summary: This eloquent book shows young readers what is lost when open spaces are destroyed for development. At the end of the story, the author has included a guide for welcoming wildlife into our urban areas, including backyards, schoolyards and community spaces.

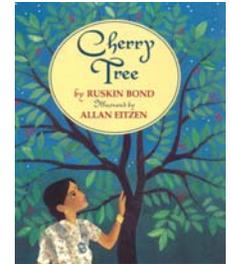


Title: Cherry Tree

Author: Ruskin Bond

Grade: k-4

Summary: A young girl in northern India plants the seed of a cherry tree in the harshest of conditions. As the girl grows into an adolescent alongside her wise grandfather, the cherry tree perseveres and blossoms, bringing her much joy.

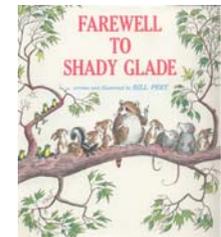


Title: Farewell to Shady Glade

Author: Bill Peet

Grade: 1-4

Summary: When the sixteen inhabitants of Shady Glade lose their habitat due to development, they must go on an adventure to find a new home. From tree limbs to train tops, the little travelers search frantically for a new place to live. Can they find a home as perfect as Shady Glade once was?

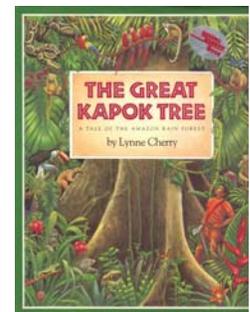


Title: The Great Kapok Tree

Author: Lynn Cherry

Grade: 1-5

Summary: In the dense, green Amazon rainforest, a man is chopping down a great Kapok Tree. The animals that live among its leaves and branches watch him silently. As the man lies down and falls asleep at the foot of the tree, the forest creatures emerge to try to convince him not to cut down the magnificent tree.



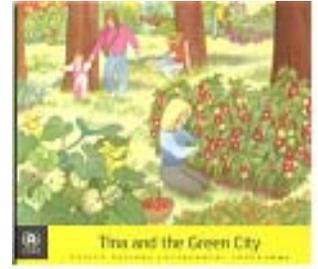
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Title: Tina and the Green City

Author: Carole Douglis

Grade: 1-5

Summary: Tired of litter, dirty air, and traffic, a young girl named Tina cleans up her local park in an attempt to beautify her community. Follow Tina and her friends as they work together to transform their city into a “green” city. This United Nations Environment Programme publication also includes interesting facts and figures about the world’s cities, as well as suggestions on what kids can do to improve the health and environment of their city.



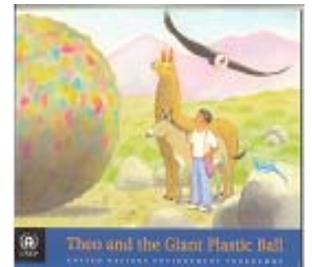
★ Staff Favorite!

Title: Theo and the Giant Plastic Ball

Author: Carole Douglis

Grade: 1-5

Summary: Theo dreams of joining the soccer team, but he is unable to practice, because he doesn’t have a ball. When Theo decides to make a soccer ball out of plastic bags that he collects, he discovers more plastic bags than he bargained for. This United Nations Environment Programme publication also includes interesting facts and figures about the problems associated with plastic bags, as well as what kids can do to help.



Title: Tessa and the Fishy Mystery

Author: Carole Douglis

Grade: 1-5

Summary: Tessa loves living near the ocean and visiting with her sea animal friends. Sadly, many of Tessa’s animal friends begin to disappear from the sea and coast. Learn about why all the animals have left, and what Tessa and her village do to bring them back. This United Nations Environment Programme publication, also includes interesting facts and figures about seas and oceans, as well as what kids can do to protect the animals that live there.

