

Environmental Book Guide for Educators

Inspire curiosity, conservation, and connection to nature through stories! These books are perfect for classrooms, environmental programs, nature centers, libraries and family learning.

Books for Children

We Are Water Protectors

Carole Lindstrom & Michaela Goade

An Indigenous-led story empowering kids to protect water resources from pollution.

Wangari's Trees of Peace

Jeanette Winter

Prize winner Wangari Maathai, focusing on reforestation efforts in Kenya.

Harlem Grown

Tony Hillery

A true story showing how a community transformed an abandoned lot into a thriving garden.

The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth

Rachel Ignotofsky

An illustrated guide to ecosystems that explains environmental science for young readers.

No World Too Big

Various

Features young activists from diverse backgrounds fighting climate change.

Nibi's Water Song

Sunshine Tenasco

A story about a young Indigenous girl searching for clean water.

Green Green: A Community Gardening Story

Marie Lamba

A story about creating shared green spaces in urban environments

Over and Under the Rainforest

Kate Messner

Explores the biodiversity of the rainforest and the creatures living within it.

Big Ideas for Little Environmentalists

Box Set

Features books on Jane Goodall, Rachel Carson, Wangari Maathai, and Aldo Leopold

Books for Adult

The Intersectional Environmentalist

Leah Thomas

A primer on dismantling systems of oppression to protect people and the planet, focusing on environmental justice.

Braiding Sweetgrass

Robin Wall Kimmerer

Indigenous wisdom with scientific knowledge for a comprehensive view of ecological stewardship.

All We Can Save

Ayana Elizabeth Johnson & Katharine Wilkinson

An anthology of diverse women leading on climate issues, combining essays, poetry, and art.

The Colors of Nature

Various

Explores the relationship between culture and place, emphasizing the intersection of cultural diversity and ecological awareness.

Ecoliterat

Daniel Goleman

Offers educators tools to cultivate emotional, social, and ecological intelligence.

Books for Educators

Environmental Liberation Education

Micaela Rubalcava

Provides culturally responsive tools for teaching, featuring mindfulness and diversity circles.

Last Child in the Woods

Richard Louv

Explores the link between children's health and nature connection, a key resource for educators and parents.

Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults

Adapted version that brings Indigenous perspectives into classrooms, helping students understand ecological ethics.