

Art IS Education

Sustainability and Environment Book List

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To assist with exploring environmental sustainability aspects of this year's Art IS Education theme, Creating a Better Future Together, this list includes a broad books that K-12 readers may enjoy. Please contact acsustain@acgov.org with suggestions or to share how you used these resources.

Picture Books

Fiction (generally grade K+)

- 1. The Adventures of Riley (series) by Amanda Lumry
- 2. All the World by Marla Frazee
- 3. Arthur Turns Green by Marc Brown
- 4. The Berenstain Bears Don't Pollute (Anymore) by Stan and Jan Berenstain
- 5. The Earth Book by Todd Parr
- 6. Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- 7. Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry
- 8. Here Comes The Garbage Barge by Jonah Winter
- 9. Just a Dream by Chris Van Allsburg
- 10. Little Yellow Pear Tomatoes by Demian Elaine Yumei
- 11. The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
- 12. Magic School Bus & The Climate Challenge by Joanna Cole
- 13. Olivia's Birds: Saving the Gulf by Olivia Bouler
- 14. On Meadowview Street by Henry Cole
- 15. Pacha's Pajamas: A Story Written by Nature by Aaron Ableman
- 16. *Redwoods* by Jason Chin
- 17. Trouble with Dragons by Debi Gloiri
- 18. Weslandia by Paul Fleischman
- 19. Winston of Churchill: One Bear's Battle Against Global Warming by Jean Davies Okimoto
- 20. The Wump World by Bill Peet
- 21. ZERI Fables (series) by Gunter Pauli (http://www.zerilearning.org/english/fables.php)

Nonfiction

- 1. Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai by Claire Nivola (grade K+)
- 2. If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People (2nd edition) by David Smith (grade 3+)

Chapter Books

Fiction

- 1. *Cam Jansen: The Green School Mystery* by David Adler and Joy Allen (grade 1+)
- 2. Judy Moody Saves the World by Megan McDonald (grade 1+)
- 3. Gaia Girls (series) by Lee Welles (grade 3+)
- 4. Hoot by Carl Hiaasen (grade 4+)
- 5. Under the Weather: Stories About Climate Change by Tony Bradman (Ed.) (grade 4+)

Nonfiction (generally grades 4+)

- 1. The Down-to-Earth Guide To Global Warming by Laurie David and Cambria Gordon
- 2. Earth Matters: An Encyclopedia of Ecology by DK Publishing
- 3. *Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who Are Helping to Protect Our Planet* by Harriet Rohmer
- 4. *How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate: Scientists and Kids Explore Global Warming* by Lynne Cherry
- 5. It's Our World, Too!: Young People Who Are Making a Difference: How They Do It How You Can, Too by Phillip Hoose
- 6. The New 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth by Sophie Javna
- 7. *Our Earth: How Kids are Saving the Planet* by Janet Wilson
- 8. *Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change: Courageous Actions Around the World* by Garth Sundem

Young Adult Readers

Fiction (generally grades 8+)

- 1. Boys, Bears, and a Serious Pair of Hiking Boots by Abby McDonald
- 2. Carbon Diaries 2015 by Saci Lloyd
- 3. *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer
- 4. *Restoring Harmony* by Joelle Anthony
- 5. Water Wars by Cameron Stracher
- 6. Welcome to the Greenhouse (short stories, geared to adults) by Gordon Van Gelder (ed.)

Non-fiction

- 1. *Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life* by Linda Sivertsen (grade 9+)
- 2. An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming (subtitle distinguishes YA from adult title) by Al Gore (grade 6+)
- 3. Seven Wonders for a Cool Planet: Everyday Things to Help Solve Global Warming by Eric Sorensen (geared to adults but novella length)
- 4. We Are The Weather Makers: The History of Climate Change (subtitle distinguishes YA from adult title) by Tim Flannery (grade 9+)