

Great Environmental Books (DVDs, too!) on Waste, Composting, Americans' Consumption Habits

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Age Level	Title	Author	Book Summary	Copyright/ Publisher/ISBN	Format
Youth-- Ages 4-12	<i>Agatha's Feather Bed</i> ☾ ☽	Agra Deedy, Carmen	This book explains that everything on the earth comes from something on the earth--silk from silkworms, cotton from a cotton boll... Check this page out on the website to learn one way to use this in the classroom.	1994: Peachtree Publishers 1-56145-008-1	Illustrated picture book
Youth— Ages 10 and 14	<i>Earth Keepers</i>	Anderson, Joan	This book introduces readers to the Hudson River, a New York City community garden, and to the Minnesota wilderness...and to people who are working to reverse destruction of natural areas.	1993: Gulliver Green Book, Harcourt Brace & Co., NY , NY 0-15- 242199-8	91 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth— Ages 7-12	<i>Chattanooga Sludge</i>	Bang, Molly	This book challenges students to be problem-solvers by telling them about a man who tried to clean poisons from the Chattanooga Creek.	1996: Harcourt Brace & Co., Orlando , FL 0-15-216345-X	47 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth-- Ages 6 and up	<i>Common Ground The Water, Earth and Air We Share</i>	Bang, Molly	This parable about sheep and the Commons where they graze demonstrates impacts of daily actions and the value of working together to preserve common ground.	1997: Blue Sky Press, an Imprint of Scholastic Inc.: NY , NY 0-590-10056-4	Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 6-9	<i>Table Where Rich People Sit</i> ☾	Baylor, Byrd	A girl feels her family doesn't have enough money. As the family discusses this issue at their worn-out table, they determine there is much value in the non-tangibles of their lives-the sunsets, the stars, the wind. The girl decides her family may indeed be rich after all.	1994: Aladdin Paperbacks/Simon & Schuster, NY , NY 0-689-82008-9	Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 11- and up	<i>Consumption and Waste</i>	Bledsoe, Karen E.	This book explains how US commercial society and consumption patterns lead to waste. Addressed are waste patterns through history, electronic waste and hazardous waste. Check this page out on the website to learn one way to use this in the classroom.	2004: Perfection Learning, Logan , IA 0- 7891-6121-4	48 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth— Ages 4-8	<i>Garbage Collectors</i>	Bourgeois, Paula	Join garbage collectors and find out what happens to garbage after it leaves the curb.	1998: Kids Can Press Ltd. 1-55074-440-2	Illustrated picture book

Youth-- Ages 4 and up	<i>Quiltmaker's Gift</i> ☾ ☾	Brumbeau, Jeff and Gail Marcken	A prince acquires many possessions, but in the end realizes that it is far better to give than to receive. Check this page out on the website to learn one way to use this in the classroom.	2000: Scholastic Press NY, NY 0-439-30910-7	Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 4-8 and up	<i>Someday a Tree</i> ☾ ☾	Bunting, Eve	Alice and her family prize an old oak tree in an open field near her home, but the tree starts to die because hazardous materials were dumped under it. The family and others in the community try to save it to no avail, but Alice thinks of a way that the tree can live on in another way. Great book for illustrating the dangers of chemicals.	1993: Clarion Books, NY 0-395-61309-04	Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 4-8	<i>Diary of a Worm</i> ☾	Cronin, Doreen	This book is about the hidden world of worms and their daily doings.	2003: Joanna Cotler Books (imprint of HarperCollins Publishers) 0-06-000150-X	Illustrated picture book
All ages	<i>Women in the Material World</i>	D'Aluisio, Faith and Peter Menzel	This book has 375 full-color photographs, statistics and insights on the status of women around the work. It portrays differences and similarities in women's lives throughout the world.	1996: Sierra Club Books 0-87156-398-3	256 pgs. Nonfiction
Adult	<i>Affluenza: The All-Consuming Epidemic</i>	de Graaf, John, David Wann, Thomas H. Naylor and David Horsey	This book addresses overconsumption and resulting damage to Americans' health, families, communities and the environment. Though humorous in places, it also has a "scolding" tone. Use in conjunction with Jim Twitchell's counter-point, <i>Lead Us into Temptation</i> , to foster critical thinking skills.	2002: Berrett-Koehler	288 pgs. Nonfiction
Clips appropriate for 5th grade- adults	<i>Affluenza: The All-Consuming Epidemic DVD</i>	de Graaf, John and Vivia Boe	This program, hosted by National Public Radio's Scott Simon, looks at overconsumption and materialism. Check this page on the website to find a summary of the program's contents.	1997: KCTS Television	56 min., DVD or VHS
Clips appropriate for 5th grade- adults	<i>Escape from Affluenza DVD</i>	de Graaf, John and Vivia Boe	This program is a sequel to the PBS special, <i>Affluenza</i> . It shows ways people can reduce their consumption. Check this page on the website to find a summary of <i>Escape from Affluenza's</i> contents.	1998: John de Graaf and KCTS Television	56 min., DVD or VHS

Youth-- Ages 7-10	<i>Recycling</i> (A True Book)	Donald, Rhonda Lucas	This guidebook addresses waste, composting, recycling, and household hazardous waste.	2001: Children's Press, NY, NY 0-516-22193-0	47 pgs., Nonfiction
Youth-- Ages 4-8	<i>Dougal The Garbage Dump Bear</i> ☾	Dray, Matt	Dougal, a stuffed bear, is left out in the rain, then tossed in the garbage. But workers at the landfill save Dougal and other stuffed animals from landfill death. Personification is used throughout.	2005: Kane/Miller, La Jolla, CA 1-929132-78-6	Illustrated picture book
Youth— Ages 13 and up	<i>How Much Is Enough</i>	Durning, Alan	Durning argues that the fates of humans and the natural world depend upon humans' choices. His book focuses on consumption and its link to environmental degradation.	1992: WW Norton & Co., Inc., NY , NY 0-393-30891-X	200 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth— Ages 8-13	<i>50 Simple Things Kids can do to Recycle</i>	Earthworks Group	This is a recycling guide written for kids.	1994: EarthWorks Press, Berkley , CA 1-879682-00-1	144 pgs. Nonfiction
For Adults to use with youth ages 5-18	<i>Reuse + Recycling = Waste Reduction : A Guide for Schools and Groups</i>	Environmental Protection Agency	The free guide, available at http://www.epa.gov/osw/students/school.pdf , includes general information as well as steps for starting a waste reduction program with youth groups (such as school recycling programs). It also includes case studies and resources.	2003: Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC EPA530-K-03-001	29 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth— Ages 4-8	<i>Gumfounded</i>	Garr, Sherry B.	While walking to school, Tia steps on a piece of gum. That leads to a whole mess of other problems, as the gum keeps picking up other litter. Tia is left walking with a mountain of litter attached to her shoes.	2004: Sherry B. Garr Seattle, WA 0-9759866-0-0	Illustrated picture book
Youth— Ages 3-8	<i>What's Going on In There</i>	Grahn, Geoffrey	This book helps young children learn that things are not always as they appear. Though not about environmental issues, the book can be used effectively to teach students about household hazardous wastes and their look-alike food products. This is important safety information for children.	2005: Orchard Books, NY 0-439-57495-1	Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 9-14	<i>Hoot</i>	Hiaasen, Carl	Roy Eberhardt moves to Florida , and hates it. But things start looking up as he discovers intriguing Florida creatures-"potty-trained alligators, a beleaguered construction foreman, some burrowing owls, a fake-fart champion, a renegade eco-avenger,	2002: Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books	292 pgs. Fiction

			some slippery fish, a sinister pancake PR man and several extremely poisonous snakes." (book jacket)		
Ages 13-18, Adult	<i>Paper or Plastic Searching for Solutions to an Overpackaged World</i>	Imhoff, Daniel	If you want to research packaging, start with this book. Imhoff provides background about packaging and its lifecycle, suggest ways to use less packaging, and dreams of a future "beyond the box."	2005: Sierra Club Books, San Francisco, CA 1-57805-117-7	227 pgs. Fiction
Ages 12 and up	<i>There's a Hair in My Dirt</i> ☾ ☽	Larson, Gary	"Dirt for breakfast, dirt for lunch and dirt for dinner! Dirt, dirt, dirt! And look--now there's even a hair in my dirt! The final insult--I can't stand it any longer! <i>I hate being a worm!</i> " When one earthworm gets mad at a hair in his meal, his father tells him an ecological fable that combines environmental lessons with the kind of off-the-wall humor that could only come from one man: Gary Larson.	1999: Harper Paperbacks 978-0060932749	64 pgs. Fiction
Youth-- Ages 7-10	<i>The Wartville Wizard</i>	Madden, Don	Wartville is being buried in trash. Then, one day, an old man realizes he can clean up Wartville. He involves the entire community in this solution. Check this page out on the website to view a lesson plan to go with The Wartville Wizard.	1986: Aladdin Paperbacks 0-7857-0925-8	Illustrated picture book
Ages 11 and up	<i>Recycled Life</i> ☾	Mader	This documentary depicts the people who live in the largest landfill in Central America—it's a story of the human spirit, and of the toxic wastes in this place some call home. For more information, go to recycledlifedoc.com .	2006: ALLGlad, Inc.	38 min., DVD
Youth-- Ages 11-14	<i>I Want to be an Environmentalist</i>	Maze, Stephanie	Environmental careers are profiled in the context of ecological issues. Colorful format.	Harcourt	48 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth-- Ages 4-8	<i>Beatrice's Goat</i>	McBrier, Page	This recounts a true story about a girl, given the right tools, who was able to help lift her family from poverty. Go to readtofeed.org to obtain a free copy of this book and other educational materials.	Atheneum Books for Young Readers 0-689-82460-2	Illustrated picture book
Adult	<i>Cradle to Cradle, Remaking the Way We Make Things</i>	McDonough, William and Michael Braungart	This book proposes re-thinking of the industrial and economic system so that principals of nature are used and waste is eliminated.	2002: North Point Press	208 pgs. Nonfiction

All ages	<i>Material World: A Global Family Portrait</i> ♻️ ♻️	Menzel, Peter	This is a photographic look at 30 families, their homes and their possessions. The families represent 30 United Nations countries. Beautiful photos, brief but compelling narratives and fascinating statistics about these 30 countries, the energy they use, population per capita, income, etc.	1994: Sierra Club, San Francisco , CA 0-87156-437-8	255 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth-- Ages 4-8	<i>A Pig Tale</i>	Newton John, Olivia and Brian Hurst	Iggy, a pig who enthusiastically collects junk, eventually creates a treasure from his load of trash. The book may be a bit earnest and sugary for some, but the rhymes and watercolors may make it a hit for some young readers.	1993: Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing	32 pgs. Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 5-18	<i>Garbage</i>	Nye, Bill	By digging up garbage in landfills, Bill Nye exposed the waste humans create.	1995: Disney Productions	26 min. Video/DVD
Youth-- Ages 5-9	<i>Taking Care of Our Earth</i>	100% Educational Videos	Students tour a landfill, and learn about the importance of conserving natural resources. They also discover how reducing, reusing and recycling benefit the environment and how air and water pollution can harm it.	1999:100% Educational Videos, El Dorado Hills, CA 1-58541-292-9	17 min. DVD
Youth-- Ages 4-8	<i>The Wump World</i>	Peet, Bill	This book teaches about loving nature, taking care of the planet, and also teaches about pollution. The story's villians are called Pollutians. .	1974: Houghton Mifflin 0395198410	48 pgs. Illustrated picture book
Youth— Ages 4-8	<i>Compost, by Gosh!</i>	Portman, Michelle Eva	This simple, rhyming book explains the process of worms eating leftover food and creating fertilizer. The book's instructions for creating compost is easy and step-by-step.	2002: Flower Press 0-942250616-1	42 pgs. Illustrated picture book
Curriculum for Grades 8-12	<i>The Life Cycle of Everyday Stuff</i>	Reeske, Mike and Shirley Watt Ireton	This curriculum offers ways to explore the science of consumer products. Life cycles, design, manufacturing and redesign are several of the seven units included in this guide.	2001: National Science Teachers Association, Arlington, VA 0-87355-187-7	95 pgs. Nonfiction curriculum guide
Adult	<i>Garbage Land On the Secret Trail of Trash</i>	Royte, Elizabeth	Royte leads readers through the life of garbage...to meet an odor chemist, neighbors to landfills, scientists trying to revive polluted areas; paper, steel, aluminum and plastic industry professionals... Royte reminds us that our decisions have a very real impact.	2005: Little, Brown and Co., NY, NY 0-316-73826-3	311 pgs. Nonfiction

Youth-- Ages 11 and up	<i>Seven Wonders: Everyday Things for a Healthier Planet</i> ☼	Ryan, John C.	This book offers seven good-news things that can help improve the environment. Ceiling fans, bicycles and condoms are three examples. A positive environmental book.	1999: Sierra Club Books, San Francisco , CA 1-57805-038-3	98 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth-- Ages 11 and up	<i>Stuff: The Secret Lives of Everyday Things</i> ☼	Ryan, John C. and Alan Thein Durning	The book describes the life cycle, during production, of common products such as t-shirts, cola and French fries.	1997: Northwest Environment Watch, Seattle , WA 1-886093-04-0	86 pgs. Nonfiction
Ages 14 and up	<i>Do Americans Shop Too Much?</i>	Schor, Juliet B., Joshau Cohen, Joel Rogers	This book offers varying perspectives on consumption in America —a good “point”/“counterpoint” book to invoke critical thinking about public policy, economics, social inequality and marketing.	2000: Beacon Press, Boston , MA 0-8070-0443-X	96 pgs.
Youth-- Ages 10 and up	<i>Downsiders</i>	Shusterman, Neal	In this novel, a world exists beneath the sewer grates of New York City . The residents are called "Downsiders," and are prohibited from entering the "Topside." Yet, a young girl and boy, one from the Topside and one from down under, meet and learn about each others' worlds. Downsiders, for example, create works of art from the Topsiders' trash.	1999: Simon and Schuster NY, NY	Fiction
Youth— Ages 4-10	<i>Rot ‘n Roll</i>	Slaughter, Stan	This illustrated songbook includes music notation and guitar chords for songs about composting and recycling. Also available are CDs with the same songs. Check out this page on the website to view a short English Language Arts lesson using “Landfill Blues.”	1995: Tall Oak Productions Kansas City,MO stan@stanslaughter.com	Songbook
Youth-- Ages 7-11	<i>Doing the 4Rs</i>	StopWaste, Alameda Co.,CA	Kids from Alameda county show how they practice the 4Rs--reducing, reusing, recycling and "rotting" (composting) at home, school and play.	2005: Adameda County Waste Management Authority, Oakland, CA	17 min. DVD
Youth-- Ages 4-8	<i>Joseph Had a Little Overcoat</i> ☼	Taback, Simms	Joseph had an overcoat, it gets old and shabby, but he keeps re-making some-thing of it until he has nothing. Then he even makes some-thing out of that.	1999: Viking, NY , NY 0-670-87855-3	Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 13-18	<i>The Gospel According to Larry</i> ☼	Tashjian, Janet	A first-person narrative from a 17-year boy's perspective. "Larry" wants to make a positive difference in the world, and he uses tools such as the web to accomplish his mission.	2001: Henry Holt & Co.	227 pgs. Fiction

Youth-- Ages 13-18	<i>The Cost of Cool DVD</i>	Tobias, Micheal	This production addresses the environmental cost of "cool." It focuses on teenagers' buying patterns and needs versus wants. Teenagers are interviewed, the life cycle of a t-shirt is shown.	2001: Population Communications International and Cognizant Media Ltd.	26 min., DVD, Video
Youth— Ages 4-8	<i>Dirt: Jump into Science</i>	Tomecek, Steve	This book gives a quick and easy introduction to earth science--the layers of soil and how they are formed. Colorful illustrations lighten the text.	2002: National Geographic Children's Books	32 pgs. Illustrated picture book
Adult	<i>Lead Us Into Temptation</i>	Twitchell, Jim	Twitchell offers differing perspectives from Schor and de Graff. He believes shopping may be an act of self-identification. Though radical in its own right, Twitchell offers research to back claims. Use in conjunction with de Graaf's <i>Affluenza</i> to foster critical thinking.	2000: Columbia University Press NY , NY 0-231-11518-0	310 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth-- Ages 7 and up	<i>Just a Dream</i>	Van Allsburg, Chris	Walter doesn't care much about the environment, but one night when he falls asleep, his dreams help him understand what the future will be like, depending upon the choices made in the present.	1990: Houghton Mifflin Co.: Boston 0-395-53308-2	Illustrated picture book
Adult	<i>State of the World 2004: The Consumer Society</i>	Worldwatch Institute	This book examines how Americans consume, why, and the impact consumption choices have on the planet and human beings. our fellow human beings.	2004: Worldwatch Institute, Washington, DC 0-393-32539-3	245 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth-- Ages 4-8	<i>Just Enough and Not Too Much</i>	Zemach, Kaethe	A man has all he needs, and then decides he needs more. After acquiring many new things, his house is crowded and he decides that he was happier with less, so gives it all away.	2003: Scholastic Press, NY , NY 0-439-37724-2	Illustrated picture book

Other Environmental Books/DVDs/Videos

Note: Pages 1-7 are comprised of books that relate more to waste issues, composting and Americans' consumption habits.

The following list focuses on a broader range of environmental topics.

Age Level	Title	Author	Book Summary	Copyright/ Publisher/ISBN	Format
Youth-- Ages 4 and up	<i>Home</i> ☉	Baker, Jeannie	This wordless book begins with a mother and father holding their newborn in an urban environment with only a trace of the natural world. As the baby grows, so too does the greening of the neighborhood, turning a drab city street into a living, thriving home.	2004:Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers 0-06-623935-4	Illustrated picture book

Youth-- Ages 4 and up	Window ☾ ☽	Baker, Jeannie	This wordless book begins with a mother holding her newborn son as she looks out the window at a pond and lush vegetation. The following illustrations show the changes in the landscape during the next 20 years.	1991:Greenwillow Books, a division of William Morrow & Co., NY, NY 0-688-08917-8	Illustrated picture book
Ages 6-12	Tree of Life ☾	Bash, Barbara	This book describes the lifecycle of one of Africa's trees--the baobab, which has branches that look like gnarled roots. These trees, often measuring 60 feet tall and 40 feet across, have a lifespan of over 1000 years. In the book, the baobab tree dies--but one of its seeds sprouts, so life continues. One of nature's great lessons is recreated in this wonderfully illustrated book.	2002: Sierra Club Books, San Francisco, CA 1-578-05086-3	Illustrated picture book
Adult	Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices ☾	Brower, Michael and Warren Leon	The Union of Concerned Scientists' guide is well researched and practical. It offers information to help you set priorities and understand the environmental impact of your decisions.	1999: Three Rivers Press, NY , NY 0-609-80281-X	304 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth-- Ages 4 and up	The Quiltmaker's Journey	Brumbeau, Jeff and Gail Marcken	This is a story about the value of generosity. A young girls leaves her home and village, and finds many less-fortunate people in the world. The young girl discovers a gift she can share with these people, which enriches their lives and her own.	2004: Scholastic Inc. NY, NY 0-439-51219-0	Illustrated picture book
Youth— Ages 4-8	Butterfly House	Bunting, Eve	After saving a caterpillar, a young girl and her grandfather build a butterfly house. The child decides to bring outdoor beauty into the box by painting a colorful “garden” on the insides of the box, and a blue sky on the inner lid. The caterpillar undergoes the metamorphosis and is set free by the tearful girl. In her older years, the “girl” (who narrates the story) enjoys the many butterflies in her own garden. A touching story.	1999: Scholastic Press 0-59084-884-4	Illustrated picture book
Youth— Ages 4-8	Secret Place	Bunting, Eve	The young narrator discovers wildness among a city’s concrete. He shares his find with a few grateful adults and, at the same time, introduces readers to wildlife he’s discovered. As his enthusiasm for wildness grows, he wants to tell others but is cautioned to “be careful,” as some may want to take it and change it.	1996: Clarion Books 0-39564-367-8	40 pgs. Illustrated picture book

Youth-- Ages 4-8	<i>Hey, Get Off Our Train</i>	Burningham, John	This is a story about the perils facing animals around the world...from pollution to habitat destruction.	1994: Dragonfly Books NY, NY 0-517-88204-3	Illustrated picture book
All ages	<i>The Education of Little Tree</i> ★	Carter, Forrest and Rennard Strickland	Though classified as non-fiction in many libraries, critics confirm that this is a novel. The book tells the story of a young, orphaned boy who is adopted by his Cherokee grandparents and lives in the Appalachian mountains of Tennessee . "Little Tree" learns to hunt and survive in the mountains and to respect nature.	2003: University of New Mexico Press 0- 8263-0879-1	216 pgs. Fiction
Adult	<i>Sharing Nature's Interest: Ecological Footprints as an Indicator of Sustainability</i>	Chambers, Nicky and Craig Simmons and Mathis Wackernagel	This book communicates ways to calculate the impact individuals have on the earth. It identifies areas to focus on and ways to work toward sustainable development.	2000: Earthscan Publications Ltd., Sterling, VA 1-85383-739-3	185 pgs., Nonfiction
Ages 4-8	<i>The Great Kapok Tree</i>	Cherry, Lynne	This wonderfully illustrated and highly recommended book depicts the lushness of the Amazon rainforest, and why it needs to be protected.	1990: Gulliver Green	Illustrated picture book
Ages 4-8	<i>Miss Rumphius</i>	Cooney, Barbara	As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful--and she does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all.	1982: Viking 0-670-47958-6	Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 5-9	<i>Wake Up, World!</i>	Hollyer, Beatrice	This book provides information about the day in the live of children around the world.	1993: Puffin 0-8050- 6293-9	Illustrated picture book
Adult	<i>Living Green: A Practical Guide to Simple Sustainability</i>	Horn, Greg	Former CEO of General Nutrition Centers (GNC), Horn explains effects on the environment from food, products, energy choices and other issues. In each chapter, he provides recommendations on living healthier.	2006: Freedom Press 1-89391-047-4	171 pgs. Nonfiction
Ages 12- 18, adult	<i>Natural Connections</i>	Howard, Sharon and Michael Rosen	Articulate scientists and beautiful photography underscore this video that addresses the importance of biodiversity. Though focused on issues in the NW United States, the video is excellent and includes clips about advertising and consumption. <u>Check the website for a video summary.</u>	2000: Howard Rosen Productions 1-56029-840-5	46 min., Video
Adult	<i>The Better World</i>	Jones, Ellis; Ross	The book begins with a summary of problems and	2001: New Society	300 pgs.

	Handbook	Haenfler; Brett Johnson; Brian Klocke	foundations necessary for building a better world. The authors (four university professors) then address topics such as food, money, transportation, work, and media, focusing on activities that support a better world.	Publishers 0-86571-442-8	Nonfiction
Adult	<i>The Better World Shopping Guide: Every Dollar Makes a Difference</i>	Jones, Ellis	This social and environmental focused pocket-sized guide ranks products from A to F-turning your grocery list into a most powerful tool to change the world. Jones currently teaches sociology at University of California, Davis.	2006: New Society Publishers 0-86571-576-9	200 pgs. Nonfiction
Adult	<i>The Better World Handbook: Small Changes that Make a Big Difference</i>	Jones, Ellis	Designed to reach people who normally would not consider themselves activists, this book is intended to help citizens create a more just, sustainable, and socially responsible world. (See above.)	2007: New Society Publishers 0-86571-575-0	301 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth-- Ages 8-12	<i>Children Just Like Me</i>	Kindersley, Barnabas and Anabel	The book describes the lives of children around the world, and includes photos of their families, their homes and schools, foods they eat, and other aspects of their lifestyles.	1995: Dorling Kindersley Publishing 0-7894-0201-7	Illustrated picture book
Adults	<i>Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder</i> ☾★	Louv, Richard	Louv says today's kids are increasingly disconnected from the natural world, even though research shows that exposure of youngsters to nature can be an effective therapy for attention-deficit disorder and other problems. Book is highly rated by environmental educators; good review from <i>Scientific American</i> as well.	2005: Algonquin Books 1-56512-391-3	336 pgs. Nonfiction
All ages	<i>Hungry Planet What the World Eats</i> ☾★	Menzel, Peter and Faith D'Aluisio	This book, featuring 30 families from 24 countries around the world, presents a photographic study of the foods they eat in one week.	2005: Material World Books and Ten Speed Press	288 pgs., Nonfiction
Ages 10 and up	<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	Mikaelsen, Ben	A cruel delinquent faces the challenges of living on a remote Alaskan island, a Native American option to jail. The boy, Cole, learns a lot during his efforts to survive...and the story should hold a 7th grade boy's interest, as it's a bit gory.	2001: HarperTrophy, a division of HarperCollins, NY, NY 0-380-80560-X	240 pgs. Fiction
Ages 5-10	<i>Taking Care of Our Earth</i>	100% Educational Videos	Students learn about taking care of the environment through animated characters, including an aluminum can that was thrown in the garbage instead of recycled. The video also explains natural resources.	1999: 100% Educational Videos 1-58541-083-7	17 min., Video/DVD
Ages 9	<i>One Good Apple</i>	Paladino,	This book makes a case for sustainable agriculture. It	1999: Houghton Mifflin	48 pgs.,

and up		Catherine	describes dangers of using pesticides and fertilizers on foods and on all living things, and alternatives.	Co., Boston 0-395-85009-6	Nonfiction
Youth— Ages 4-8	<i>Earthways: Simple Environmental Activities for Young Children</i>	Petrash, Carol	Earthways contains developmentally-appropriate, imaginative activities in science, nature and art. The activities are designed to empower young children to feel a joyous kinship with nature.	1992: Gryphon House 087659156X	206 pgs.
Ages 12 and up	<i>World Population</i> ☾ ☽	Population Connection	This video/DVD provides a dramatic look at the history of population growth across the globe.	2000: Population Connection	7 min., Video/DVD
Adult	<i>Branded: The Buying and Selling of Teenagers</i>	Quart, Alissa	The author gives examples of ways that branding of products occurs, and provides information about marketing to younger audiences.	2003: Perseus Publishing	256 pgs. Nonfiction
Youth— Ages 4-8	<i>The Lorax</i> ☾	Seuss, Dr.	<i>The Lorax</i> shares a powerful message about the environment in this classic. Brilliant and whimsical rhymes and delightful creatures tell the story that "UNLESS someone like you...cares a whole awful lot...nothing is going to get better...It's not."	1971: Random House Books for Young Readers 0-39482-337-0	72 pgs. Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 5-12	<i>Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems</i>	Sidman, Joyce	Sidman shares 11 poems about pond life and its diversity. Each poem is accompanied by a paragraph that provides information about a part of pond life, A combination of poetry and science.	2005: Houghton Mifflin Co. 0-618-13547-2	Illustrated picture book
Youth-- Ages 8-12	<i>If the World Were a Village</i> ☾	Smith, David J.	If 6 billion people on the planet were a village of 100, what would it look like? The book explains whom lives in the village, where they live, how fast the village is rowing, what languages are spoken, what religions are practiced and more.	2002: Kids Can Press, Tonawanda , NY 1-55074-779-7	Illustrated picture book
Youth— Ages 4-12	<i>A Life Like Mine</i>	UNICEF	This book beautifully profiles 18 children from around the world and addresses survival, development, protection and participation.	2005: DK Children 0-75661-803-7	128 pgs. Nonfiction
High school, adult	<i>One Good Road Is Enough</i>	Waller, Robert James	Essays on a variety of topics, including environmental concerns, harried lifestyles, and ethics.	1990: Iowa State University Press 0-81381-880-X	210 pgs., Nonfiction