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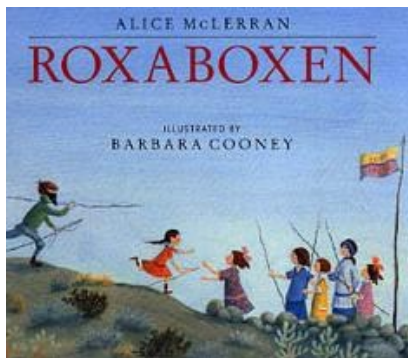


Things to Do

by Elaine Magliaro, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.6)

Adrienne Gear—Visualize

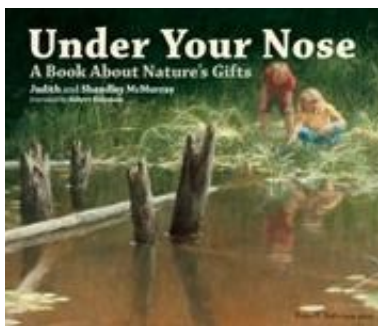
"Brings to life the small moments and secret joys of a child's day. There are wonders everywhere. In the sky and on the ground--blooming in a flower bed, dangling from a silken thread, buzzing through the summer air--waiting ...waiting to be found. In this thoughtful and ingenious collection of poems, Elaine Magliaro and illustrator Catia Chien provide a luminous glimpse of the ordinary wonders all around us." - Pub.



Roxaboxen

by Alice McLerran, c1991 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.3)

"Marian called it Roxboxen. There across the road, it looked like any rocky hill—nothing but sand and rocks, and some old wooden boxes. But it was a special place. And all children needed to go there was a long stick and a soaring imagination." - Pub.



Under Your Nose: A Book About Nature's Gifts

by Judith McMurray, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"This beautifully illustrated book brings to life the importance and joy that comes of experiencing and preserving the beauty of the natural world. When Chloe and Zachary find themselves without their digital devices for a week at their grandparents' cottage, they quickly overcome their panic when they discover that adventures in the great outdoors are much more fun than anything the wired world has to offer." - Pub.



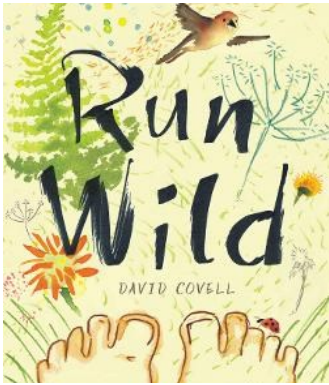
Out of School and Into Nature: The Anna Comstock Story

by Suzanne Slade, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.5)

"From the time she was a young girl, Anna Comstock was fascinated by the natural world. She loved exploring outdoors, examining wildlife and learning nature's secrets. From watching the teamwork of marching ants to following the constellations in the sky, Anna observed it all." - Pub.

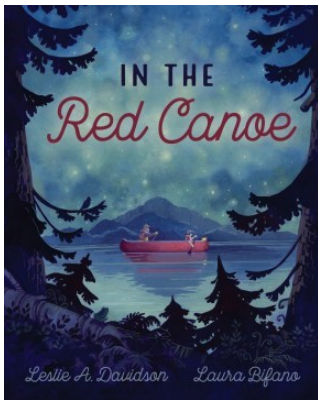
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Run Wild by David Covell

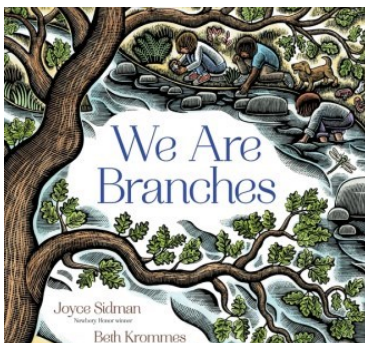
"Hey, you! Sky's blue!" a girl shouts as she runs by the window of a boy bent over his digital device. Intrigued, the boy runs out after her, leaving his shoes (and phone) behind, and into a world of sunshine, dewey grass, and warm sand. Filled with the pleasures of being alive in the natural world, *Run Wild* is an exquisite and kid-friendly reminder of how wonderful life can be beyond doors and screens." - Pub.



In the Red Canoe

by Leslie Davidson, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.1)

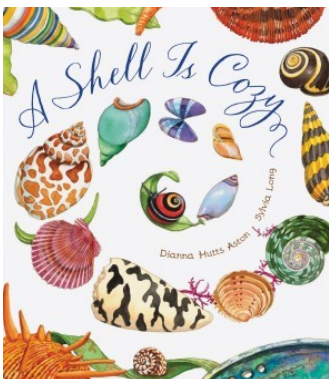
"Fish and herons, turtles and dragonflies, beaver lodges and lily pads—a multitude of wonders enchant both the child narrator and any other nature lovers along for the ride in this tender, beautifully illustrated picture book. Baby ducklings ride their mama's back; an osprey rises with a silver fish clutched in her talons; a loon cries in a star-flecked night. Rhythmic, rhyming quatrains carry the story forward in clean paddle strokes of evocative imagery." - Pub.



We Are Branches

by Joyce Sidman, c2023 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.4)

"Branches are all around us: in butterfly wings, on gecko toes, in flowers, frost, and mud. Whether as electricity moving across the sky or rivers flowing to the sea, branches are nature's most efficient way to spread and to connect. They are even found inside our own bodies, helping us reach and grow with each breath and heartbeat. Branches--strong, hopeful, beautiful--are the shape of life. How many can you find?" - Pub.



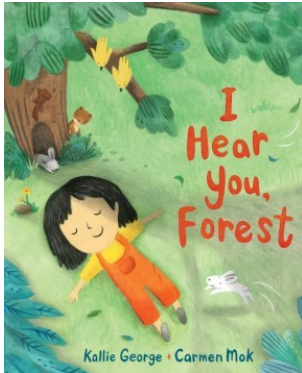
A Shell is Cozy (Nature Books)

by Dianna Aston, c2023 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.9)

"*A Shell Is Cozy* takes a gorgeous look at the fascinating world of shells. From land snails to sea scallops, giant clams to tiny dwarf shells, an incredible array of shells are showcased in all their splendor. Poetic in voice and elegant in design, this carefully researched book is sure to inspire lively questions and spark the imaginations." - Pub.

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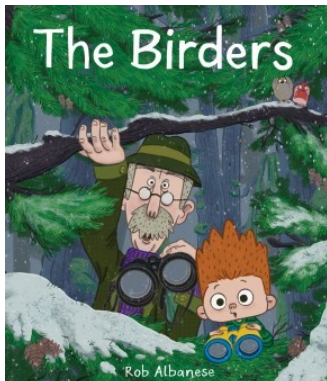
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I Hear You, Forest

by K. George, c2021 (IL: K-2, RL: 2.6)

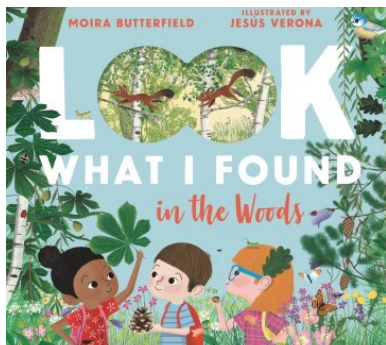
"The forest has lots to say . . . if you listen. When a young child steps into the forest, her ears are open and her heart is too. She listens carefully to the forest around her--and hears such marvellous things, from the creaking of the trees stretching skyward to the rustling of the leaves sharing their secrets." - Pub.



The Birders

by Rob Albanese, c2022 (IL: K-4, RL: ?)

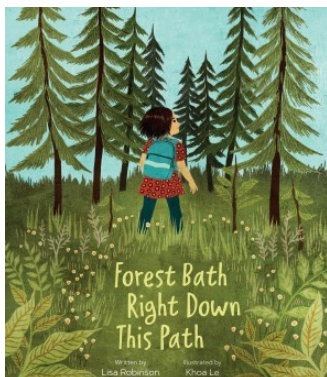
"A story about the beginning of a friendship between two different generations, a young boy and his elderly neighbor, and looks at what each has to teach the other during an outing to document a snowy owl in the woods behind their houses." - Pub.



Look What I Found in the Woods

by Moira Butterfield, c2021 (IL: K/1, RL: 3.0)

"Set off on an outdoor adventure and find natural treasures, from prickly pine cones to swirly snails and shells, then learn more about the plants and creatures of the forest in this fact-filled guide to the outdoors." - Pub.



Forest Bath Right Down This Path

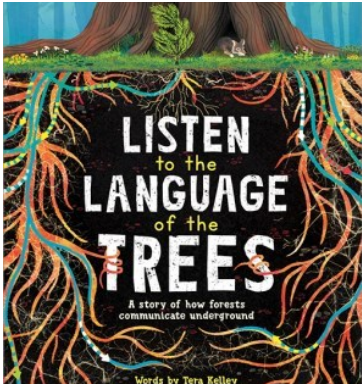
by Lisa Robinson, c2023 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

"Join in a forest bathing adventure as a young girl helps her father to leave his cell phone behind and embrace the sights, smells, and sounds of the natural world around him. On a sticky summer day, when it is too hot to do anything, Kayla suggests a forest bath. Daddy needs a little more convincing, but soon they are heading into the forest." - Pub.

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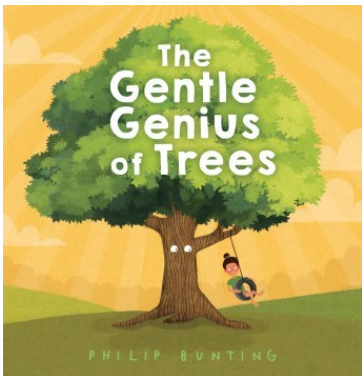
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Listen to the Language of the Trees: A Story of How Forests Communicate Underground

by Tera Kelley, c2022 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"Readers will discover that trees have their own social network, and helping one another thrive is trending . . . a seedling, newly sprouted at the base of a giant tree . . . stretches its roots into an underground web of fungi, it learns that its fellow trees use the fungi to pass messages and share resources! It will take great luck for this tiny seedling to survive, but it will have help from its friends in the forest." - P



The Gentle Genius of Trees

by Philip Bunting, c2021 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"With humor and heart, readers will encounter a small forest of facts. They'll explore the brilliance of trees in creating one interconnected wood-wide web that enables their community to collaborate with each other, share resources, warn of threats, and survive and thrive together." - Pub.

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We're Going on a Bear Hunt: An Adventure Field Guide

by Hanna Pang, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.7)

"There are so many wonderful things to discover on a nature adventure! From changing weather to creepy-crawlies and even animal tracks, this guide is packed full of fun facts, field activities, and guiding tips for further exploration into the great outdoors—whether that's at the park, in the backyard, or on a far-off bear hunt."

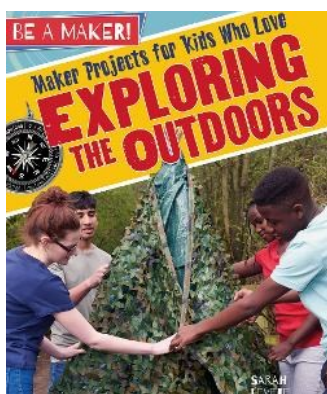
- Pub.



The Usborne Outdoor Book: Inspiring Ideas for Discovering and Exploring Outdoors

by Alice James, c2016

"Inspiring ideas for discovering and exploring outdoors, whether that's a city park, a beach, deep in the woods or even in a garden. Activities for all weathers include building a shelter, stargazing, marking a trail, catching crabs and listening for creatures at night. With tips for identifying wildlife and advice throughout on staying safe." - Pub.

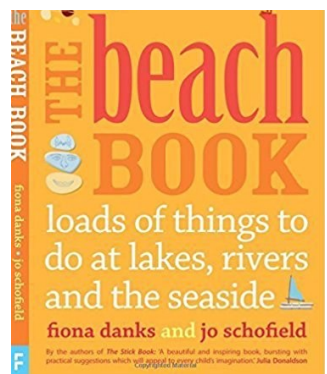


Maker Projects for Kids Who Love Exploring the Outdoors

by Sarah Levet, c2017 (IL: 3-6, RL: 7.5)

Series: *Be a Maker!*

"The great outdoors is the perfect 'Maker' space for exploring possibilities for creativity, problem solving, and innovation. From designing devices to study the natural world to figuring out ways to find food or water outside, this refreshing title inspires readers to come up with Maker projects of their own in their back yards or communities." - Pub.



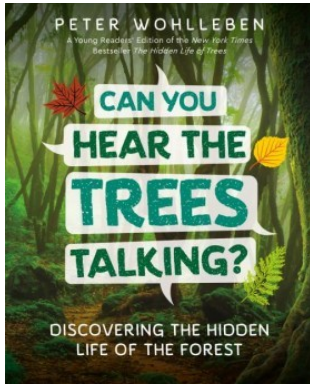
The Beach Book: Loads to do at Lakes, Rivers and the Seaside

by Fiona Danks, c2015 (IL: 3-6, RL: 6.5)

"You don't need to live right on the water's edge to have fun at the beach! The Beach Book is all about finding wild places at the seaside, as well as by lakes and rivers and making the most of opportunities to explore and enjoy all these places have to offer. You can have fun by discovering beach wildlife, rock pooling, crabbing and fishing, making a rock-pool viewer, exploring sand dunes and beach combing." - Pub.

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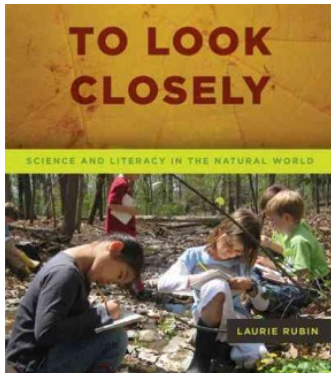


Can You Hear the Trees Talking? : Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest
by Peter Wohlleben, c2019 (IL: 4-6, RL: 4.7)

"Did you know that trees have parents, and tree grandparents with wrinkles? That tree kids go to school for hundreds of years? That there is such a thing as the forest internet? And that trees make us healthy and strong. Sometimes, even trees get sick, but we can help them heal." - *Pub.*

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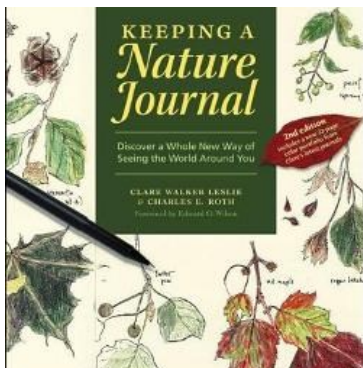
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To Look closely: Science and Literacy in the Natural World

by Laurie Rubin, c2013 (IL: PF)

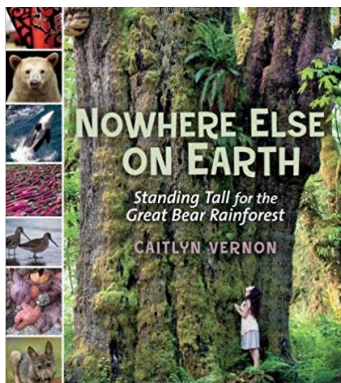
"Whether it's a trickling stream, a grassy slope, or an abandoned rail line, the natural world offers teachers a wonderful resource around which to center creative, inquiry-based learning throughout the year.." - Pub.



Keeping a Nature Journal: Discover a Whole New Way of Seeing the World Around You

by Clare Walker Leslie, c2013 (IL: AD)

"Experience the splendor of nature with fresh eyes! Featuring an inspiring portfolio from Clare Walker Leslie's nature journals, this guide offers easy-to-learn techniques for capturing the world around you in pictures and words. Encouraging you to make journaling a part of your daily routine, *Keeping a Nature Journal* is full of engaging exercises and stimulating prompts that will help you hone your powers of observation..." - Pub.



Nowhere Else On Earth: Standing Tall for the Great Bear Rainforest

by Caitlyn Vernon, c2011 (IL: 5-8, RL: 6.5)

"You don't have to live in the Great Bear Rainforest to benefit from its existence, but after you read *Nowhere Else on Earth* you might want to visit this magnificent part of the planet. Environmental activist Caitlyn Vernon guides young readers through a forest of information, sharing her personal stories, her knowledge and her concern for this beautiful place." - Amazon.ca



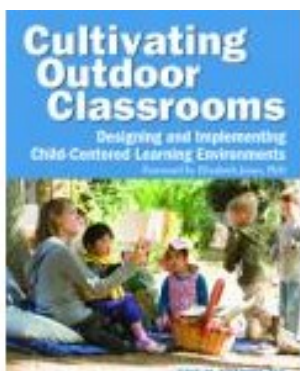
A Little Bit of Dirt: 55+ Science and Art Activities to Reconnect Children with Nature

by Asia Citro, c2015 (IL: AD)

"Bursting with creative hands-on outdoor science and art activities, *A Little Bit of Dirt* is full of motivation to get outside and explore. Whether you're investigating the health of your local stream, making beautiful acrylic sun-prints with leaves and flowers, running an experiment with your backyard birds, or concocting nature potions, you'll be fostering an important connection with nature." - Pub.

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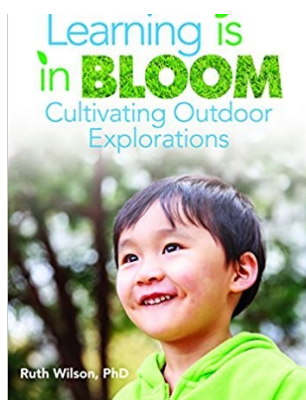
Cultivating Outdoor Classrooms: Designing and Implementing Child-Centered Learning Environments
by Eric M. Nelson, c2012 (IL: PF)

"Transform outdoor spaces into learning environments where children can enjoy a full range of activities as they spend quality time in nature. This book is filled with guidance to help you plan, design, and create an outdoor learning program that is a rich, thoughtfully equipped, natural extension of your indoor curriculum." - Pub.



Rainy Day Kids Adventure Book
by Steph Scott, c2017 (IL: AD)

"Packed with imaginative ideas perfect for rainy, snowy, and windy days. Play splash catch or raindrop racing. Make a leafy windmill or nature parachute. You'll also find smart advice for staying dry and warm, and on things to collect and bring inside for creative stay-at-home projects." - Follett



Learning is in Bloom: Cultivating Outdoor Explorations
by Ruth Wilson, PhD, c2016

"In the full-colour *Learning Is in Bloom*, teachers and caregivers will find 40 hands-on activities effective in engaging young children in investigating nature, both indoors and outdoors, on the school grounds, and on excursions around the neighborhood. Through fostering a love of nature, the activities promote all areas of early childhood education and development." - Amazon.ca