

## **Environmental Books for Grades K-5**

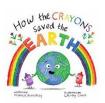
## **Picture and Concept Books:**



Carlisle, Emma. What Do You See When You Look At a Tree?, 2022. JE Award-winning artist Emma Carlisle asks readers to consider how each tree is different, what they have witnessed in their centuries of life, what animals they have sheltered, and who may have played under their branches.



Heglar, Mary Annaise. **The World Is Ours to Cherish: A Letter to a Child**, 2024. JE An honest yet hopeful take on climate change written in the form of a letter and addressed to children everywhere.



Sweeny, Monica. **How the Crayons Saved the Earth**, 2023. JE Seven plucky crayons work together to help the Earth and fight pollution which sparks others to join in and do their part.



Tolosa Sistere, Mariona. In the Woods: An Adventure for Your Senses, 2023. JE A family adventure into the local woods teaches readers how to plan ahead and use the five senses to respectfully uncover the natural wonders hiding in their own local environments. It is a journey, full of discovery, into the outdoors. It is also a "how to" guide, which offers children a template for how to plan their own nature adventure.

## **Fiction:**



Applegate, Katherine. Odder, 2022. JFIC.

Odder spends her days off the coast of central California, practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning the quirky stories for which she's known. But when Odder comes face-to-face with a hungry shark, her life takes a dramatic turn, one that will challenge everything she believes about herself--and about the humans who hope to save her.



Firestone, Carrie. The First Rule of Climate Club, 2022. JFIC

When twelve-year-old Mary Kate joins a special science pilot program focused on climate change, she and her friends come up with big plans to bring lasting change to their community.



Griffith, Evan. Manatee Summer, 2022. JFIC

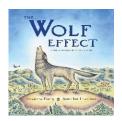
Peter and his best friend, Tommy, have a goal for their last summer before middle school: finish their Discovery Journal, a catalog of the wildlife around their Florida town. When they spot a manatee in a canal, Peter knows they've found something special--and when the manatee is injured by a boat, something to protect! As Peter joins the fight to save Florida manatees, he also finds himself taking care of his ailing grandfather and facing an unwelcome surprise that jeopardizes his friendship with Tommy.

## **Non-Fiction:**



Clendenan, Megan. Fresh Air, Clean Water: Our Right to a Healthy Environment, 2022. JNF 333.72 C627f

This nonfiction illustrated book for middle grade readers explores our right to a healthy environment and introduces the stories of people fighting for change.



Parry, Rosanne. **The Wolf Effect: A Wilderness Revival Story**, 2024. JNF 599.773 P265w

An exploration of the reintroduction of wolves into Yellowstone Park, and the positive cascade effect they caused on its environment and surroundings.



Romer, Jennie. Can I Recycle This?: A Kid's Guide to Better Recycling and How to Reduce Single-Use Plastics, 2023. JNF 363.7282 R763c

Takes readers through every step of the recycling process, from the moment that they throw an item in the bin to its journey through the recycling machinery and on its way to its new life. It empowers even early elementary school children to make smarter choices about consumption and disposal, using ideas and examples that they can understand.