Dear Friends of Dawn,

Words have power. They instruct and entertain. They guide and inspire. They shape our understanding of the world. Words reflect society’s values.

So I really took notice when I learned that nature words are disappearing from our culture. That’s what researchers at Greater Good Science Center discovered after reviewing millions of fiction books, thousands of songs, and hundreds of thousands of movies from 1901 to 2000.

The good news is that Dawn books are countering this trend. Our books are filled with nature words! Nature pictures, too! (And we all know how many words a picture’s worth.) Mastering both words and pictures, the authors of our new spring books are also illustrators.

In *I Am the Rain*, John Paterson invites the reader into a personal experience of water’s many shapes, colors, and moods. John’s evocative images complement his poetic verses, highlighting water’s constant change through seasons and cycles. Back pages explore “The Science Behind the Poetry.” Kids will have fun with STEM activities, like “States of Matter in a Baggie,” and everyone can choose one or more of the conservation tips to do.

You may know author/illustrator Laurie Angus through her delightful book *Octopus Escapes Again!* She returns to Dawn with *Paddle Perch Climb: Bird Feet Are Neat*. Laurie’s distinctive cut paper illustrations zoom in to take a close-up look at a bird’s foot. Then, with the turn of a page, you get the whole story about what that foot can do. You may never look at a bird in quite the same way again.

Thank you for taking time to look through our catalog. We trust you’ll find words and images that open children’s minds, touch their hearts, and tickle their funny bones.

Naturally Yours, Carol Malnor

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Grandma's Feather Bed
Sunshine On My Shoulders
Over in the Ocean: In a Coral Reef
Girls Who Looked Under Rocks

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Earth Heroes: Champions of the Wilderness
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Girls Who Looked Under Rocks

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Pitter and Patter (Gold)
The Dandelion Seed's Big Dream (Gold)
The Prairie That Nature Built (Gold)
Over on a Mountain (Gold)
On Kiki's Reef (Gold)
The Mousse and the Meadow (Gold)
Over in a River: Flowing Out to the Sea (Gold)

**Molly's Choice Awards**
A Moon of My Own (Gold)
Over in the Grasslands (Gold)
Mighty Mole and Super Soil (Gold)
If You Love Honey: Nature's Connections (Gold)
Pitter and Patter (Gold)
The Dandelion Seed's Big Dream (Gold)
The Prairie That Nature Built (Gold)
Over on a Mountain (Gold)
On Kiki's Reef (Gold)
The Mousse and the Meadow (Gold)
Over in a River: Flowing Out to the Sea (Gold)

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Earth Heroes: Champions of Wild Animals (Silver)
Earth Heroes: Champions of the Wilderness (Gold)
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Over on the Farm (Honorable Mention)
The Dandelion Seed's Big Dream (ss)
Over on a Mountain: Somewhere in the World (Honorable Mention)
Noisy Bird Sing-Along (ss)
The Mouse and the Meadow (Honorable Mention)
On Kiki's Reef (Honorable Mention)
Noisy Bug Sing-Along (Honorable Mention)
Going Home (Honorable Mention)
Earth Heroes: Champions of the Ocean (Honorable Mention)

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A Moon of My Own (Finalist)
Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek
Going Home: The Mystery of Animal Migration

**Robert F. Silliman Foundation Award**
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In the Trees, Honey Bees
Do Animals Have Feelings Too?
Pass the Energy, Please!

**Young Voices Foundation**
What's in the Garden (Silver)
Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek (Gold)
Over in Australia: Amazing Animals Down Under (Gold)
Become a bird detective, discovering clues about where a bird lives, how it moves, and what it eats by looking at its feet. Laurie Angus’ bright, bold illustrations and simple text invite children to guess what birds will be revealed on successive pages. They include a bird with strong legs and feet running across the desert to snag a lizard for lunch (roadrunner); a bird with flexible toes perching on a branch to pick berries (cardinal); and a bird with long legs and toes wading through a river to search for fish (heron). But look out! Predators are watching the birds, and they’re hungry!

“Lively paper collages and a rhythmic text, depicting the everyday foraging life of birds, offer gentle lessons and a little surprise on every other page. Laurie Angus’ pleasingly rambunctious characters hop, scratch, and hitch their way across the pages, as children learn about the many ways birds make their living.” — Julie Zickefoose, author, Baby Birds: An Artist Looks Into the Nest

“The accurate details of this beautifully illustrated book make it a wonderful introduction to birds for children. They’ll learn how birds eat and survive in the wild. I recommend it for all parents and teachers.” — Edward C. (Ted) Beedy, PhD, ornithologist and author, A Guide to Birds of the Sierra Nevada
I Am the Rain
Written and Illustrated by John Paterson

Water is always changing—from rain to rivers, fog to thunderheads, and snowflakes to ocean waves. John Paterson's lyrical verses present water in its many colors, shapes, and forms as it follows its natural cycle through the seasons. Along the way, water speaks for itself: Because of me the land is green. I'm why the sky is blue. All of life depends on me. I'm even part of you. John's evocative illustrations highlight water’s many moods:

I can be a muddy flood or a pool of aqua blue. Teachers and parents will appreciate the “Explore More” section in the back of the book that includes “The Science Behind the Poetry,” STEM activities, water conservation tips, and more.

RAIN-P • Paper $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-616-2 • EBOOK also
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 10” x 8” • Reading level: TBA

“I Am the Rain captures the imagination through whimsical images and compelling words. As a mother and a scientist, I seek out stories that hold special meaning about the natural world and are shared in a way that speak directly to a child's mind and heart. This book delivers both in a thoughtful and beautiful way. It's sure to be a well loved favorite!” — Dr. Abigail Derby Lewis, Senior Conservation Ecologist, The Field Museum
Simply Nature Board Books
For years, friends and associates have encouraged us to publish board books. Young children have a magnetic affinity for animals, and appreciate quality illustrations. Most of our board books have been adapted from our picture books, sometimes simplifying text and omitting supplementary information, as is appropriate for the very young.

Over in the Ocean: In a Coral Reef
This playful counting book introduces children to creatures of the coral reef as they clap to the rhythm of “Over in the Meadow.”
BOVER • Board • $7.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-082-5
26 pages • Fully illustrated • 7 ¾” x 6 ¾”

Seashells by the Seashore
Discover natural treasures at the beach! Seashells were the homes of sea creatures, now washed ashore. This book introduces young children to ten common shells.
BSHELL • Board $7.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-489-2
26 pages • Fully illustrated • 7 ¾” x 6 ¾”

A Swim through the Sea
Kids love animals, and sea creatures are no exception! Here is an alphabetical “tour” of ocean animals led by Seamore the seahorse.
BSWIM • Board • $7.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-080-1
26 pages • Fully illustrated • 7 ¾” x 6 ¾”

A Walk in the Rainforest
Walk through the alphabet with XYZ the ant! See the amazing anteater . . . a gentle gorilla . . . and a super-slow sloth. This is Kristin’s first book, written and illustrated when she was 15.
BRF • Board • $7.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-088-7
26 pages • Fully illustrated • 7 ¾” x 6 ¾”

Forest Bright, Forest Night
Count the animals in the forest from one to ten! See who is awake in the day and sleeps at night, and who is awake all night, and sleeps during the day! Bright animal illustrations will delight the very young.
BFORST • Board • $7.95
ISBN 978-1-58469-089-4
26 pages • Fully illustrated • 6 ¾” x 7 ¾”

Jo MacDonald Saw a Pond
Old MacDonald had a . . . pond? Yes! Come along with Jo, Old MacDonald’s granddaughter, you’ll find fish, frogs, ducks — and a few other surprises.
BMACP • Board • $7.95
26 pages • Fully illustrated • 7¾” x 6¾”

Sunshine On My Shoulders
In this heartwarming adaptation of one of John Denver’s best-loved songs, a girl and her dad bask in the warmth of nature and each other’s friendship. This little treasure is a perfect way to share with the young “sunshine” in your life.
BSUN • Board • $7.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-081-8
26 pages • Fully illustrated • 6 ¾” x 7 ¾”

If You Were My Baby: A Wildlife Lullaby
A sweet-dream bedtime book for nature lovers! The children in your life will learn about animals in nature, and fall asleep knowing that they, along with animal babies, are loved and secure.
BBABY • Board • $7.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-090-0
26 pages • Fully illustrated • 6 ¾” x 7 ¾”

Moonbeam Children’s Book Award (Gold: Board Book)

Jo MacDonald Had a Garden
Old MacDonald had a . . . garden? Yes! Sing along with young Jo MacDonald as she grows healthy food for people and wild creatures. E-I-E-I-O! Find out how butterflies, bumblebees and birds help a garden to thrive.
BMACG • Board • $7.95
ISBN: 978-1-58469-225-6
26 pages • Fully illustrated • 7¾” x 6¾”
As a baby, how were you carried from place to place? Usually, quite carefully! The same is true for animals and their offspring. Tucked in pouches, gripped in teeth, propped on backs or underneath—these are just some of the clever ways animals carry their babies. Take note, sometimes it’s the dads who do the carrying. Once again, children’s author Marianne Berkes has created a heartwarming—and informative—picture book for budding animal lovers, complete with endearing and realistic artwork by Cathy Morrison. The “Explore More” sections in the back of the book feature creative activities for parents and teachers.
There's a Bug on My Book

Written and Illustrated by John Himmelman

We are not alone! Want proof? Take this book to a nice grassy spot outside, plop down and open it. In short order, all sorts of curious creatures will hop, fly, wiggle, and slide to join you. You're invited to tilt, tap, or jiggle the book to discover the fascinating way each animal moves. Author-illustrator John Himmelman knows a lot about bugs, as well as the other critters, which he has accurately illustrated to size and proportion. “Explore More” sections are chock full of fun activities, including “engineering an insect” and creating a “mini-beast hotel.”

TAB-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-588-2 • EBOOK also
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 9” x 9” • Lexile AD 460

“Several small animals commonly considered bugs, as well as a snake and a frog, supposedly land on this book and then leave—for a variety of reasons—each using its own special method of locomotion. This simple, interactive book about the appearances and movements of things that creep and crawl is elevated by its insistence that all creatures deserve to be respected and handled with care.” — Kirkus Review “Starred”
Octopus Escapes Again!

Written and Illustrated by Laurie Ellen Angus

Swim along with Octopus as she leaves the safety of her den to search for food. Will she eat? Or will she be eaten? She outwits dangerous enemies by using a dazzling display of defenses—clouds of ink, jet propulsion, camouflage, and more. Oh, yes, Octopus escapes again and again! Supplementary material includes information on the many creatures Octopus meets in the story, an introduction to the animal’s remarkable biology, and stories which tend to demonstrate the remarkable intelligence of these animals. The author/illustrator also tells of how she was inspired to create this book by an encounter with an octopus in her local aquarium near her home in Long Island, New York.

OCTO-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-578-3 • EBOOK also
OCTO-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-577-6
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • Lexile AD 650

“Go on an exciting adventure with Octopus In the book Octopus Escapes Again! Students will be amazed as they see octopus escape from predator after predator using special adaptations, like the siphon and the camouflaging. The simple wording and beautiful illustrations make this a fantastic book for early elementary students. This book is sure to get kids interested in marine life.” – NSTA Recommends

“This lightly fictionalized story demonstrates some of an octopus’s unusual adaptations: a flexible, boneless body that can be squeezed into a small hiding place; a siphon that squirts ink to cloud the water or a jet of water for a fast getaway; the ability to leave a limb behind; and a knack for changing color and texture for camouflage. With octopus escape-artist abilities recently in the news, this is a timely title about a perennially appealing sea creature.” – Kirkus Reviews

“This introduction to octopuses begins with a simple but dramatic question: “Will she eat today? Or be eaten?” Readers follow along as an octopus encounters a variety of tasty treats but is thwarted by several sea animals that are higher up on the food chain. Budding marine biologists will enjoy the vivid, collage-style illustrations, while teachers and parents will be satisfied with the back matter.” ~ School Library Journal

“Octopus Escapes Again! is an interesting look at a day in the life of an octopus as it searches for food and tries to avoid becoming food itself. The amazing and numerous defense mechanisms the octopus utilizes are highlighted. Sumptuous, colorful collage illustrations capture the underwater world of the octopus and other animals it encounters.” ~ ForeWord Reviews
On Kiki’s Reef

Carol L. Malnor • Illustrated by Trina L. Hunner

A tiny baby sea turtle scrambles across the sandy beach and into the sea. Floating far out in the ocean, Kiki is becoming a gentle giant. She swims to shallower water where she adopts the busy coral reef... lots of surprises! There’s lots of teamwork going on too, including a gang of tangs that clean up the algae growing on her shell. But something calls her back to the beach... and the cycle of life continues. In the back matter Malnor offers a concise beginner’s guide to sea turtles and coral reefs, plus a variety of “teaching treasures” for further learning. Downloadable activities available at www.dawnpub.com.

KIKI-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-477-9 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 10 ½” x 9” • (ATOS) 3.5

Award: Mom’s Choice Award (Gold)
Greenbook Festival
Purple Dragonfly Book Award
Moonbeam’s Children Book Award
(Bronze)

“Readers and listeners will come away with an appreciation for the complexity and interdependence of the coral reef world. Kiki’s Reef is the place to be.” — Kirkus Reviews

Curriculum components
Marine/Coral Reef Habitat
Interdependence
Rhyming

Seashells by the Seashore

Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Robert Noreika

Little sea creatures build their shell homes in a wonderful variety of shapes and colors. In this lovely lilting rhyme, children walk the beach, counting, naming, and appreciating forever the Kitten Paws and other beautiful shells, and the creatures that lived in them. In the back of the paperback is a tear-out shell identification card.

SHELL-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-034-4 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 10 ½” x 9” • (ATOS) 2.2

OVER 70,000 SOLD!

Learning Magazine Teacher’s Choice Award
North American Publishing Co. Gold Ink Award (Pewter)

“An instructive shell hunt that children will enjoy even if they can’t feel the sun on their backs and sand between their toes.” — ALA Booklist

Curriculum Components
Rhyming Verse
Interdependence
Ecology/Habitat
Counting Book

“Berkes offers ample facts in her rhymes, and gives a short paragraph of information on each type of shell. Noreika’s detailed, realistic shell studies gracefully contrast with the misty landscapes that capture a range of unique seaside hues.” — School Library Journal
Granny’s Clan: A Tale of Wild Orcas
Dr. Sally Hodson • Illustrated by Ann Jones

Just imagine — you are a young orca whale. Your special friends are two cousins and your 100 year-old great grandmother, the clan leader. Based on actual orca, or killer whale, research, this book combines science with the real story of how family, friendship, and a grandmother’s love are helping this magnificent but endangered orca clan to survive. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

GRANNY-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-172-3 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 4.4

Purple Dragonfly Book Award (1st)
Indie Book Award
Izaak Walton League Book of the Year

“The graceful pastel illustrations extend the information about orcas and their ecosystem, and although this is a fact-filled nonfiction title, Hodson’s storytelling is skillful and far from dry. A solid research choice for the early grades, this picture book also offers an evocative experience for readers.” — ALA Booklist

“As my late father, Jacques Cousteau, used to say, “people protect what they love.” After reading this story you will fall in love with orcas.” — Jean-Michel Cousteau, filmmaker and founder, Ocean Futures Society

The Swamp Where Gator Hides
Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Roberta Baird

Under the algae that carpets the swamp, near the duck who paddles in ooze, close to the turtle who takes a snooze . . . hides a gator! Still as a log, only his watchful eyes can be seen. But when gator moves, he really moves! What happens to the duck, the turtle, the egret, the deer, and the many other critters of the swamp when gator makes his move? Berkes offers tips on how to engage young children actively in the topic, and Baird — who has gators in her backyard in Texas — offers insights into how she created the images digitally. Downloadable activities available at www.dawnpub.com.

SWAMP-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-471-7 • EBOOK also
SWAMP-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-470-0
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • Lexile AD 680L

Indie Book Award
FPA Presidents Book Award
Greenbook Festival
Moonbeam Children’s Book Award (Silver)
The coral reef in this book is like a marine nursery, teeming with mamas and babies! In the age-old way of kids and fish, children will count and clap to the rhythm of “Over in the Meadow” while pufferfish “puff,” gruntfish “grunt” and seahorses “flutter.” The colorful art is fresh and fun—constructed entirely from polymer clay. As a former teacher and children’s theater director Marianne knows how to open kids’ eyes to the magic found in the natural world. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

Over in the Ocean: In a Coral Reef
Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Jeanette Canyon

Some in the ocean: The corals, like a marine nursery, teeming with mamas and babies. count and clap to the rhythm of “Over in the Meadow” while pufferfish “puff,” gruntfish “grunt” and seahorses “flutter.” The nylon art is fresh and fun—constructed entirely from polymer clay. As a former teacher and children’s theater director Marianne knows how to open kids’ eyes to the magic found in the natural world. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme
Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Jeanette Canyon

Sing, clap, move and count your way among enchanting rainforest animals to the rhythm of the whimsical favorite, “Over in the Meadow.” This rainforest is teeming with monkeys that hoot, ocelots that pounce, parrots that squawk, and boas that squeeze! Soon your child will be joyfully hooting and squawking too. And the illustrations—all done in polymer clay—vividly convey the abundant energy of a rainforest. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

Curriculum Components
Animal Families
Marine/Coral Reef Counting
Clay Art

Curriculum Components
Rainforest Habitat
Animal Families
Counting
Clay Art
Over in the Grasslands: On an African Savanna

Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Jill Dubin

Come along on a safari! You’ll meet lions and rhinos and hippos—oh, my! You’ll also find elephants that squirt, giraffes that slurp, and hornbills that toot. Africa’s savanna is home to a delightful diversity of animals. Kids will love to sing about them—and count them, too! Cut paper illustrations add to the discovery, highlighting some animals and hiding others. Safaris are fun! Information about the animals, a map of Africa, and tips from both the author and the illustrator on how to use this book with children round out a very helpful package.

GRASS-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-568-4 • EBOOK also
GRASS-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-567-7
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 10” x 9” • Lexile AD 640

Mom’s Choice Award (Gold) Florida Book Festival Indie Book Awards (Finalist)

“Berkes and Dubin tackle another habitat in their series of variations on “Over in the Meadow,” this time visiting the African savanna…. Some brilliant and unusual color choices, along with marvelously textured and patterned papers, make the cut-paper collage illustrations pop. (Informational picture book. 3–7)”
— Kirkus Reviews

Over on a Mountain: Somewhere in the World

Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Jill Dubin

Discover twenty cool animals, ten great mountain ranges, and seven continents all in one story! And do it in the age-old style of children the world over — by clapping, counting, singing, and acting like . . . well, animals! What fun! Following the main story, this book is chock full of resources about the featured animals and mountains, including a world map. Additional free downloadable activities can be found at www.dawnpub.com.

OMTN-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-519-6 • EBOOK also
OMTN-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-518-9
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 10” x 9” • (ATOS) 3.1

Mom’s Choice Award (Gold) Purple Dragonfly Award Greenbook Festival USA Book News Indie Book Awards (sst)

“Berkes continues her ‘Over in the Meadow’ — based series with this look at animals that live in the mountains. This diverse habitat can be found on every continent, and Berkes does a nice job of including at least one mountain range from each and identifying and mapping it on details that accompany the illustrations as well as on a large world map in the backmatter.”
— Kirkus Reviews
Over in a River: Flowing Out to the Sea

Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Jill Dubin

Rivers are teeming with life! Children will learn the geography of North American rivers and to appreciate the animals that live there while they count the baby otters or dragonflies. Their learning will be reinforced as they “squeal” like muskrats and “hop” like frogs. All of this fun learning activity is set to the rhythm of the classical tune of “Over in the Meadow.” Back matter explains important concepts about rivers and their watersheds, including maps. And Marianne Berkes, as usual, offers lots of tips to help adults expand the material in engaging ways. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

ORIV-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-330-7 • EBOOK also
ORIV-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-329-1
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 10” x 9” • (ATOS) 3.1

Bank Street 2014 Best Children’s Books • Mom’s Choice Award (Gold) • Florida Book Award (Bronze)
ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year (Finalist) • Mathical Award • Skipping Stones Honor Award

“From one manatee calf paddling in Florida’s St. Johns River to 10 otter pups sliding in the Mississippi, Berkes adapts the familiar counting rhyme to introduce river animals, their “baby” names, their actions and some U.S. geography.” — Kirkus Reviews

Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek

Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Jill Dubin

Follow the tracks of ten woodland animals but . . . uh-oh . . . watch out for the skunk! Children learn the ways of forest animals to the rhythm of “Over in the Meadow” as they leap like a squirrel, dunk like a raccoon, and pounce like a fox. They will also count the babies and search for ten hidden forest animals. Cut paper illustrations add to the fun in this delightful introduction to a woodland habitat. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

OVERF-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-163-1 • EBOOK also
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 10” x 9” • (ATOS) 4.1

Bank Street 2013 Best Children’s Books • IPA Presidents Book Award (Gold) • Mom’s Choice Award (Gold), Purple Dragonfly Award (1st) • Moonbeam Children’s Book Award (Silver) • Gelett Burgess Book Award
Izaak Walton League Book of the Year • Children’s Literary Classics National Parenting Publications Award (Honor) • Young Voices Foundation (Gold) • Indie Book Award (Finalist)

“Beautiful cut-paper collages, embellished with pencil, pastels, and ink, are filled with soothing, woody colors and many textures. This book would be a great read-aloud, followed with a call-and-response song—the music is provided at the end”. — School Library Journal

“The verses flow smoothly, observing 10 animal parents as they instruct their little ones: squirrels learn to leap, skunks to spray, and so on. The attractive collage illustrations offer plenty of opportunities for counting as well as observing woodland animals. The extensive back matter includes tips for using the book, notes on the animals, and music for the song”. — ALA Booklist
Over in Australia: Amazing Animals Down Under
Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Jill Dubin

In the “Down Under” continent, baby wallabies learn to hop, brolgas learn to dance, and emus learn to zig-zag — and children will want to hop, dance, and zig-zag too. As with all of Marianne Berkes’ award-winning “Over” books, children will want to sing, clap and count to the rhythm of “Over in the Meadow” as they learn about wallabies, koalas, wombats, and more. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

Over in the Arctic: Where the Cold Winds Blow
Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Jill Dubin

Arctic animals have learned to live where it is very cold and the nights are very long! Children can learn about these marvelous creatures while they count, clap and sing to the rhythm of “Over in the Meadow.” Also hidden on each page are other species for children to find. Jill Dubin’s illustrations show how fun and creative art can be using cut paper. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.
Wild Ones: Observing City Critters
Carol L. Malnor • Illustrated by Cathy Morrison

Wild ones are moving into the city! Follow the adorable, curious dog Scooter as he travels through an urban landscape, seeing many wild animals and not seeing even more. Cathy’s charming illustrations draw upon real-life city scenes from across the United States. Supplementary material contains information about the wild species now often living in cities and how they have adapted. This book is a wonderful aid for children to become aware of the presence of wild animals and understand why they have taken to living in cities. Standards-aligned lesson plans available online.

WILD-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-554-7 • EBOOK also
WILD-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-553-0
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • Lexile AD 3.7
Purple Dragonfly Award • Indie Book Award (Finalist)
Moonbeam’s Children Book Award (Gold) • Greenbook Festival

“Over On the Farm is an old-fashioned joy to read to young children with multiple sensory educational game possibilities imbedded in its narrative context. A counting verse, with colorful illustrations of all the farm animal families, Over On the Farm is also a musical song which can be sung to the tune, ‘Over in the Meadow’.” — Midwest Book Review

Over on the Farm
Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Cathy Morrison

Welcome to the farm, where pigs roll, goats nibble, horses gallop, hens peck, and turkeys strut! Count, clap, and sing along to the classic tune of “Over in the Meadow” while learning about life on a classic farm. This book is one of Marianne’s own favorites, and is a delight for children and adults alike. Cathy’s illustrations are charming. Plus there are free downloadable lesson plans aligned to Common Core and Next Generation Science standards.

FARM-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-549-3 • EBOOK also
FARM-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-548-6
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • Lexile AD 610
Purple Dragonfly Award • Family Choice Award • ILA Teacher’s Choices Reading List

“A new children’s picture book called Wild Ones, Observing City Critters offers readers a tour of wildlife that can thrive in urban areas. The main character is Scooter, a dog who wanders away from home. Readers are invited to follow Scooter’s neighborhood travels and use their senses to discover city wildlife. Scooter uses his eyes, ears, and nose to help detect the wildlife around him.” — The Branch, Project Learning Tree e-newsletter

“It’s never too early to foster a love of nature in your kids and help teach young readers respect for nature and the wildlife surrounding them. Wild Ones: Observing City Critters follows an adorable, curious dog through a city, noticing all the urban wildlife he sees as well as a lot that he doesn’t notice.” — E The Environmental Magazine
Under One Rock: Bugs, Slugs and other Ughs
Anthony D. Fredericks • Illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio

Have you ever peeked under a rock? A whole community of creatures lives there! One of the world’s most fascinating habitats is right at your feet. No child will be able to resist looking under a rock after reading Fredericks’s rhythmic, engaging story, and seeing DiRubbio’s vivid close-up illustrations. “Field notes” and “fantastic facts” will inspire endless exploration. This book in Dr. Fredericks’ series on animal communities will surely send kids outdoors to explore. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

ROCK-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-027-6 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 4

Near One Cattail: Turtles, Logs and Leaping Frogs
Anthony D. Fredericks • Illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio

What creatures live in a soggy-boggy place? From zip-zipping dragonflies to hip-hopping frogs, here’s a medley of critters who swim, soar or crawl in a wetlands home that protects one and all. This engaging book is the fourth natural neighborhood to be portrayed by this dynamic author-illustrator duo. Tony Fredericks is Professor of Education at York College in Pennsylvania, and a prolific writer of children’s books. Jennifer DiRubbio, of New York, is a passionate artist and conservationist. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

CATTL-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-071-9 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 5.5
In One Tidepool: Crabs, Snails and Salty Tails
Anthony D. Fredericks • Illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio

Have you ever ventured to the edge of the sea and peered into a tidepool? A whole community of creatures lives there! This salty, splashy habitat is unique and colorful. Vivid close-up art and amusing text make this both fun and educational for children. “Field Notes” in the back offer intriguing glimpses of these creatures, from snails to sponges. After reading this book, children will peer into tide pools with new eyes. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

TIDE-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-038-2 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 5.3

Missouri State Teacher’s Association Recommended Reading List

Curriculum Components
Rhyming Cumulative Verse
Interdependence
Ecology/Habitat

On One Flower: Butterflies, Ticks and a Few More Icks
Anthony D. Fredericks • Illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio

A goldenrod flower is a “minibeast park,” have you noticed? Take a closer look . . . a butterfly sipping nectar . . . a ladybug snacking on aphids — oh ladybug, look out for the ambushbug! Once again, Dr. Fredericks focuses on the whole plant-and-animal community inhabiting a single flower. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

FLOWR-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-086-3
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 4.9

“Tie-light-hearted way that the story is told makes this an excellent read-aloud and fosters a desire for young children to learn more about insects. Recommended.” — Library Media Connection
Gobble, Gobble
Written and illustrated by Cathryn Falwell

Arrow-shaped footprints lead a young backyard naturalist to a flock of funny-looking birds with big strong feet: Wild Turkeys! Once nearly extinct, these comical critters now gobble their way across North America. Follow Jenny through a year of enchantment as she shares her discovery of these wonderful birds. Gobble, gobble! The unique illustrations are block prints over collages. Falwell also offers tips for children to make their own cut-paper pictures and how to keep a nature journal. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

GOBBL-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-149-5 • EBOOK also
GOBBL-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-148-8
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 10” x 9” • (ATOS) 3.4

Mom’s Choice Award (Gold)
Purple Dragonfly Book Award (Honorable Mention)

“Not just for Thanksgiving, this should be a welcome addition to nature shelves all year round.” — Kirkus Reviews

“Gorgeous wild turkey scenes come to life by interaction with Jenny, her playmates, and dog, Max. Deer, birds, butterflies, and the trees that change with each season provide a backdrop for the story of the wild creatures.” — ForeWord Magazine

Mighty Mole and Super Soil
Mary Quattlebaum • Illustrated by Chad Wallace

Below your feet, Mighty Mole is on the move. Like a swimmer in dirt, she strokes through the soil. Her tunnels are everywhere! She finds food, eludes a predator, has a family, and helps to make Super Soil. Moles live almost everywhere yet are rarely seen. Similarly, soil is a largely invisible ecosystem and yet is vital to the health of the world. Further activities are available at www.dawnpub.com.

MOLE-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-539-4 • EBOOK also
MOLE-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-538-7
Ages 4 to 9 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 3.7

Mom’s Choice Award (Gold)

“‘This introduction to the underground ecosystem starring Mighty Mole also mentions other soil dwellers and visitors...There are few books available for young readers about these important soil-improvers, so this fills a niche.’” — Kirkus Review

Curriculum Components
Life Cycle of Wild Turkeys
Woodlands Habitat
Observation Skills
Seasons

Curriculum Components
Soil
Interdependence
Life cycles

2015 Eureka! Honor Award
The Prairie that Nature Built
Marybeth Lorbiecki • Illustrated by Cathy Morrison

There’s nothing boring about a prairie—at least after taking a picture-book romp through the great grasslands of North America. This book takes the reader above, below, and all around this beautiful and exciting habitat. A multitude of species live here, in tune with the forces of nature. The grazers, the predators, and the cycles of fire, rain, and quick new growth each have their role in this dynamic habitat. The author, from Wisconsin, and the illustrator, from Colorado, both live on the prairie.

PRAIR-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-492-2 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 9 • 32 pages • 9" x 11" • (ATOS) 5.1

Benjamin Franklin (Silver)
Mom’s Choice Award (Gold)
ForeWord Magazine (finalist)
Family Choice Award (Gold)
Indie Book Awards (1st)
Moonbeam Children’s Book Award (Gold)
Skipping Stones Honor Award
Growing Good Kid’s Award

“Vibrant and dynamic two-page spreads burst with life, exuberance, and authenticity in this gorgeous overview of a prairie ecosystem. The vivid word choice of the verse — constructed with deft use of repetition and rhyme — is loaded with rich imagery. That this beautiful book manages to be simple and complex simultaneously is extraordinary.”
— ForeWord Reviews

Curriculum components
Prairie habitat
Interdependence
Life cycles

The Mouse and the Meadow
Written and illustrated by Chad Wallace

A curious young mouse boldly ventures into the meadow for the first time. There he is given a crash course on life—from creatures both friendly and not so friendly. He witnesses a caterpillar becoming a chrysalis. He marvels that fireflies can glow. Science and story blend seamlessly in this entertaining coming of age tale. Thoughtful back matter explores the phenomenon of animal altruism and what we are learning of animal communication, and delves deeper into the lives of meadow mice and the wonders of a meadow.

MOUSE-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-482-3 • EBOOK also
MOUSE-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-481-6
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9" x 11" • (ATOS) 5.0

Mom’s Choice Award (Gold)
NAPPA (Silver)
Greenbook Festival, 2014
International Book Award
Purple Dragonfly Book Award

“An inquisitive field mouse ventures from his nest for the first time and encounters various creatures—big and small, friend and foe—all while learning and teaching readers about the habitat of a meadow.” — Kirkus Reviews

Curriculum components
Meadow Habitat
Food Chains
Animal Communication
Animal Altruism
Jo MacDonald Saw a Pond

Mary Quattlebaum • Illustrated by Laura J. Bryant

Old MacDonald had a . . . pond? Yes! Come along with Jo MacDonald and learn about the wild creatures at the farm pond. You’ll find fish, frogs, ducks—and a few surprises. This delightful riff on “Old MacDonald Had a Farm” playfully introduces youngsters to the concept of ecosystems. A resource section in the back is sure to encourage young naturalists at home and school. Downloadable activities for all these books are at www.dawnpub.com.

MACP-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-151-8 • EBOOK also
MACP-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-150-1
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 11” x 9” • Lexile AD 620

“Sure to inspire a rousing storytime, this is also likely to encourage readers to explore the world around them.” — Kirkus Reviews

Jo MacDonald Hiked in the Woods

Mary Quattlebaum • Illustrated by Laura J. Bryant

Old MacDonald had a . . . woods? Yes! The woods on Old MacDonald’s farm was a favorite place for grandpa and his granddaughter Jo to take a hike. What a fun place to be! E – I – E – I – O. Back matter introduces the plants and animals of the woodland habitat, different types of forests, explains how plants make their own food, and offers indoor activities.

MACW-P • Paper • $8.95
EBOOK also
MACW-H • Hard • $16.95
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 11” x 9”
Lexile AD 760L

Mom’s Choice Award (Gold)

Jo MacDonald Had a Garden

Mary Quattlebaum • Illustrated by Laura J. Bryant

Old MacDonald had a . . . garden? Yes! Sing along with young Jo MacDonald as she grows healthy food for people and wild creatures. E-I-E-I-O! Find out how butterflies, bumblebees, and birds help a garden to thrive—and how you can help them too. Youngsters learn about garden ecosystems and stewardship.

MACG-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-165-5 • EBOOK also
MACG-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-164-8
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 11” x 9” • Lexile AD 550

Indie Book Awards (Finalist) Purple Dragonfly Award (sst)

“Pretty to look at, easy to sing along to, and a nice introduction to wildlife-habitat creation.” — School Library Journal
Noisy Bird Sing-Along
Written and Illustrated by John Himmelman

Every kind of bird has their very own kind of sound! Cheerful sounds, mournful sounds, sweet sounds, weird sounds. You can tell who they are without even opening your eyes. And what fun to sing along! John Himmelman knows those sounds well and loves to share his enthusiasm for birds. He gives tips on how to attract birds by feeding them, how to make your list of birds, and more. The sounds and free downloadable activities can be found at www.dawnpub.com.

NBIRD-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-514-1 • EBOOK also
NBIRD-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-513-4
Ages 4 to 9 • 32 pages • 9.5” x 9.5” • (ATOS) 2.9

Mom’s Choice Award (Gold) Greenbook Festival (1stst) Indie Book Awards (1stst)
Purple Dragonfly Award (sst) USA Book News

“For fostering nature awareness, this is a welcome companion to the author’s previous titles about noisy bugs and noisy frogs.” — Kirkus Reviews

Noisy Frog Sing-Along
Written and Illustrated by John Himmelman

Frogs make all kinds of weird and wonderful sounds, often very loudly, without ever opening their mouths! Allow yourself, and your children, to be beguiled by these amazing amphibians — and be sure to sing along! John Himmelman has enjoyed listening to the “noisy” frogs all his life. Wherever he travels, he seeks out a local pond to see who’s hopping. You can hear what the frogs actually sound like on our web site, www.dawnpub.com.

FROG-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-340-6 • EBOOK also
FROG-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-339-0
Ages 4 to 9 • 32 pages • 9.5” x 9.5” • Lexile AD 570L

Mom’s Choice Award (Gold) Bank Street 2014 Best Children’s Book

“Himmelman wows with large-scale, realistic paintings of various frogs and toads in their natural habitats....Many children will enjoy mimicking the diverse noises, and budding biologists will savor the illustrations.” — School Library Journal

Noisy Bug Sing-Along
Written and Illustrated by John Himmelman

Open your ears to the wonderful concert happening every warm day and night in our yards, fields, and woods nearby. Who are making those sounds? Can you sing along?

There’s a lot going on out there, and this book is a wonderful bridge to a whole noisy, busy world of insects. You can hear what the insects actually sound like on our web site, www.dawnpub.com.

BUG-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-192-1 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 9 • 32 pages • 9.5” x 9.5” • (ATOS) 1.7

Curriculum Components
Observation Skills
Ecology & Habitat
Birds, Amphibians, or Insects

ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year (Finalist) Mom’s Choice Award (Gold)
Gelett Burgess Book Award Greenbook Festival
Children’s Literary Classics Purple Dragonfly Award

“Insects can be noisy. That’s the clear message of this natural history story for young readers....Though this is only a brief introduction to the subject, the author makes it a memorable one.” — The Bloomsbury Review
A Swim through the Sea
Written and Illustrated by Kristin Joy Pratt

In this illustrated tour of the plants and animals of the undersea kingdom, Kristin highlights a selected species on each page with a full-color illustration and a paragraph of fascinating facts. The alliterative storyline and alphabet book format provide parents and teachers with an engaging way of sharing this special ecosystem with their children. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

SWIM-P • Paper $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-88322-004-4 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 12 • 44 pages • 10 ½” x 9” • (ATOS) 6.5

OVER 210,000 SOLD!

“...an inspiration for all young environmentalists.” — Jacques Cousteau

“At age 17, Kristin Joy Pratt is gaining international recognition with her work in educating children about our environment . . . . beautiful watercolor illustrations done by this very talented young author.” — NAPRA Review

“Stunning!” — Parents Magazine

A Walk in the Rainforest
Written and Illustrated by Kristin Joy Pratt

A Walk in the Rainforest provides a colorful, stimulating way of learning about the exotic animals and plants of the rainforest, presented in an alphabet style format. Kristin wrote and illustrated this book when she was 15 years old and A Swim through the Sea when she was 17. As a young adult she also wrote and illustrated Saguaro Moon, Salamander Rain, and The Forever Forest (see following pages). Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

RF-P • Paper $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-87826-553-1 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 12 • 32 pages • 9” x 12” • (ATOS) 6

OVER 165,000 SOLD!

“Written and illustrated by a high school student, this environmental ABC presents ecological information for young audiences . . . . The full-color illustrations done in watercolors, felt markers, and colored pencil show talent and concern.” — School Library Journal

“At 15, Pratt launched her career as an environmental writer and artist with this lovely, informative book. Thirteen years in print, it remains a tribute to the power of young people to effect positive change.” — Washington Parent

A Teacher’s Guide to A Swim through the Sea (Paper $7.95 and Ebook)
A Teacher’s Guide to A Walk in the Rainforest (Ebook only)
Grades 3 to 6 • 48 pages • 8 ½” x 11”
What’s in the Garden?

Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Cris Arbo

Good food doesn’t begin on a store shelf with a box. It comes from a garden bursting with life! Healthy food becomes much more interesting when children know where they come from. So what’s in the garden? Kids will find a variety of fruits and vegetables, and a tasty, kid-friendly recipe for each one to start a lifetime of good eating. Author Marianne Berkes consulted with nutritionists and made every recipe in the book. Free recipes and downloadable activities are available at www.dawnpub.com.

GARDN-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-190-7 • EBOOK also
GARDN-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-189-1

Ages 4 to 9 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • Lexile AD 710

Moonbeam Children’s Book Award (Gold)  
Learning Magazine Teachers’ Choice Award  
NABE Pinnacle Book Achievement  
Children’s Literary Classics  
ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year (Finalist)

“Berkes presents readers with a rhyming challenge to name what is growing, providing textual clues as well as gorgeously detailed and realistic illustrations.” — Kirkus Reviews

“Very, very close-up, realistic illustrations show children thoroughly enjoying the garden’s bounty. There’s a recipe for each fruit or vegetable.” — School Library Journal

Green Bean! Green Bean!

Patricia Thomas • Illustrated by Trina L. Hunner

A freckled-faced young gardener opens a packet of seeds. And the magic begins! Crisp verses take the reader through the growing season—from a sprout peeking out, to a curlicue catching dew, to a vine twining on a line, until finally . . . GREEN BEANS! Along the way the young gardener discovers a nook to read a book in the shade of growing beans. Trina’s watercolors match the mood of a garden, and in the backmatter Patricia provides life cycle science and related vocabulary, instructions on growing your own green beans, and a variety of fun things for children to do. This book is sure to encourage young gardeners to put their toes in the soil and perhaps even read a book in a garden nook. Educators can find free downloadable lesson plans aligned to Common Core and Next Generation Science standards.

BEAN-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-544-8 • EBOOK also
BEAN-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-543-1
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 1.4

Purple Dragonfly Award  
Family Choice Award

“Green Bean! Green Bean! is a delightful nature education poem to the joy of growing tending, harvesting, and eating a magical green bean! Appealing to kids age 3-7, Green Bean! Green Bean! is a triumph and a tribute to the adaptability and the versatility of the common green bean.” — Midwest Book Review
Molly’s Organic Farm
Carol L. Malnor and Trina L. Hunner • Illustrated by Trina L. Hunner

Whoosh . . . the wind blows open a creaky gate. Inquisitive and mischievous, a homeless little cat scampers through—and suddenly finds herself in the wondrous world of an organic farm! Affectionately named “Molly” by the farmers who discover her, Molly will touch children’s hearts while introducing them to plants and the key elements of growing food organically. Standards-based science concepts and activities at the end of the book expand the message of the story. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

MOLLY-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-167-9 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 10.5” x 9” • (ATOS) 2.9

Greenbook Festival (Honorable Mention) • Mom's Choice Award (Gold)
2014 Growing Good Kids • Indie Book Awards (Gold)
Purple Dragonfly Book Award (2nd) • San Francisco Book Festival
Izaack Walton League Book of the Year

“Realistic watercolors provide a cat’s-eye view of the farm with its big brown farmer boots, its sheltering leaves and its interesting animal life.” — Kirkus Reviews

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“In the Trees, Honey Bees
Lori Mortensen • Illustrated by Cris Arbo

This inside-the-hive view of a wild colony of honey bees offers close-up views of the queen, the cells, even bee eggs. Simple verse will engage a young child, while sidebars with fascinating information satisfy the somewhat older child. Parents, teachers, and interested children will enjoy much more information about both wild and domestic hives in the back of the book. The artist’s detailed style shimmers with life, highlighting each hair or grain of pollen on the bees. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

BEES-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-115-0 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 4.4

CBC/NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book
2009 Izaak Walton League Book of the Year
Moonbeam Children’s Book Award (Silver)

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Some animals are alert in daytime and sleep at night. Others are alert at night, and are sleepyheads during the day. You can FLIP THIS BOOK to flip from day to night—and back again! And when you do, be sure to count all the baby animals you see and find the hidden numbers on each page. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

FORST-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-067-2 • EBOOK also
Ages 3 to 8 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • Lexile 700

2009 Giverny Book Award Learning Magazine Teacher’s Choice Award Izaack Walton League Book of the Year
ABA Book Sense Children’s Pick

“The strong artwork will hold children’s interest as they search for all of the hidden animals. A fun introduction to nature.” — School Library Journal

“Forest Bright Forest Night is a beautifully illustrated book that is ideal for reading aloud to kindergarteners studying cycles or communities of organisms.” — NSTA Recommends

The Tree in the Ancient Forest
Carol Reed-Jones • Illustrated by Christopher Canyon

The remarkable web of plants and animals living around a single old fir tree takes on a life of its own. Carol Reed-Jones portrays the amazing ways in which the inhabitants of the forest depend upon one another for survival. Complete with a guide to the forest creatures and their interrelationships. Also, downloadable activities for the book are at www.dawnpub.com.

TREE-P • Paper $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-88322-031-0 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 8” x 11¾” • (ATOS) 5.5

OVER 100,000 SOLD!

Benjamin Franklin Gold Award
2007 Washington State Reads Selection

“Reed-Jones’ cumulative verse technique, which very effectively illustrates the ecological concept, will make this book a lively storytime read aloud . . .” — ALA Booklist

“The Tree in the Ancient Forest is the children’s book of the year for the ecologically minded parent.” — Northwest Conservation Magazine
There’s a world teeming with life that very few people ever see. Take a peek at some of the animals that make their home in a Tall Tall Tree—a magnificent coast redwood. Count the critters, one through ten—chipmunks chattering, bats roosting, slugs sliding, and many more. Tony Frederick’s playful rhyme makes this a book young children will want to look at and listen to again and again, while early readers will enjoy reading it on their own. The turn of every page reveals a unique perspective on the redwood’s many moods, illustrated with Chad Wallace’s stunning colors. Enriching STEAM activities complement the content. Come discover and explore this wild and magic world!

“Fredericks presents 10 species that dwell in Northern California’s towering redwood forests. A northern spotted owl welcomes readers in an introductory ‘Dear Humans’ note, explaining that by climbing the redwoods, scientists have discovered the rich complexity of animal life high in the canopy. From one ‘single soaring Eagle’ to ‘ten spotted Ladybugs,’ the species are depicted in their environments. ‘Six chattering Chipmunks’ cavort upon a humus mat made of decomposing needles and other debris, while ‘seven busy Bumblebees’ visit a huckleberry bush growing high above.... Wallace’s compositions depict the animals in varying niches in the huge tree. Three salamanders hunt insects in the shaggy bark, while eight bats roost in a dark hollow. A final spread requires a quarter-turn of the book in order to marvel at the height and breadth of a redwood grove, where the family from the cover appears, antlike, silhouetted below. The excellent aftermatter includes a section with facts and 10 additional animals to find. Pages for parents and teachers provide STEAM activities, websites, and more. From a publisher devoted to connecting children and nature, a worthwhile exploration of a fascinating aerial habitat. — Kirkus Reviews

“Complemented by STEAM-based activity suggestions, “Tall Tall Tree” is a picture book by Anthony D. Fredericks that provides an informative and entertaining introduction for young children ages 2 to 5 to the amazing natural world of the giant redwood. The gentle artwork of Chad Wallace and the diverse counting prompts that reveal the teeming life that can be found in and around the world’s tallest trees makes “Tall Tall Tree” as fun as it is informative. Very highly recommended, especially for family, daycare center, Kindergarten, and community library picture book collections.” — Midwest Book Review
Rhyming verses introduce young children to three science concepts—the seasons of the year, animal behavior, and nocturnal animals. While you are sleeping and when you arise, animals everywhere lead busy lives. Winter or summer, and all the year through, let's take a look at what some of them do. The diverse lives of two animals are depicted for each month of the year—one animal that's active during the day and another active at night, for a total of 24 fascinating critters. Andrea Gabriel’s water color paintings get a stylized flair with her unique digital technique. Additional information and activity suggestions give kids, parents, and teachers ways to explore more about daily rhythms and yearly cycles.

“Animals are so busy! In daytime eagles dive for fish, lizards gobble insects, and tortoises dine on cactus flowers. When night falls, bats catch moths, crickets sing, and cougars prowl. Engaging rhymes describe the action through the cycle of every day and night, as well as through each month of the year. Informatively engaging, impressively informative, while thoroughly entertaining from cover to cover.” — Midwest Book Review

“Whether it is daytime or nighttime, a busy time or a sleepy time, wintertime or summer, animals from the skies to the ground and in the water have activities in which they are engaged. Lang’s a-b-c-b rhyming verses portray an array of animals active during the day and at night, such as a spider spinning her web, a bald eagle or skunk as they search for breakfast, a bear and a snake as they sleep through winter, or a frog as it reproduces. Gabriel entices readers with her realistic illustrations, made with watercolor and digital techniques that give scenes a 3D effect... .” — Children’s Literature
After 17 years and over 150,000 copies sold, a dandelion seed that sailed into the hearts of so many children has returned, with a twist. The Virginia author-illustrator husband-and-wife team have produced a simple tale of a tiny seed that encounters all sorts of obstacles and opportunities—this time of the urban kind. The illustrations, which are based on actual locations in Charlottesville, VA, conclude the story with a scene of harmony and diversity.

“Together with the original, this book should stimulate discussions of themes, such as patience, beauty, and courage, as well as a debate about a dandelion’s status as flower or weed.” — School Library Journal

“This follow-up to The Dandelion Seed, also exquisitely illustrated by Cris Arbo, further exemplifies how well this husband and wife team combines words and pictures to convey simple yet vital nature stories. While capturing the life cycle of a seed, it helps children dream about what they may one day become. The end result is a powerful and fulfilling story.” — Green Teacher

The humble dandelion. By roadside or mountainside, it flowers every month of the year throughout the world, a fitting symbol of life. Its journey is our journey, filled with challenge, wonder and beauty. Joseph Anthony and Cris Arbo are a husband and wife who live with their four girls in Buckingham, VA. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

“Anthony makes magic with his pen and Arbo brings life to his words.” — NBC-TV

“This is a ‘spread your wings and fly’ story with nature again serving as the great metaphor for life. Fabulous detail-oriented illustrations make this a must have.” — Children’s Literature

“You’ll never look at a dandelion in quite the same way after reading The Dandelion Seed. Sensitive and beautifully detailed paintings enhance the simple but often poetic text.” — Medina County Gazette
**In a Nutshell**

*Joseph Anthony • Illustrated by Cris Arbo*

Who we are. Why we are here. Where we come from and where we go. Here, in a nutshell, is a tale about life. Cris Arbo has also illustrated *The Dandelion Seed, In the Trees Honey Bees, All Around Me I See,* and *Earth Heroes: Champions of the Ocean.* Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

NUT-P • Paper $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-88322-098-3 • EBOOK also

Ages 3 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 3.2

*“Beautifully illustrated, this is the story of a little acorn and how it grew.” — Children’s Literature*  

*“Books such as In a Nutshell and The Dandelion Seed mesmerize children with their thrilling account from nature, and their breathtaking illustrations.” — Hearthside Books*  

**Going Home: The Mystery of Animal Migration**

*Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio*

By foot, fin, and wing, many animals migrate “home,” sometimes over very long distances. They have no maps. They may skip many meals. Why do they do it? How do they find their way? For the migrating animals, their story is one of determination and accomplishment. For us, their story is one of mystery and admiration. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

HOME-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-127-3 • EBOOK also

Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 10½” x 9” • (ATOS) 5.3

“Poetry on each double-page spread of graphic art makes this beautiful book one you will want to share aloud.” — NSTA Recommends  

“A solid introductory look at animal migration in a form that the youngest readers will appreciate.” — Kirkus Reviews  

“A solid introductory look at animal migration in a form that the youngest readers will appreciate.” — Kirkus Reviews  

“Teachers especially will welcome this poetic look at animal migration patterns.” — School Library Journal
Everyone is somebody’s lunch. Each of nature’s creatures “passes the energy” in its own unique way. In this upbeat rhyming story, the food chain connects herbivores, carnivores, insects and plants together in a fascinating circle of players. And all beings on Earth—from the anchovy to the zooplankton—depend upon the green plant, which is the hero of this story. Barbara McKinney’s special talent shines again (A Drop Around the World) for being able to present the science curriculum so concisely, creatively, and cleverly. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

A drop of rain is a drop of life—from steam to snow, from polluted to purified, from stratus cloud to subterranean crack—water links the world in a living flow. Traveling with Drop, readers will see the world, inside and out, from solid, liquid and vaporous viewpoints. The everlasting, ever-changing Drop earns our respect for water and its unique role on Earth. Barbara Shaw McKinney is a teacher, as well as a curriculum developer, who promotes quality education through workshops for teachers. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

In A Drop Around the World, storyteller Barbara Shaw McKinney and illustrator Michael S. Maydak collaborate to take young readers ages 5 to 12 on a wondrous journey from Maine to Mumbai following just one raindrop as it touches plant, animal and human life all around the world. Imaginative and informative.” — Midwest Book Review

EDUCATION CLEARING HOUSE

“Full of beautiful, full-color pictures, every child will enjoy reading or hearing this story read to them. [S]ure to instruct your child(ren) in nature’s way of handling over-population, food for all creatures and life on planet earth.” — Education Clearing House
Pitter and Patter

Martha Sullivan • Illustrated by Cathy Morrison

Take a ride with Pitter on a water cycle! Tumble from the sky, careen off a leaf, plunge into a stream as you travel through a watershed. Then take a ride with Patter—even through an underground cave. A water drop is a wonderfully adventurous thing to be! Following the main story is a large, attractive schematic showing both the parts of the water cycle and how each drop took different paths through the watershed. An “Explore More” section for teachers and parents offers a very clear presentation of states of matter (“Same but Different”), the water cycle (“Around and Around”), the watershed (“Going Down!”), and water’s role in habitats and humans (“Around and Through”). Resources are available for free online.

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Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 1.8

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USA Book News Grand Canyon Reader (Finalist)
Children’s Literary Classic Seal of Approval

“Startlingly realistic artwork takes readers through the water cycle.... Four pages of backmatter explain the water cycle in more detail, using solid science vocabulary and labeled diagrams. But what most stands out is Morrison’s gorgeous artwork.... An unusually striking glance at the water cycle.” — Kirkus Reviews

Salmon Stream

Carol Reed-Jones • Illustrated by Michael S. Maydak

Carol Reed-Jones follows the life cycle of salmon in cumulative verse, similar to her best-selling The Tree in the Ancient Forest. Against staggering odds the eggs hatch and grow, travel to the ocean, and eventually struggle upstream to their birthplace again, to spawn a new generation. Salmon Stream is also packed with information and resources for people of all ages who want to learn more about salmon and how to help them survive. Also, downloadable activities for the book are at www.dawnpub.com.

SLMN-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN 978-1-58469-013-9 • EBOOK also
Ages 6 to 12 • 32 pages • 10 ½” x 9” • (ATOS) 5.6

“Startlingly realistic artwork takes readers through the water cycle.... Four pages of backmatter explain the water cycle in more detail, using solid science vocabulary and labeled diagrams. But what most stands out is Morrison’s gorgeous artwork.... An unusually striking glance at the water cycle.” — Kirkus Reviews

“The salmon is not only an important species for ocean food webs but also is a key indicator of the quality of river and shore environments. The effects of human development — dams, pollution, and channeling — all affect its survival. This NSTA/ CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book provides a poetic yet accurate description of the life cycle of this important species for elementary students.” — NSTA Recommends

“The rhythm and rhyme make for more interesting reading aloud, but it is the drama of the cycle of nature, surviving against all odds, that carries the story. Maydak’s naturalistic paintings take us beneath the surface to illuminate the cycle as well as giving us glimpses of what is above; we see the predators in the water and air as well as the dams and fish ladders.” — Children’s Literature
Going Around the Sun: Some Planetary Fun

Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Janeen Mason

Our Earth is part of a fascinating planetary family—eight planets and an odd bunch of solar system “cousins”—that spin, roll, tilt, blow and whirl around the Sun. Here, to the tune of “Over in the Meadow,” young ones can get a glimpse of our remarkable neighborhood. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

Going Around the Sun: Some Planetary Fun
Marianne Berkes • Illustrated by Janeen Mason

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Lifetimes

David L. Rice • Illustrated by Michael S. Maydak

The Universe is our school, nature our teacher, and every species has a lesson for us. “A lifetime for a mayfly is about one day. . . A lifetime for an elephant is about 65 years . . . A lifetime for a dinosaur is never again!!” Lifetimes introduces some of nature’s longest, shortest and most unusual lifetimes. The “tell about it, think about it” questions for each lifetime are perfect for engaging a young person in a stimulating conversation. Downloadable activities for this book are at www.dawnpub.com.

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A Moon of My Own
By Jennifer Rustgi • Illustrated by Ashley White
An adventurous young girl journeys around the world, if only in her dreams. She discovers both natural beauty and manmade wonders. And all along the way she’s accompanied by her faithful companion—the Moon. Always changing, yet always with her, the Moon remains her magical friend and loyal guide. The silhouette art suggests the wonderful places the girl travels in her fertile imagination—places on every continent. In the “Explore More—For Kids” section, a map offers a simple introduction to world geography, along with an introduction to understanding the phases of the Moon. The “Explore More—For Teachers and Parents” section features additional information about the Moon, modeling the Moon, Moon art, and much more.

MOON-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-573-8 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 10 • 32 pages • 11” x 9” • Lexile AD 370

“Readers are brought along on a young girl’s imaginative nighttime adventure around the world. The moon is both a source of wonder for the girl and a companion that is always there. In the first-person narration, the girl addresses the moon directly: “Hey there, Moon. There you are again. / I wonder, why do you follow me?” Subtly, the author addresses some of the questions and observations kids make about this celestial body. “Each night you seem a little different from the night before. / But I always know it’s you.” These queries are answered in the backmatter. This just may encourage young readers to look up to the night sky and gain a new friend of their own.” — Kirkus Reviews

“In the new release, A Moon of My Own, a little girl journeys across the seven continents wondering aloud about the always-changing, yet ever-present moon. As the story and her travels progress, the moon also phases among its various forms: waxing crescent in Africa, full moon in Asia, etc. This story perfectly illustrates the cultivation of empathy in early childhood as the girl explores a natural phenomenon and her personal relationship within its orb. The book explores nature connections alongside factual science which we strive to achieve in all of our programming, whether formal or informal.” — EEAi Newsletter
Nature’s Patchwork Quilt: Understanding Habitats

Mary Miché • Illustrated by Consie Powell

Just imagine all of nature—mountains, prairies, oceans, and all—lying on your bed as a patchwork quilt! Take flora and fauna in their unique habitats, fold them up and you have a book, this book. Earth’s major habitats are spread before you, ready to be examined. Here in this beautiful package are revealed the key concepts of natural science.

QUILT-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-170-9 • EBOOK also
Ages 4 to 12 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 4.7

CBC/NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book
Children’s Literary Classics
ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year (finalist)
Benjamin Franklin (Gold)
Purple Dragonfly Book Award
Indie Book Award
Izaak Walton League Book of the Year

“Earth’s major habitats are beautifully woven in and illustrated within every page of this book. Concepts of biodiversity, adaptations, and respect for our ecosystems are presented through simple language and images that are displayed in various patchwork quilt designs. The content is developmentally appropriate and easy to match to the Next Generation Science Standards and almost all state guidelines for that level.”
— NSTA Recommends

If You Love Honey: Nature’s Connections

Martha Sullivan • Illustrated by Cathy Morrison

Honey is a sweet gift from nature—ALL of nature, actually. Honey is linked in a very real way to dandelions, earthworms, mushrooms, the old oak tree and even the blue jays squawking in its branches. If you love nature’s honey, you are sure to love nature too.

The author fell in love with bees as an amateur beekeeper, and then learned to appreciate flowering plants as an important nectar source. And then she realized how the plants were connected to insects and soil. A simple but accurate diagram in the back matter explains how bees make honey and also pollinate plants, as well as the role of beneficial insects and decomposers. Further activities are available at www.dawnpub.com.

HONEY-P • Paper • $8.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-534-9 • EBOOK also
HONEY-H • Hard • $16.95 • ISBN: 978-1-58469-533-2
Ages 4 to 9 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 4.5

Mom’s Choice Award (Gold)  Nautilus Book Award  2015 Eureka! Honor Award  Benjamin Franklin (Silver) 2015 Living Now (Gold)  Skipping Stones Honor Award  USA Booknews

“A cycle of logical syllogisms takes readers from the title stipulation through a series of conclusions that ends at the beginning....A neat look at connections many children can see in action.” — Kirkus Reviews
Stickeen: John Muir and the Brave Little Dog

The great explorer and environmentalist, John Muir, first met the little dog Stickeen while exploring in Alaska. This is the true story of their challenging and memorable adventure climbing the glaciers of the north country, as re-told by former teacher and lawyer, Donnell Rubay, and illustrated by award-winning illustrator Christopher Canyon.

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Ages 4 to 12 • 32 pages • 9” x 11” • (ATOS) 4.4

Cycles of Nature

Do Animals Have Feelings Too?

Do animals have feelings? Until recently most scientists didn’t think so. Many scientists are now changing their minds. Close observation of animals is tending to show that animals may have feelings quite similar to human feelings. This collection of true animal behavior, witnessed by naturalists and others, is both heartwarming and thought-provoking.

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Sunshine On My Shoulders
John Denver • Illustrated by Christopher Canyon

This heartwarming book—an adaptation of one of John Denver’s best-loved songs—is a lovely reminder of the good, pure things in life. *Sunshine On My Shoulders* celebrates friendship, sunshine and simple joy. Children and adults alike will love Christopher Canyon’s whimsical and humorous illustrations that capture the innocence of childhood. The hardback edition includes a CD of John singing *The Music Is You* and *Sunshine On My Shoulders*. Both editions include the musical score of Sunshine.

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“*Sunshine On My Shoulders* is a wonderful way to say I love you, I like you and glad we’re alive! Or bring a smile and comfort to the sad.” — Rebecca Brown, RebeccasReads.com

“Each page is brimming over with warmth and the dazzling brightness of a summers’ day.” — Book Sense 76 Selection

Ancient Rhymes: A Dolphin Lullaby
John Denver • Illustrated by Christopher Canyon

“Welcome precious earth-made child,” John Denver sings in his hauntingly beautiful lullaby of the birth of a dolphin. John loved to swim with dolphins—intelligent and exceedingly talkative animals that swim together in pods, suckle their young, and often touch and caress each other. In this illustrated adaptation of his song “Ancient Rhymes,” you can feel the hope that birth brings—whether dolphin or human—and the promise of new life. This gorgeous book is a perfect dream-maker for the children in your life. Hardback edition comes with CD.

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“*Denver’s gentle lullaby comes to life in Canyon’s gorgeous paintings.*” — Kirkus Reviews

“*Canyon’s love for Denver’s music is evident in the lush, romantic illustrations that accompany this dolphin lullaby . . . . The page layout and visual images are striking.*” — School Library Journal
**Grandma’s Feather Bed**

*John Denver • Adapted & Illustrated by Christopher Canyon*

Upbeat, funny and irresistibly singable, John Denver’s rendition of “Grandma’s Feather Bed” is a delight for everyone in the family, young and old alike. And for this book, illustrator Christopher Canyon perfectly captures the wild exuberance of a childhood visit to Grandma’s—and special fun on her great big bed! This is the fourth in Dawn Publications’ highly acclaimed John Denver & Kids picture book series. The hardback edition comes with a CD of John singing this fun-filled song. Join in!

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**Take Me Home, Country Roads**

*John Denver • Adapted & Illustrated by Christopher Canyon*

Did you know that John Denver’s famous song, “Take Me Home, Country Roads” was originally inspired by a drive to a family reunion? In this picture book, illustrator Christopher Canyon brilliantly builds on that theme, portraying members of a family all heading for Grandma and Grandpa’s old farm to “the place I belong.” Canyon created the artwork to imitate a quilt—a classic American folk art form that’s especially popular in the Appalachian regions.

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“Jaunty artwork with the busy color and texture of a patchwork quilt add to the listen-while-you-look fun.” — Publishers Weekly

“A cast of wonderfully expressive characters journey day and night toward a reunion. Canyon’s portrayal of the song’s West Virginia mountains and countryside as a quilt is inspired . . .” — Kirkus Reviews
Here is the “autobiography” of the universe—early history of the universe narrated by the universe itself. Beginning with the Big Bang and ending with the formation of Earth, Book One of the trilogy is a thrilling story of chaos and creativity. Particles become galaxies. Mother stars explode in supernovas, creating elements, the building blocks of life. It is a story of surprise after surprise. Each book has an extensive section explaining the science behind the story, and offering resources for further study.

Jennifer Morgan studied at Princeton University and also holds a degree in theology from the University of San Francisco.

"Children like stories; science can be a harder sell. But Jennifer Morgan of Princeton has combined “once upon a time” with subjects like the relationship of energy and matter, black holes in space and the formation of elements . . . .” — New York Times

"Born With a Bang hooks you from the very first page . . . . Scientifically correct illustrations are enhanced with actual photographs where appropriate. This book is highly recommended for readers of ages 8 to 80 and beyond!” — Science Books and Films

"When returning from the Moon, I experienced directly and emotionally the personal connection to the Universe described by Jennifer Morgan. We are the way the Universe knows itself. We are it and it is us. All together we are wonderful and amazing.” — Edgar Mitchell, Sc D., Apollo 14

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Lynne Cherry & Gary Braasch • Photographs by Gary Braasch

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Carol L. Malnor

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Earth Heroes: Champions of the Wilderness
Bruce and Carol Malnor • Illustrated by Anisa Claire Hovemann

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Earth Heroes: Champions of the Ocean
Fran Hodgkins • Illustrated by Cris Arbo

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This final volume in the Earth Heroes series features some of the greatest naturalists who studied and played a role in saving entire species of wild animals. The people featured in the book include: William Hornaday, a hunter who campaigned to save bison from extinction; J.N. “Ding” Darling, famous cartoonist and “the duck’s best friend”; Rachel Carson, the scientist who wouldn’t be silent; Roger Tory Peterson, the world’s foremost birder; R.D. Lawrence, the man who dispelled myths about wolves; E.O. Wilson, “Lord of the Ants”; Jane Goodall, an ambassador for both chimpanzees and world peace; and the Douglas-Hamilton family, tireless workers on behalf of elephants.

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