



Books About Water for Children

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Picture Books

Base, Graeme. ***The Water Hole***. (2001)

Water dwindles as more animals visit a watering hole introducing the numbers from one to ten. PreK – grade 2.

Caduto, Michael. ***Riparia's River***. (2011)

Friends find their favorite swimming hole filled with green slime. A mysterious naturalist named Riparia helps the children understand why the water became polluted. Together they figure out what they can do to clean the river they all love. Grade 3 and up.

Harper, Joel. ***All the Way to the Ocean***. (2006)

This book is a delightful read that teaches the young how they can participate in keeping our oceans and their inhabitants clean and blue-green. Grade 3 and up.

Locker, Thomas. ***Water Dance***. (1997)

Water speaks of its existence in such forms as storm clouds, mist, rainbows, and rivers. Included is factual information on the water cycle. Grade 1 and up.

Locker, Thomas. ***Where the River Begins***. (1984)

Two young boys and their grandfather go on a camping trip to find the source of the river that flows by their home. PreK and up.

Lyons, George Ella and Katherine Tillotson. ***All the Water in the World***. (2011)

Infectious beat and eye-catching illustrations introduce young children to the water cycle. PreK – grade 2.

Morrison, Gordon. ***A Drop of Water***. (2006)

Morrison has captured a single moment in time, revealing the course and influence of water, and inviting readers to pause and consider the world around them in this beautiful and lyrical appreciation of nature and the resource that makes it all possible—a drop of water. K – grade 3.

Sanders, Scott Russell. ***Crawdad Creek***. (2002)

Two children find fossils, salamanders, dragonflies, frogs, deer tracks, and many other "treasures" when they visit the creek near their home. K – grade 8.

Williams, Vera. ***Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe***. (1984)

Follow the red canoe as it journeys down river carrying the family on a camping tour. PreK and up.

Van Zandt, Steve. ***River Song: With the Banana Slug String Band***. (2007)

This book/CD combo takes the reader from the trickle of snowmelt to the roar of the ocean. River Song celebrates rivers as a fascinating, ever-changing source of life and joy. Grade 1 and up.

Nonfiction

Cherry, Lynne. ***A River Ran Wild: An Environmental History***. (2004)

Learn how the modern-day descendants of the Nashua Indians and European settlers were able to combat pollution and restore the beauty of the Nashua River in Massachusetts. Grades 1 - 4.

Collier, Michael. ***Over the Rivers***. (2008)

Exciting photographs and clear text enhance the understanding of fundamental geological processes created by water. Grades 5-12.

Dunphy, Madeleine. ***Here is the Wetland***. (2007)

This book uses a cumulative approach to describe the wetland ecology of a freshwater marsh, the most common type of wetland in North America. PreK to grade 4.

Frost, Helen. ***We Need Water***. (2006)

This book outlines some of the reasons that water is necessary for life, from growing plants, cooking food, and washing things to staying cool. PreK and up.

Hollyer, Beatrice. ***Our World of Water***. (2009)

This book follows the daily lives of children in Peru, Mauritania, the United States, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Tajikistan, and explores what water means to them. PreK and up.

Hooper, Meredith. ***The Drop in My Drink: The Story of Water on Our Planet***. (1998)

This book describes the water cycle, the relationship between water and living things and between water and erosion. K and up.

Kerley, Barbara. ***A Cool Drink of Water***. (2002)

This book depicts people around the world collecting, chilling, and drinking water. Grade 5 and up.

McKinney, Barbara. ***A Drop Around the World***. (1998)

Go around the world following a drop of water--whether as steam or snow, inside a plant or animal, or underground. Grade K and up.

Nelson, Sara. ***Let's Save Water***. (2006)

Text and photographs describe why it's important to save water, and provides simple ways that children can save water. Grade 3 and up.

Overbeck Bix, Cynthia. ***Water, Water Everywhere*** (Reading Rainbow Book). (1995)

This simple book examines all of the forms of water on earth. Photographs are interspersed with descriptions of what water is and why it is important. K – grade 2.

Parker, Steve. ***Eyewitness Pond & River*** (DK Eyewitness Books). (2011)

A photo essay about plants and animals found in fresh water, examine the living conditions and survival mechanisms of creatures dwelling at the edge of the water, on its surface, or under the mud. Grade 3 and up.

Sayre, April Pulley. ***Trout Are Made of Trees***. (2008)

Leaves and bacteria, insects and fish, bears and people, too--we're all part of one big circle of growing and eating and living. PreK – grade 2.

Sidman, Joyce. ***Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems***. (2005)

This award winning book (Caldecott Honor Book, BCCB Blue Ribbon Nonfiction Book Award) is a blend of whimsy, science, poetry, and hand-colored woodcuts, inviting the reader to take a closer look at our hidden ponds and wetlands. K and up.

Strauss, Rochelle. ***One Well: The Story of Water on Earth***. (2007)

All water is connected. Every raindrop, lake, underground river and glacier is part of a single global well. Grade 3 and up.