



50 Great Books to Read Outside

A booklist for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 pupils.

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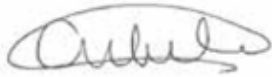
With summer fast approaching, the BookSpace team have been inspired to create a booklist featuring some of the greatest books to read outside.

We've selected a wide range of texts which include something for every child to enjoy, from boardbooks to picturebooks, poetry, and more challenging titles for advanced readers. The list includes classics such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Enchanted Wood' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to more recent publications such as Michael Morpugo's 'My Heart Was a Tree'

The books also provide lots of opportunities for cross-curricular learning and are great for children who respond particularly well to multi-sensory learning and more imaginative activities such as roleplay.

We hope you find this resource useful and your pupils enjoy exploring the books in a fresh new environment.

Best wishes,



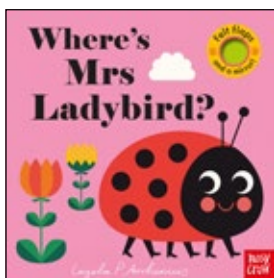
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Where's Mrs Ladybird?

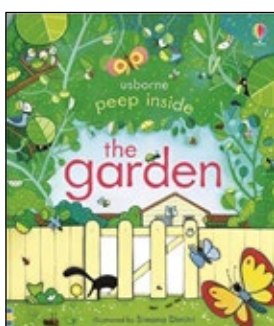
Author: Ingela P Arrhenius

Interest age: 0-2 years

The original, award-winning Felt Flap series - perfect for children in nursery. Each title in this stylish series has five spreads with friendly characters to find behind colourful felt flaps.

In Where's Mrs Ladybird?, you're on the look out for Mr Caterpillar, Mrs Bee, Mr Snail and Mrs Ladybird herself! Lift the final flap and there's a surprise mirror - always a hit with the little ones.

Teachers love these books because they are beautiful but tough enough to withstand even the most enthusiastic of young readers. And children love them because they are just so much fun.



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Peep Inside the Garden

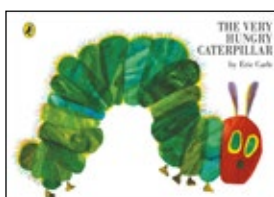
Author: Anna Milbourne

Interest age: 0-3 years

A sunny garden hums, buzzes, creeps and crawls with life... Peep inside to see what you can find. A beautifully illustrated non-fiction picturebook for very little children with lots of flaps to lift, holes to peep through and animals and insects to spot.

Children can peek at the insects buzzing beneath flower petals, spot a sleepy toad hiding in a logpile and lift a lily pad in the pond to uncover lots of tiny baby newts!

A charming introduction to the world around us for very young children.



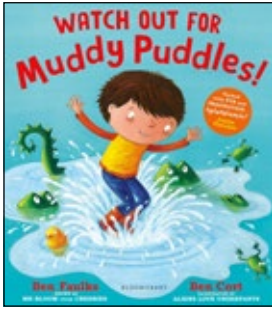
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The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Author: Eric Carle

Interest age: 0-3 years

Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a perennial favourite with children and adults alike. Its imaginative illustration and clever cut-out detail charts the progress of a very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through the week.



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Watch Out for Muddy Puddles!

Author: Ben Faulks

Interest age: 0-5 years

Have you ever thought about what could be in the world below the surface of puddles? Join in as one boy finds that some are very, very deep; some are teeming with particularly peckish crocodiles - eek! - and some icy puddles hurt your bottom when you slip - ouch! Others are full of frogs, underwater kings, lost socks and - WATCH OUT! - the BIG, BAD duck...

A joyous celebration of the imagination and splashing in puddles by the star of CBeebies' Mr Bloom and the bestselling illustrator of Aliens Love Underpants.



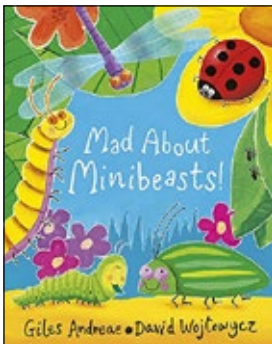
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Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go

Author: Patricia Hegarty

Interest age: 1-5 years

Explore the beauty of the changing seasons in this timeless peek-through book with beautiful artwork from Britta Teckentrup and accompanying rhyming text. Following the life-cycle of a tree through spring, summer, autumn and winter, children will easily learn to recognise the signs of the seasons with this simple yet striking picturebook.



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Mad About Minibeasts!

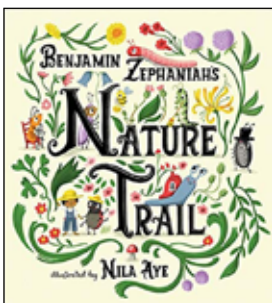
Author: Giles Andreae

Interest age: 2-4 years

Come into the garden for lots of rhyming minibeast fun in this colourful read-aloud picturebook.

Little ones will love joining in with all the noisy sound words and looking at the colourful pictures, as they discover all sorts of minibeasts. From slithery snails and buzzing bees, to wriggly worms and munching caterpillars!

Each page introduces a different animal, with a short read-aloud rhyme.



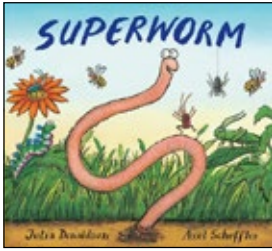
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Nature Trail

Author: Benjamin Zephaniah

Interest age: 2-5

This heart-warming poem within a picturebook encourages us to look at the world around us and enjoy the wonder of nature wherever we find it - from parks to gardens and flowerpots to pavements. The rhyming text is great for reading aloud during storytime and provides lots of opportunities to discuss different minibeasts, plants, flowers, fruit and animals.



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Superworm

Author: Julia Donaldson

Interest age: 2-5 years

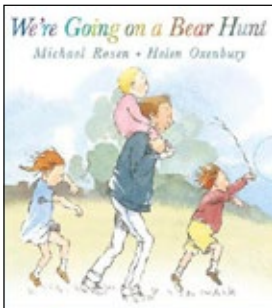
Meet the wiggliest, squiggliest superhero in the world in the funny picture book by the number one bestselling author and illustrator of *The Gruffalo*, *Stick Man* and *Zog*.

Super-long and super-strong, Superworm is always on hand to help animals and insects in need.

From rescuing Baby Toad from a busy road or fishing Beetle out of a well – do not fear, Superworm is here!

But who will come to Superworm's rescue, when he's captured by the wicked Wizard Lizard and Crow?

Luckily, all of Superworm's friends have a cunning plan...



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We're Going on a Bearhunt

Author: Michael Rosen

Interest age: 2-5 years

Why go on a walk, when you can go on a bear hunt?

Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear.

What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest! Shhhhh.... Don't wake the bear!



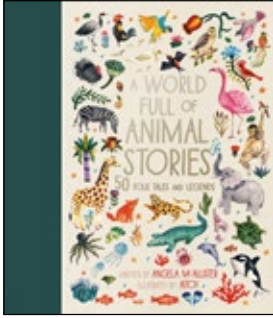
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A First Book of Nature

Author: Nicola Davies

Interest age: 2-5 years

From beachcombing to stargazing, from watching squirrels, ducks and worms to making berry crumble or a winter bird feast, this is a remarkable book – part poetry, part scrapbook of recipes, facts and fragments – and a glorious reminder that the natural world is on our doorstep waiting to be discovered. Mark Hearld's pictures beautifully reproduce the colours of the seasons and Nicola Davies' lyrical words capture the simple loveliness that is everywhere, if only we can look.



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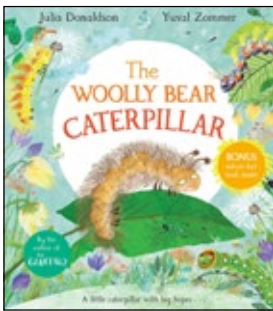
A World Full of Animal Stories: 50 favourite animal folk, tales, myths and legends

Author: Angela McAllister

Interest age: 2-7 years

Travel the world with 50 best-loved tales, featuring creatures big and small. This beautifully-illustrated collection of classic stories brings together favourite animal-themed fables, myths and legends including The Three Little Pigs, The Ugly Duckling, Why the Swallow's Tail is Forked and the story of Ananse and the Python.

Lively retellings from Angela McAllister are brought to life with sumptuous illustrations from Romanian-born illustrator, Aitch, in this treasury to treasure.



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The Woolly Bear Caterpillar

Author: Julia Donaldson

Interest age: 3-5 years

Crawling through the garden, the little Woolly Bear Caterpillar wonders what kind of moth she will become. Bonny and bright, stunning and smart, but not kind, the other caterpillars laugh at the small, plain Woolly Bear. There is one thing that they are sure of: Woolly Bear could never be as dramatic and beautiful as them! But could one little caterpillar be about to undergo a truly terrific transformation?



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The Hike

Author: Alison Farrell

Interest age: 3-5 years

With lyrical language that captures the majesty of the natural world coupled with fun narrative featured throughout, this spirited picture book tells the victorious story of three girls' friendship—and their tribulations and triumphs in the great outdoors. Here is the best and worst of any hike: from picnics to puffing and panting, deer-sighting to detours. Featuring a glossary, a sketchbook by one of the characters, abundant labels throughout, and scientific backmatter, this book is a must-have for budding scientists, best friends, and all adventurers. And it proves, as if proof were needed, what epic things can happen right in your own backyard.



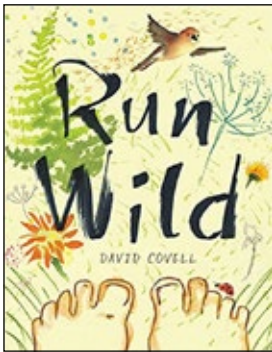
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The Leaf Thief

Author: Alice Hemming

Interest age: 3-5 years

A brilliantly funny picture book about seasons, written by Alice Hemming and illustrated by Nicola Slater. Squirrel is so cross. Yesterday there were loads of beautiful leaves on his tree, but today? Today some are missing and Squirrel is convinced that someone has stolen them... there's a leaf thief on the loose! Join Squirrel on a mission to find the culprit, and meet so many fun animals on the way, while you find out how the world takes on different colours as the months pass by.



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Run Wild

Author: David Covell

Interest age: 3-5 years

Get back to nature in this gorgeous sunlit filled book that celebrates the joy of being outdoors.

"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, dewy 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.



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Seasons

Author: Hannah Pang

Interest age: 3-6 years

Watch six breath-taking landscapes transform in front of your eyes in this beautifully illustrated book. Interactive split pages create an immersive experience that allows readers to take a visual journey across the globe, from the Arctic tundra to the African plains. With simple facts and stunning, collaged artwork, this is the perfect book for nature lovers, young and old.



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That's MY flower!

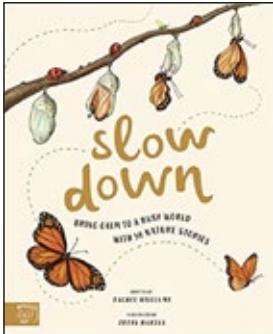
Author: Alice Hemming

Interest age: 3-6 years

A fantastically fun springtime picture book from the creators of the Leaf Thief.

Hello sunshine! Hello lovely leaves. Nice to see you back. Squirrel is so excited. It's spring and the most perfect flower has started to blossom - and Squirrel has decided the flower is HIS. After what happened to the leaves in autumn (THEY ALL DISAPPEARED), Squirrel's not taking any chances... he MUST keep the flower safe, and he needs his best friend Bird to help him! But perhaps Squirrel wants to protect the flower a little too much... after all, even flowers want a little space sometimes.

Join Squirrel and Bird as they discover and explore the wonderful nature of spring... and learn a few things along the way.



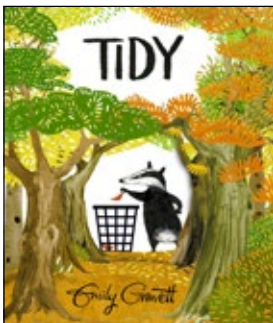
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Slow Down

Author: Rachel Williams

Interest age: 3-6 years

All around us, nature is turning, growing...and working. Every day, hour by hour, magical transformations happen right in front of you. But it's not always easy to see them... Discover 50 nature stories, paused just long enough for you to watch them unfold. Then go outside and explore... and see what you find when you take the time to slow down.



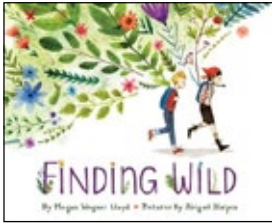
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Tidy

Author: Emily Gravett

Interest age: 3-6

This beautiful picturebook tells the story of a loveable Badger called Pete who becomes obsessed with cleaning up his woodland home. He soon learns that being neat and tidy isn't always the best for the environment and learns to love his forest just the way it is.



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Finding Wild

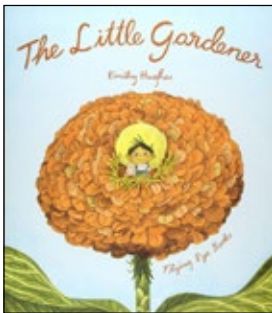
Author: Megan Wagner Lloyd

Interest age: 3-7 years

A lovely, lyrical picture book with gorgeous illustrations that explores the ways the wild makes itself known to us and how much closer it is than we think.

There are so many places that wild can exist, if only you know where to look! Can you find it? Two kids set off on an adventure away from their urban home and discover all the beauty of the natural world. From the bark on the trees to the sudden storm that moves across the sky to fire and flowers, and snowflakes and fresh fruit.

As the children make their way through the woods and back to the paved and noisy streets, they discover that wild exists not just off in some distant place, but right in their own backyard.



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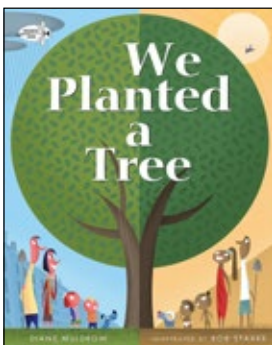
The Little Gardener

Author: Emily Hughes

Interest age: 3-7 years

A richly illustrated tale that teaches us how important it is to persist and try, no matter what the odds.

There was once a little gardener and his garden meant everything to him. He worked hard, very hard, but he was just too little (or at least he felt he was). The celebrated author of 'Wild' transports us to a world not unlike our own, but still brimming with fantasy and wonder.



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We Planted a Tree

Author: Diane Muldrow

Interest age: 3-7 years

As the trees flourish, so do the families . . . while trees all over the world help clean the air, enrich the soil, and give fruit and shade. With a nod to Kenya's successful Green Belt Movement, Diane Muldrow's elegant text celebrates the life and hope that every tree—from Paris to Brooklyn to Tokyo—brings to our planet.



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The Extraordinary Gardener

Author: Sam Boughton

Interest age: 3-9 years

A charming story about the importance of nature and community, teaching us that if we work hard enough our dreams really can come true!

Joe is a boy just like any other, but Joe loves to imagine. Joe lives in a pretty ordinary tower block, in a rather ordinary city. His world is rather grey. However, he spends his time imagining a wonderful world filled with exotic plants and unusual animals. One day Joe decides to plant a seed on his balcony, he waits and waits but nothing happens!

Joe gives up and goes back to his daily life, but one day when he least expects it he spots that the seed has turned into the most beautiful tree. Joe begins caring for the tree and growing lots of other plants on his balcony and soon everyone in the neighbourhood is getting involved.



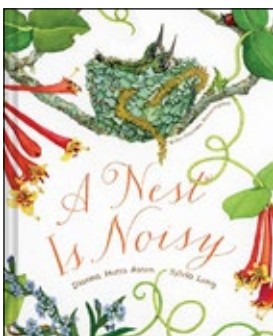
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Betsy Buglove saves the Bees

Author: Catherine Jacob

Interest age: 4-6 years

Meet Betsy Buglove in this magical picture book - a girl who LOVES bugs more than anything else in the world! In a big, bustling town lived a girl who loved bugs, from earthworms to ladybirds, woodlice and slugs. While spiders or ants might make some scream in fright to her, creepy crawlies were such a delight! On her sixth birthday she receives a special gift - a magic magnifying glass that allows her to speak to her fuzzy, sometimes slimy, friends. Super bright illustrations and rhyming text will make this a delight for teachers to read aloud time and again. With engaging endpapers at the back, including fun facts about caterpillars, praying mantises and more... did you know butterflies can smell like popcorn?



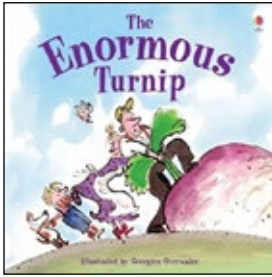
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A Nest is Noisy

Author: Dianna Hutts Aston

Interest age: 4-6 years

From the award-winning creators of *An Egg Is Quiet*, *A Seed Is Sleepy*, *A Butterfly Is Patient*, *A Rock Is Lively* and *A Beetle Is Shy* comes this gorgeous and informative look at the fascinating world of nests, from those of tiny bee hummingbirds to those of orangutans high in the rainforest canopy. Poetic in voice and elegant in design, this carefully researched book introduces children to a captivating array of nest facts and is perfect for outdoor reading sessions.



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The Enormous Turnip

Author: Katie Daynes

Interest age: 4-7 years

The classic story of The Enormous Turnip retold with simple text and delightful illustrations. When the farmer can't pull a turnip out of the ground, he enlists his entire family to help him. But just how big can a turnip grow?!



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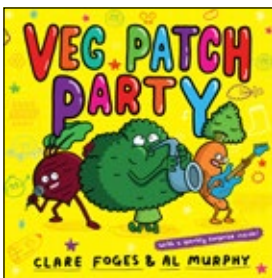
There's a Tiger in the Garden

Author: Lizzy Stewart

Interest age: 4-7 years

When Grandma says she's seen a tiger in the garden, Nora doesn't believe her. She's too old to play Grandma's silly games! Everyone knows that tigers live in jungles, not gardens. So even when Nora sees butterflies with wings as big as her arm, and plants that try and eat her toy giraffe, and a polar bear that likes fishing, she knows there's absolutely, DEFINITELY no way there could be a tiger in the garden... Could there?

A beautiful picture book about the power of imagination.



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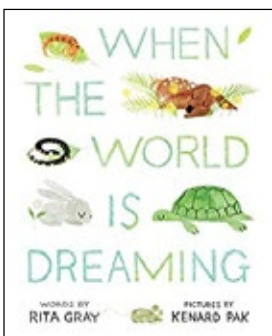
Veg Patch Party

Author: Clare Foges

Interest age: 4-7 years

Glastonbury with veg! From the bestselling picture book team behind Kitchen Disco.

The vegetables start waking up They stretch and rise and shine - they set up lots of Stages because it's VEGGIE PARTY time! Mud, rain, vegetables. A winning combination!



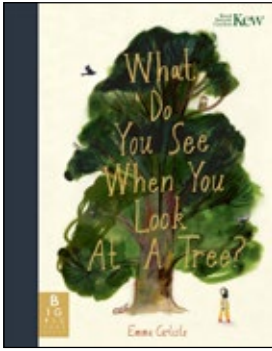
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When the World is Dreaming

Author: Rita Gray

Interest age: 4-7 years

An imaginative and informative peek into the dream world of snakes, deer, rabbits, and other creatures. Take a peek into the moonlit world of deer, rabbits, and other woodland creatures as they get ready for a good night. The author Rita Gray poetically recounts their ordinary real-life resting places while revealing their anything-but-ordinary dreams.



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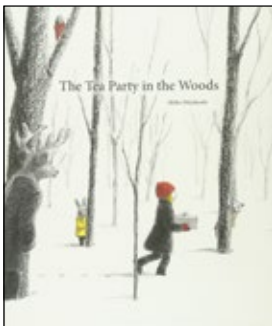
What Do You See When You Look at a Tree

Author: Emma Carlisle

Interest age: 4-7 years

Immerse yourself in this gentle picture book that encourages us to explore our connection with nature.

In association with the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, this wonderful picture book explores themes of empathy, mindfulness and personal growth through the eyes of a child. Beautifully written and illustrated by the award-winning artist Emma Carlisle, *What Do You See When You Look At a Tree?* urges readers to reconnect with nature by asking questions that encourage critical thinking and reflection on their own development, as well as helping to establish a deeper appreciation for the environment and their place within it.



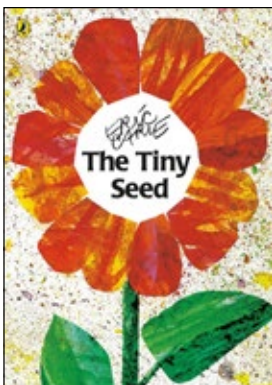
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The Tea Party in the Woods

Author: Akiko Miyakoshi

Interest age: 4-7 years

When a young girl named Kikko realises her father has forgotten the pie he was supposed to bring to Grandma's house, she offers to try and catch him as he makes his way through the woods. She hurriedly follows her father's footprints in the snow and happens upon a large house she has never seen before. Curious, Kikko peers through the window, when she is startled by a small lamb wearing a coat and carrying a purse. Even more surprising, the lamb speaks, asking her in a kind voice, "Are you here for the tea party?" Suddenly, Kikko realizes her trip through the woods has turned into something magical. Award-winning author and illustrator Akiko Miyakoshi has beautifully crafted an original fairy tale picture book that will delight and enchant.



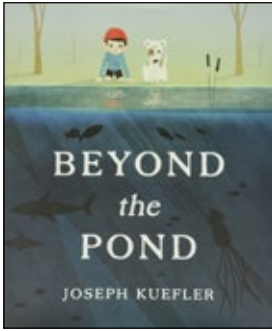
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The Tiny Seed

Author: Eric Carle

Interest age: 4-8 years

A much-loved classic from the creator of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. This is the story of how a tiny seed travels from its parent plant and blows across seas, deserts and mountains, braving many hazards along the way, before finally finding a place to settle and grow into a beautiful flower so that the story can start again. A beautiful and uplifting first introduction to the life cycle of a seed.



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Beyond the Pond

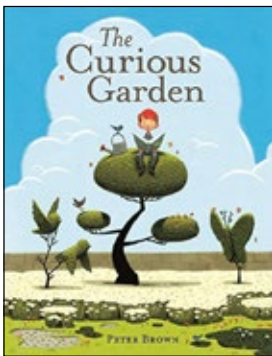
Author: Joseph Kuefler

Interest age: 4-8 years

A stunning picture book about the power of imagination, perfect for fans of Extra Yarn and Journey, from debut author-illustrator Joseph Kuefler.

Just behind an ordinary house filled with too little fun, Ernest D. decides that today will be the day he explores the depths of his pond.

Beyond the pond, he discovers a not-so-ordinary world that will change him forever.



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The Curious Garden

Author: Peter Brown

Interest age: 4-8 years

This gorgeously illustrated picture book opens to a detailed spread of a grey city. If you look closely, you can spot the tiny figure of a red-headed boy, Liam, walking down the street. The Curious Garden tells the story of how this young boy discovers a door that leads up to abandoned railroad tracks where he finds a forgotten garden. He cares for the plants and helps them flourish, and they gradually spread throughout the city, transforming it, bit by bit, into a lush, green world.



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It Starts with a Bee

Author: QED

Interest age: 4-9

It Starts with a Bee is a fun rhyming story which shows children the importance of the bee and how it brings life to the garden. Young readers can follow the bee's journey as it navigates the flowers and plants of the garden, meeting all sorts of wonderful minibeast and creatures – spiders, worms, mice along the way.



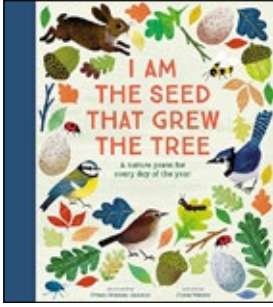
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5 Minute Nature Stories: True Tales from the Woodland

Author: Gabby Dawnay

Interest age: 4 years+

Discover the interconnectedness of nature with this non-fiction story collection. Written by science writer and poet Gabby Dawnay, each read-aloud story celebrates everyday miracles in a woodland. A gift to inform and delight young nature lovers.



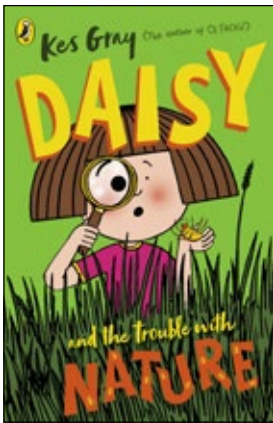
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I am the Seed that Grew the Tree: A Nature Poem for Every Day of the Year (Poetry Collections)

Author: Fiona Waters

Interest age: 4 years+

I am the Seed that Grew the Tree is a beautifully illustrated collection of 366 nature poems. Packed with all-time favourites and new poems for children to discover, this collection takes you on a journey through the months of the year and illustrates the changing seasons in the natural world.



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Daisy and the Trouble with Nature

Author: Kes Gray

Interest age: 5-7 years

The laugh-out-loud new Daisy adventure, from bestselling author of the Oi Frog series, Kes Gray. Daisy and her class are so excited when their new school nature garden is unveiled. But the trouble with their nature garden is, there's not very much nature in it.

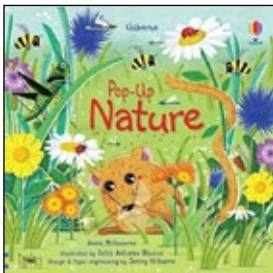
There are NO:

Birds Butterflies

Grizzly Bears

Wolverines

If there's one thing Daisy HATES it's waiting. Especially waiting for nature to appear. Luckily, she's going camping with Gabby, and will find LOTS of nature to bring back.



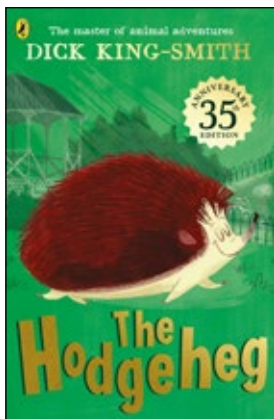
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Pop-up Nature

Author: Anna Milbourne

Interest age: 5-7 years

Take a closer look at nature in this wonderful pop-up book, which brings a nature walk to life - springing out from the pages! See pop-up bees buzzing in the flowers, a mouse in a blackberry bush, and watch a moving woodpecker pecking and a frog swimming by in a pond. A wonderful way to celebrate nature with little children.



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The Hodgeheg

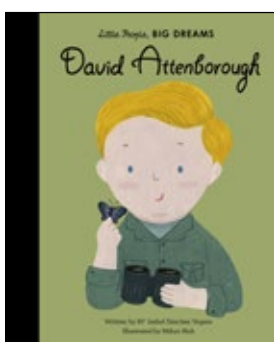
Author: Dick King-Smith

Interest age: 5-8 years

Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails!

The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs? His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hodgeheg!

Still determined to fulfil his mission, Max discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady and some careful detective work...



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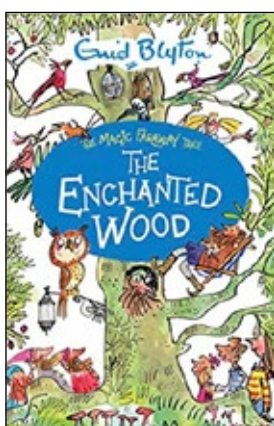
David Attenborough: Little People, Big Dreams

Author: Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

Interest age: 5-9 years

In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy bestselling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of David Attenborough, the inspiring broadcaster and conservationist. Little David grew up in Leicester on the campus of a university, where his father was a professor. As a child, he spent hours in the science library, collating his own specimens and creating a mini animal museum. When he was old enough to go to university, he studied science and zoology – but what he wanted most of all was to be close to the animals he was studying.

This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the broadcaster's life.



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The Enchanted Wood

Author: Enid Blyton

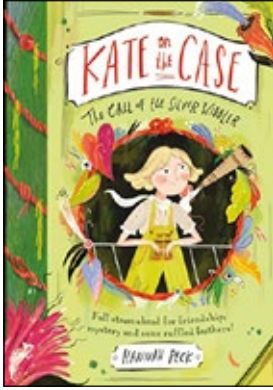
Interest age: 6-8 years

The Enchanted Wood is the first wonderful story in the Faraway Tree series by the world's best-loved children's author, Enid Blyton.

When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, they discover an Enchanted Wood just outside their doorstep. Soon they find the Faraway Tree, which is the beginning of many magical adventures....

Join them and their new friends Silky the fairy, Saucepan Man and Moonface, as they discover which new land awaits them at the top of the Faraway Tree.

Will they visit the Land of Treats, the Land of Spells, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please? Come with them on an amazing adventure - there will be magic and fun at every turn.



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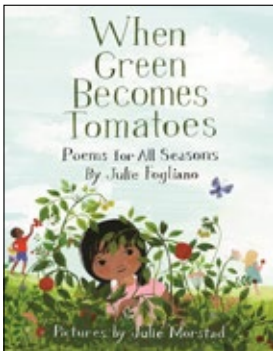
The Call of the Silver Wibbler: Kate on the Case

Author: Hannah Peck

Interest age: 6-8 years

Following the delightful Kate on the Case, Kate is back in her second adventure; this time on a jungle river cruise.

Our aspiring special correspondent is on the adventure of a lifetime cruising upriver in the jungle aboard a paddle steamer. She becomes intrigued by the story of the secretive silver wibbler bird, and it's not long before Kate and young scout Bertie are hot on the heels of an exciting mystery in which hilarious mayhem engulfs the boat. Beautifully illustrated in two colours throughout, this is a magical story told in words and pictures.



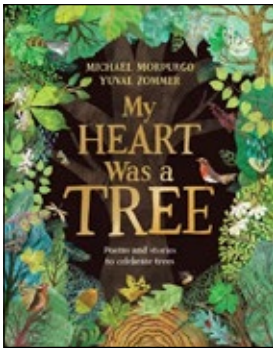
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When Green Becomes Tomatoes

Author: Julie Fogliano

Interest age: 6-10 years

Flowers blooming in sheets of snow make way for happy frogs dancing in the rain. Summer swims move over for autumn sweaters until the snow comes back again. In Julie Fogliano's skilled hand and illustrated by Julie Morstad's charming pictures, the seasons come to life in this gorgeous and comprehensive book of poetry.



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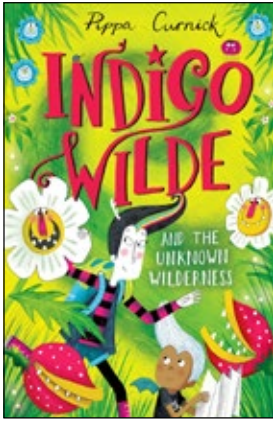
My Heart Was a Tree

Author: Michael Morpurgo

Interest age: 6+

This extraordinary collection of poems and stories is based on Michael Morpurgo's passion for trees and what they mean to animals, humanity and the world around us. Inspired by the poem by Ted Hughes which gives this book its title, by the woods around his home, and by the mighty forests that support our life on Earth, this book is a celebration, and Michael's love letter to trees.

There are stories from an ancient olive remembering Odysseus and Penelope, and from a eucalyptus that gave shelter to a koala; from a piece of driftwood that was made into a chair, and from a tiny sapling carried by a refugee as a reminder of home - these are poems and stories that will amuse, move and energise families and readers of all ages to appreciate the beauty and wonder of trees.



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Indigo Wilde and the Unknown Wilderness

Author: Pippa Curnick

Interest age: 7-9 years

Enter the colourful world of Indigo Wilde and the magical creatures she takes care of.

On Thursday, the doorbell rings at Indigo Wilde's house on Jellybean Crescent. It's a moon bear - an enormous winged bear covered with stars, the rarest of all rare creatures. The bear tells Indigo that her parents were studying it in its habitat in the Unknown Wilderness ... and now they've vanished.

Indigo and her brother Quigley head off to rescue their parents. On their journey they come across many magical and extraordinary new creatures, but their parents are nowhere to be seen. Fortunately, there are other people studying the wildlife in the Unknown Wilderness. But do the people Indigo and Quigley meet really have the best intentions? Or are they capturing the magical creatures for their own gain?



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Wild Child: A Journey Through Nature

Author: Dara McAnulty

Interest age: 7-11 years

Wild Child: A Journey Through Nature is a beautiful book, illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls, and divided into five sections: looking out of the window, venturing out into the garden, walking in the woods, investigating heathland and wandering on the river bank.

Dara pauses to tell you about each habitat and provides fantastic facts about the native birds, animals and plants you will find there - including wrens, blackbirds, butterflies, tadpoles, bluebells, bees, hen harriers, otters, dandelions, oak trees and many more.

Each section contains a discovery section where you will have a closer look at natural phenomenon such as metamorphoses and migration, learn about categorisation in the animal kingdom or become an expert on the collective nouns for birds.

Each section finishes with an activity to do when you get home: plant wild flowers, make a bird feeder, try pond dipping, make a journey stick and build a terrarium. Dara ends the book with advice for young conservationists.



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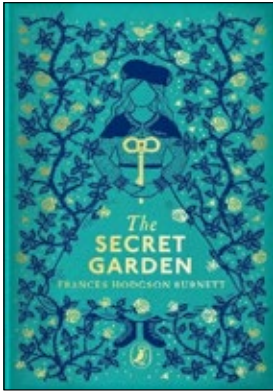
National Trust: Out and About Minibeast Explorer

Author: Robyn Swift

Interest age: 8-11 years

Ideal for any budding wildlife explorers, this book encourages children to get outside and spot minibeasts in the wild!

It is packed with fun activities and useful information about how to identify minibeasts whilst out and about, whether in a garden or adventuring further afield. Written by Robyn Swift in consultation with experts from the National Trust and featuring gorgeous illustrations by Hannah Alice.



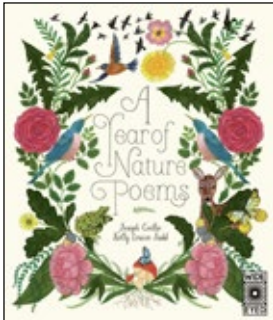
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The Secret Garden

Author: Frances Hodgson Burnett

Interest age: 9-11 years

After losing her parents, young Mary Lennox is sent from India to live in her uncle's gloomy mansion on the wild English moors. She is lonely and has no one to play with, but one day she learns of a secret garden somewhere in the grounds that no one is allowed to enter. Then Mary uncovers an old key in a flowerbed - and a gust of magic leads her to the hidden door. Slowly she turns the key and enters a world she could never have imagined.



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A Year of Nature Poems

Author: Joseph Coelho

Interest age: 9+

Twelve inspirational poems from Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, one for each month of the year. Learn about the life cycle of trees and plants and see how animals behave throughout the seasons. With year-round appeal, this is a perfect addition for your outdoor reading area.



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