

TOP 10 SUSTAINABILITY THEMED CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR 2019

The American Library Association's Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT) Booklist Committee has compiled a "top 10" list of recommended books published in 2018 for children about the environment, playing in nature, gardening, and so much more.



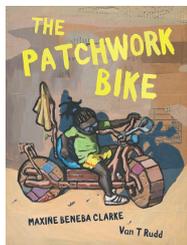
PICTURE BOOKS



OCEAN MEETS SKY

by Terry Fan and Eric Fan/Simon Schuster Books

Finn lives by the sea and every time he looks out his window he thinks of the stories his grandfather told him about where the ocean meets the sky. In honor of his grandfather, Finn will build a ship and sail out to find that magical place himself!



THE PATCHWORK BIKE

by Maxine Beneba Clarke/Hachette Australia

When you live in a village at the edge of No-Go Desert, you need to make your own fun. That's when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch, using everyday items like an old milk pot and a used flour sack. The end result is a spectacular bike that takes you wherever you want to go.



RUN WILD

by David Covell/Viking Books

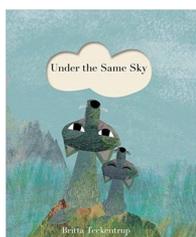
"Hey, you! Sky's blue!" a girl shouts as she runs by the window of a boy bent over his digital device. Intrigued, the boy runs after her, leaving his shoes (and phone) behind, and into the sunshine, dewey grass, and warm sand. *Run Wild* is a reminder of how wonderful life can be beyond doors and screens.



SOMETIMES RAIN

by Meg Fleming/Beach Lane Books

Sometimes it rains, sometimes it snows, sometimes the sun shines, and sometimes the leaves change color. But no matter what season it is, there is lots of fun to be had! This is an exploration of the four seasons and everything they offer us, if we'll only step outside.

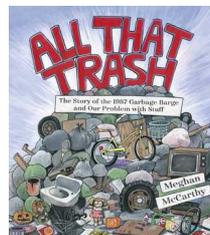


UNDER THE SAME SKY

by Britta Teckentrup/Caterpillar Books

This is a beautiful and heart-warming peek-through picture book that celebrates the closeness of the world's communities through their shared hopes and dreams.

NONFICTION



ALL THAT TRASH

by Meghan McCarthy/Simon Schuster Books

Lowell Harrelson wanted to turn trash into methane gas so he rented a barge. His plan was to ship the garbage from New York to North Carolina, but no state would let him dock because of the smelly waste on board! All that trash eventually floated into New York's harbor. This garbage barge farce inspired America to find a new way to deal with its trash problem.



DIG IN!: 12 EASY GARDENING PROJECTS USING KITCHEN SCRAPS

by Kari A. Cornell/Millbrook Press

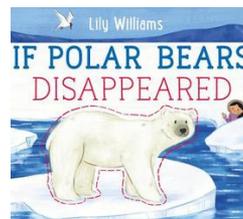
Grow your own fruits and vegetables from nothing but kitchen scraps! Rather than throwing away leftovers from food in your kitchen, you can use them to grow more.



GOING WILD

by Michelle Mulder/Orca Book Publishers

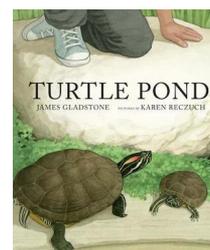
We've worked hard to keep our local landscapes as safe and convenient as possible. But now, pollution, climate change and disruption of the water cycle are affecting the world in ways we never anticipated. What if the key to making our lives safer is to allow wilderness back into our cities?



IF POLAR BEARS DISAPPEARED

by Lily Williams/Roaring Brook Press

Unfortunately, the endangered polar bear is threatened with extinction due to rapid climate change that is causing the ice where it hunts/lives to melt at an alarming rate. This is an accessible book that uses art to explore what would happen if the sea ice melted completely.



TURTLE POND

by James Gladstone/Groundwood Books

In *Turtle Pond*, a child and his parents visit their local public garden throughout the year, observing the turtles as they play, dive, feed, bask, climb, hide, and doze. An author's note at the end provides more information about turtles, including the Red-eared Slider featured in the book.