



BOOKS WITH WATER THEMES



“If you could tomorrow morning make water clean in the world, you would have done, in one fell swoop, the best thing you could have done for improving human health by improving environmental quality.”

— William C. Clark

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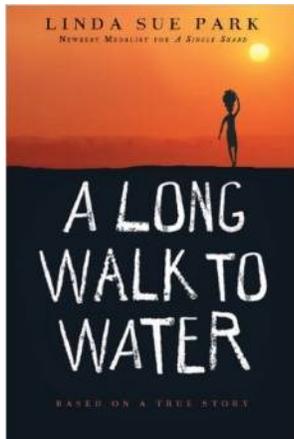
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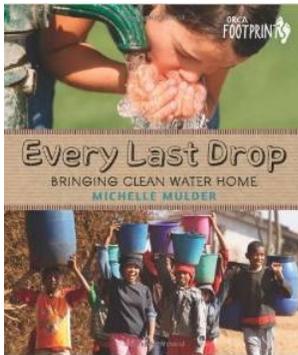
Water topic: access to water, global water sources

A Long Walk to Water ★

by Linda Sue Park

This dual narrative features young Nya and young Salva in Sudan. Nya walks eight hours every day so her family has water. Salva is in school when shots are fired and he flees into the bush to begin his every day walking. How does their future impact the future of war-torn Sudan?

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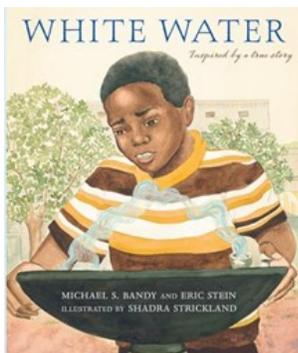
Water topic: sources, risks and conservation around the world

Every Last Drop ★

by Michelle Mulder

In the developed world, if you want a drink of water you just turn on a tap or open a bottle. But for millions of families worldwide, finding clean water is a daily challenge, and kids are often the ones responsible for carrying water to their homes. Every Last Drop looks at why the world's water resources are at risk and how communities around the world are finding innovative ways to quench their thirst and water their crops.

ISBN: 978-1459802230



Water topic: social justice, access to water

White Water

by Michael S. Bandy

On a very hot day Michael takes the bus to town with his Grandma. Halfway there all Michael can think about is getting a cool drink from the water fountain. He only takes a few sips of the nasty tasting water. Next to Micheal is a boy his age taking a nice long drink from the Whites only fountain. Now Micheal wants to see for himself how refreshing and cool the White water tastes.

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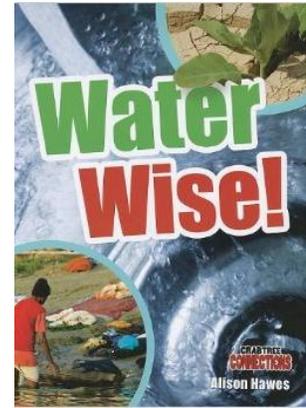
Water topic: water conservation, global water sources

Water Wise!

by Alison Hawes

Water Wise! contains information about what it is like to work for a charity conserving the precious resource of water. This book provides a fresh and exciting insight into the importance of water in other countries.

ISBN: 978-0778799252



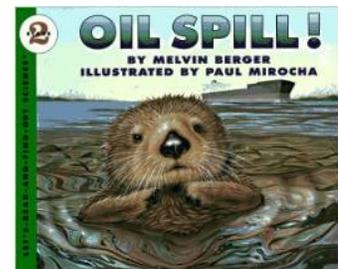
Water topic: water pollution, water action

Oil Spill

by Melvin Berger

Did you know that an oil spill occurs somewhere in the world almost every day of the year? Oil spills can have many different causes, but the result is the same. Oil harms plants and wildlife that make the oceans and coastlines their home. Scientists are learning the best ways to combat oil spills. Learn how you can help, too!

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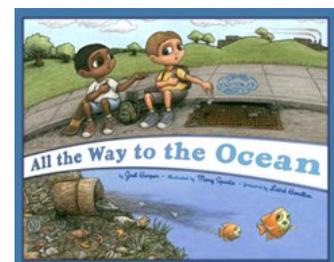
Water topic: water action, water pollution, water cycle and systems

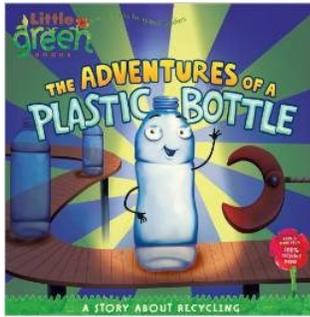
All the Way to the Ocean ★

by Joel Harper

An uplifting story about two best friends, Isaac and James, and their discovery of the cause and effect relationship between our cities' storm drains and the world's oceans, lakes and rivers. It is sure to inspire both young and adult readers alike and teach a timeless life lesson — if we all do our part, a cleaner, safer environment is indeed within our reach.

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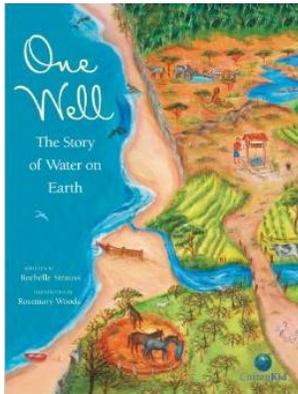
Water topic: plastic bottles

The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle

by Alison Inches

Learn about recycling from a new perspective! Peek into this diary of a plastic bottle as it goes on a journey from the refinery plant, to the manufacturing line, to the store shelf, to a garbage can, and finally to a recycling plant where it emerges into it's new life...as a fleece jacket!

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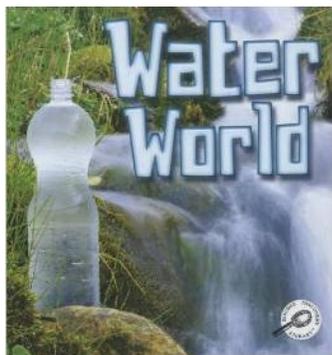
Water topic: water cycle, water sources, importance of water to sustain life

One Well: The Story of Water on Earth ★

by Rochelle Strauss

Seen from space, our planet looks blue. This is because almost 70 percent of Earth's surface is covered with water. Earth is the only planet with liquid water -- and therefore the only planet that can support life. All water is connected. Every raindrop, lake, underground river and glacier is part of a single global well. Water has the power to change everything -- a single splash can sprout a seed, quench a thirst, provide a habitat, generate energy and sustain life.

ISBN: 978-1553379546



Water topic: water sources, conservation, clean water-Grades K up to 2

Water World

by Precious McKenzie

Young readers focus on the importance and issues of clean water.

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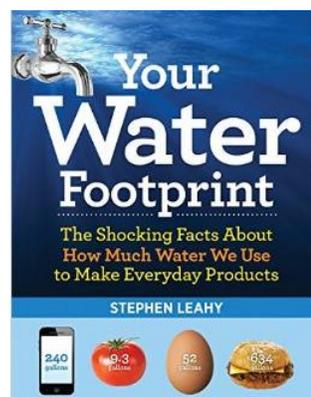
Water topic: water use, conservation, footprint

Your Water Footprint ★

by Stephen Leahy

Water is more valuable than oil. It takes more than 7,600 liters (2,000 gallons) of water to make a single pair of jeans. That morning cup of coffee required 140 liters (37 gallons) of water before it found its way to your table—water that was used to grow, process and ship the coffee beans. When we spend money on food, clothes, cellphones or even electricity, we are buying water — a shockingly large amount of water.

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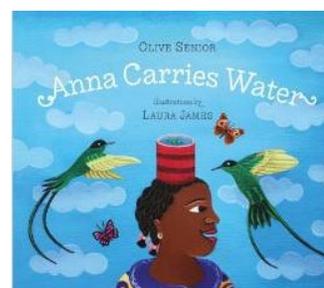
Water topic: culture, water sources, importance

Anna Carries Water

by Olive Senior

Anna fetches water from the spring every day, but she can't carry it on her head like her older brothers and sisters. In this charming and poetic family story set in Jamaica, Commonwealth Prize-winning author Olive Senior shows young readers the power of determination, as Anna achieves her goal and overcomes her fear.

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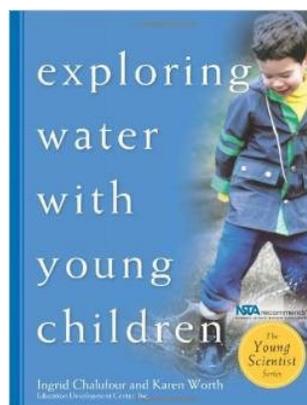
Water topic: water action, water pollution, water cycle and systems

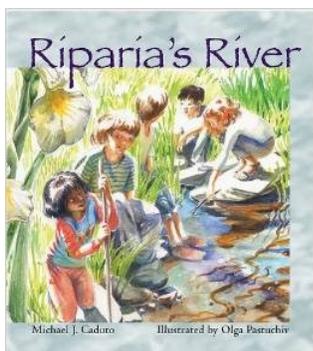
Exploring Water with Young Children (Educator's Resource)

by Ingrid Chalufour and Karen Worth

Looking at science in a new way, "Exploring Water with Young Children" focuses children's explorations to help deepen their understanding of water and its properties — including concepts related to water's flow, appearance and effect on objects. The third unit in the "Young Scientist" Series, this field-tested curriculum supports the early development of important science inquiry skills such as questioning, investigating, discussing and formulating ideas and theories.

ISBN: 978-1929610549





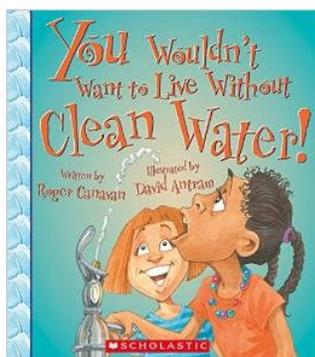
Water topic: water pollution, action, habitats

Riparia's River ★

by Michael J. Caduto

Four friends investigate the mysterious 'green slime' that appears in their local river and try to come up with ways to solve the problem. An excellent book to teach kids from 7 and up about caring for their local environment.

ISBN: 978-0884483274



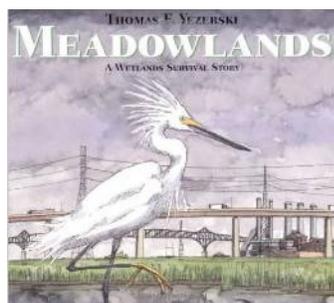
Water topic: water infrastructure, systems, filtration, clean water

You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Clean Water! ★

by Roger Canavan

What would life be like if you had to do without modern inventions? How would you cope without a toilet or live without electricity? Starting from these thought-provoking questions, each title takes us on a historical journey to see how people coped in the past, and how they developed ingenious ways to make life safer and more pleasant.

ISBN: 978-0531212196



Water topic: water pollution, habitat restoration, sources

Meadowlands

by Thomas F. Yezerski

The 20,000 acres of wetlands in New Jersey now known as the Meadowlands were once home to hundreds of species of plants and animals. But in the four hundred years since European explorers first arrived in the Meadowlands, people have dammed up, drained, built over, and polluted this formerly vibrant ecosystem—and all but destroyed it. Still, signs of life remain—under bridges, on the edges of parking lots, and beside train tracks. Slowly but surely, with help from activist groups, government organizations, and ordinary people, the resilient creatures of the Meadowlands are making a comeback, and the wetlands are recovering.

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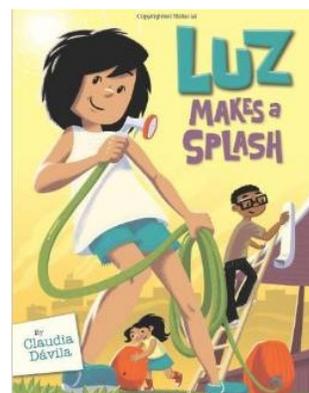
Water topic: water conservation, action, climate and water

Luz Makes a Splash (Graphic Novel)

by Claudia Davila

With a heat wave and a drought threatening the city's water supply, Luz and her friends dive into the fight to save the swimming pond and Friendship Park. This graphic novel includes a guide on how to make a water-wise garden.

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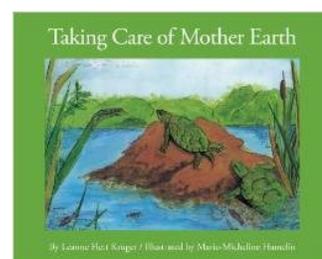
Water topic: water care, use, importance

Taking Care of Mother Earth ★

by Leanne Flett Kruger

Taking Care of Mother Earth is a children's picture book developed by the Penticton Indian Band Health Department to teach young children about the choices they can make to help care for the environment. The project develops materials that all children can use that will empower them to make healthy choices. This 8-page, illustrated book tells the simple story of a young boy who assists his grandmother in the kitchen and in the garden. Charlie helps his grandmother as she prepares to preserve healthy fruit such as peaches. The tasks Charlie undertakes includes turning the water faucet on and off, helping grandmother compost, and recycling pop cans. As he performs each job, grandmother gently guides the child and provides positive feedback in terms that Charlie can understand.

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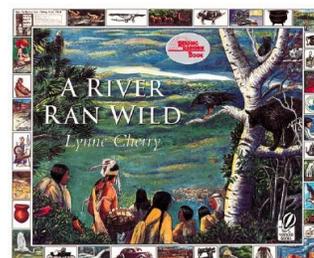
Water topic: sources, history, pollution, conservation

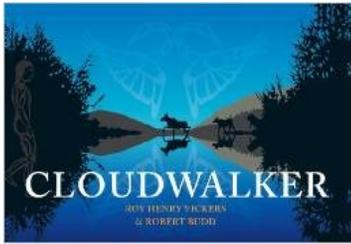
A River Ran Wild ★

by Lynne Cherry

An Environmental History explores the dynamic life story of a river ecosystem in New Hampshire from the distant past up to the present. Telling the history of a waterway introduces young readers to the ways human behaviour interacts on the natural environment. The focus of the story is the Nashua River in New Hampshire but the story could be told for any river located in North America.

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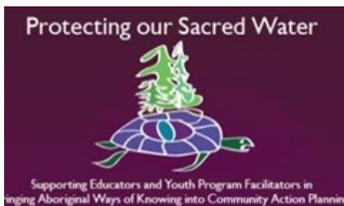
Water topic: sources, habitats

Cloudwalker

by Roy Henry Vickers

Cloudwalker by renowned Northwest Coast artist Henry Roy Vickers recounts in text and images the creation of the rivers the source of three of British Columbia's largest salmon-bearing rivers.

ISBN: 978-1550176193



Water topic: FNMI communities and water, interdependence and connectedness, use, conservation, water pollution, importance of water to sustain life

Protecting our Sacred Water (Now Available In French!) ★

by the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada

"Protecting our Sacred Water" helps educators and youth program facilitators bring education for sustainable development to their students/youth in a transformative way through action projects. The guide provides tools for teachers to help youth choose a project topic and how to carry it out through the integration of FNMI ways of knowing.

Download Guide:

<http://janegoodall.ca/get-involved/protecting-our-sacred-water/#guide>