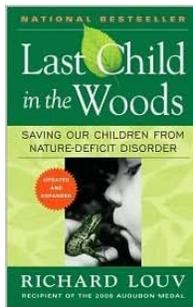


Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louv

It documents decreased exposure of children to nature in American society and makes a compelling case for how this "nature-deficit disorder" harms both children and society.

And, according to Robert Michael Pyle, author, “**Last Child in the Woods** is the direct descendant and rightful legatee of Rachel Carson’s **The Sense of Wonder**. But this is not the only thing Richard Louv has in common with Rachel Carson. There is also this: in my opinion, **Last Child in the Woods** is the most important book published since **Silent Spring**.”



What It's Like to Be a Bird by David Allen Sibley

Did you know that if you wanted to "eat like a bird" you might need to consume more than twenty-five large pizzas each day? Did you ever wonder if birds can recognize

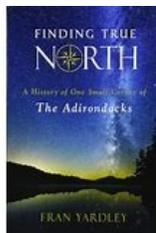
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people? (Crows can!) How did birds evolve to have feathers? holds fascinating insights into the lives of our feathered friends. Sibley's remarkable illustrations make complex information regarding the physiology and behaviors of birds accessible to all ages and experience

levels. This beautiful book also includes important information on human threats to bird populations including harmful contaminants, how to prevent window collisions, and the effects of climate change on bird populations.

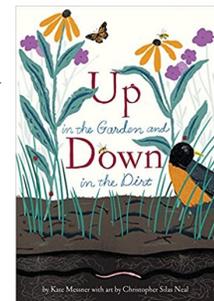
Finding True North by Fran Yardley

George Eliot wrote, "We could never have loved the earth so well if we had had no childhood in it, if it were not the earth where the same flowers come up again every spring that we used to gather with our tiny fingers." This sentiment echoes throughout the book. Fran's stories reflect connections between her daily life as a young woman with her husband restoring the Bartlett Carry Club with the lives of its 19th century founders as well as connections between her current life and her life raising children at the Adirondack resort. Whether your natural history began in the Adirondacks or much farther away, her stories are a beautiful reminder of the essence of what makes us feel at home in the wild.



Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner, with art by Christopher Silas Neal

This duo has several wonderful books exploring nature, but this one is particularly related to gardening throughout the seasons, as experienced through the eyes of a young girl helping her grandmother. Up in the garden grow peas, tomatoes, cukes and pumpkins along with other edible delights that they have planted from seed. Down in the dirt are centipedes, tomato hornworms, earthworms and other critters. Honey bees visit pea blossoms. A skunk gobbles up cutworms in the beet patch. Sunflowers form a reading arbor, fall harvest occurs, first frost comes, ants work to gather food for the winter. The garden is put to bed, left to dream again of spring. A lovely book with enchanting pictures, writing and wonder, followed with an illustrated guide to all the insects and plants mentioned in its pages. Children will have fun spotting the various insects populating each picture and identifying the different flowers.



The Man Who Made Parks: The Story of Parkbuilder Frederick Law Olmsted by Frieda Wishinsky, illustrated by Song Nan'Zhang. K-5.

For those not familiar with him, Olmsted was the brilliant, pioneering landscape architect and conservationist who created Central Park along with other great urban outdoor spaces. is a lovely book for kindergarten through 5th graders. Exploring his life from a childhood where he delighted in the outdoors, to his various careers before becoming a park designer, it recounts what inspired him to create such beautiful and grand outdoor spaces for the public. Olmsted recognized that city dwellers needed green spaces that provided not only fresh air but beauty. The book recounts in concise language and beautiful illustrations how he won the contest to design Central Park, transforming neglected swamp land into the world-renowned green jewel of New York City. A lifelong conservationist, Olmsted also helped preserve many of the natural wonders we enjoy to this day, including Yosemite, Niagara Falls, and the Adirondack Wilderness.

