

2005-2021 Green Earth Book Award Winners

Picture Book Winners (for readers ages 3-8)



Butterflies Belong Here 2021-Butterflies Belong Here

by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by Meilo So (ill.) A girl finds a way to help small travelers.

Honors: Rocket Says Up!, Nathan Byron, Dapo Adeola; One Little Bag, Henry Cole; One Little Lot: The 1-2-3s of and Urban Garden, Diane C. Mullen, Oriol Vidal; ABC For Me: ABC Earth-Friendly Me, Christiane Engel, Walter Foster Jr.



2020- Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a **Chemist Saved Our Planet**

by Elizabeth Rusch, Teresa Martinez (III.) A scientist saved the planet from ozone disaster. Honors: The Boy Who Grew A Forest, Sophia Gholz, Ill., Kayla Harren; I am Farmer, Miranda Paul and Baptiste Paull, III. Elizabeth Zunon



2019—The Brilliant Deep, Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs

by Kate Messner, Matthew Forsythe (III.) The Story of Ken Nedimyer & Coral Restoration Fnd. Honors: Counting Birds, Heidi E.Y. Stemple, Clover Robin (ill.); Salamander Sky, Katy Farber, Meg Sodano



2018— Creekfinding: A True Story

by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, Claudia McGehee (ill.) Restoring a lost creek's ecosystem.

Honor: Out of School and Into Nature: The Anna Comstock Story, Suzanne Slade, Jessica Lanan (ill.)



2017—Follow the Moon Home

by Philippe Cousteau, Deborah Hopkinson, Meilo So (ill.) Saving sea turtles.

Honors: Be the Change: A Grandfather Gandhi Story, Arun Gandhi ,Bethany Hegedus, Evan Turk (ill.); Green City, Allan Drummond



2016—The Stranded Whale

by Jane Yolen, Melanie Cataldo (ill.) A child's effort to rescue a beached whale. Honors: Crane Boy, Diana Cohn; Youme (ill.); The Seeds of Friendship, Michael Foreman



2015—The Promise

by Nicola Davies, Laura Carlin (ill.) A thief gets a chance to change the world.

Honors: A Boy and a Jaguar, Alan Rabinowitz; Catia Chien (ill.); Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla, Katherine Applegate, G. Brian Karas (ill.)



2014—The Eye of the Whale

by Jennifer O'Connell

Rescuing a whale tangled in a trap.

Honors: Ellie's Loa: Exploring the Forest Where the Great Tree Fell, Judith L. Li; M.L. Herring (ill.); Parrots Over Puerto Rico, Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trombore



2013—The Family Tree

By David McPhail

A boy & his animal friends that gave them so much. Honor: Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World, Laurie Lawlor; Laura Beingessner (ill.)



2012—Arthur Turns Green

by Marc Brown

Arthur makes a list of ways to go green.

Honor: Riparia's River, Michael J. Caduto;, Olga Pastuchiv (ill.)



2011 — The Earth Book

by Todd Parr

Introduction to going green for young readers.

Honors: Let's Save the Animals, Frances Barry; Seeds Of Change: Planting a Path to Peace, Jen Cullerton Johnson; Sonia Lynn Sadler (ill.)



2010—Miss Fox's Class Goes Green

by Eileen Spinelli, Anne Kennedy (ill.) Keeping the earth healthy.

Honor: The Curious Garden, Peter Brown



2009—Varmits

by Helen Ward, Marc Craste (ill.) A threatened world and a hopeful new start Planting the Trees of Kenya By Claire Nivola



Honors: When Santa Turned Green, Victoria Perla, Mirna Kantarevic (ill.); Tin Lizzie, Allan Drummond; The Wolves Are Back, Jean Craighead George, Wendell Minor (ill.)



2008—Winston of Churchill

Villagers learn to plant trees.

by Jean Davies Okimoto, Jeremiah Trammell (ill.) Winston convinces humans to save his Arctic home. Honors: On Meadowview Street, Henry Cole; Adventures of Riley: Polar Bear Puzzle, Amanda Lumry , Laura Hurwitz



2007-Uno's Garden

by Graeme Base

As people move in, plants and animals disappear. Honors: All the Way to the Ocean, Joel Harper, Marq Spusta (ill.); Abigale the Happy Whale, Peter Farrelly, Jamie Rama (ill.)



2006—Near One Cattail

by Anthony Fredericks, Jennifer DiRubbio (ill.) Poetry about the creatures of the wetland.

Honors: Circles of Hope, Karen Lynn Williams, Linda Sport (ill.); The World That We Want, Kim Michelle Toft



2005—The Sea, the Storm and the Mangrove Tangle

by Lynne Cherry

Children learn to protect endangered mangroves. Honors: Tree of Life, Rochelle Strauss;, Margot Thompson (ill.); Garden of the Spirit Bear, Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, Deborah Milton (ill.)



2021—Hello from Renn Lake,

By Michele Weber Hurwitz

A community, conservation, and standing up for the things you love.

Honors: Music for Tigers, Michelle Kadarusman; The Queen Bee and Me, Gillian McDunn; Eco Rangers: Pelican in Peril, Candice Lemon-Scott



2020—Out of My Shell

By Jenny Goebel

Olivia knows she has to do something about the local sea turtle population at risk.

Honors: A Circle of Elephants, Eric Dinerstein; Badir and the Beaver, Shannon Stewart, Ill., Sabrina Genron

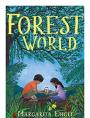


2019- The Flooded Earth

by Mardi McConnochie

Four children on one small sailboat must overcome the dangers of the sea.

Honors: Ellie's Strand: Exploring the Edge of the Pacific, by M.L. Herring and Judith L. Li, illustrated by M.L. Herring



2018-Forest World

By Margarita Engle

Boy visiting his family's Cuban village learns the importance of biodiversity.

Honor: The Last Panther, Todd Mitchell



2017—Saving Wonder

by Mary Knight

Curly Hines must decide whether to fight to save the mountain he calls home.



2016—The Thing About Jellyfish

by Ali Benjamin

Suzy travels the globe and getting closer to nature and science.

Honors: Sydney & Simon Go Green! Paul A. Reynolds; Peter H. Reynolds (ill.), The Order of Trees, Katy Farber



2015—Deep Blue

by Jennifer Donnelly

Richly imagined novel about conquering fear and humans' environmental impact on the sea and its inhabitants.

Honors: A Bird On Water Street, Elizabeth O. Dulemba; Josie and the Fourth Grade Bike Brigade, Beth Handman, Kenny Bruno, and Antonia Bruno



2014—The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp

by Kathi Appelt

Chap loves the swamp and he'll do anything to help protect it.

Honor: Mousemobile, Prudence Breitrose; Stephanie Yue (ill.)



2013—One White Dolphin

by Gill Lewis

Story of friendship and community taps into the radiance of nature and explores timely environmental issues .

Honor: The Hop, Sharelle Byars Moranville; Niki



2012—Wild Wings

by Gill Lewis, Yuta Onoda Iona (ill.) McNair is desperate to keep the endangered osprey bird safe from poachers.

Honor: Luz Sees The Light, Claudia Davila



2011—Mallory Goes Green

by Laurie Friedman; Jennifer Kalis (ill.) Mallory and friends make their school more ecofriendly.

Honors: Ancient, Strange and Lovely, Susan Fletcher; The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge, Joanna Cole; Bruce Degen (ill.)

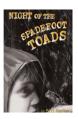


2010—Operation Redwood

by S. Terrell French

A group of kids work together to stop plans to cut down a redwood tree forest.

Honors: Redwoods, Jason Chin; SCAT, Carl Hiasen; A Summer of Silk Moths, Margaret Willey



2009—The Night of the Spadefoot Frogs

by Bill Harley

A courageous act to protect endangered spadefoot toads' habitats.

Honors: Cam Jansen and the Green School Mystery, David A. Adler; Joy Allen (ill.); Fern Verdant and the Silver Rose, Diana Leszczynski; The Last Wild Place, Rosa Jordan

2008- Honor: The Sorta Sisters, by Adrian Fogelin





2021 – Bright Shining World

by Josh Swiller

A darkly funny thriller about how a teen finds a way to resist the mysterious phenomenon affecting students his town.

Honor: Three Days till EOC: A Novella, Abhinanyu Sukdail



2020- The Confusion of Laurel Graham

by Adrienne Kisner

A teen becomes obsessed with a mystery bird.

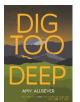
Honor: The Casket of Time, Andri Snaer Magnason



2019- Dry

by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman, illustrated by Jay Shaw

Honor: Orphaned, by Eliot Schrefer



2017—Dig Too Deep,

by Amy Allgeyer

A teen investigates a Kentucky coal mine and follows in her mother's environmental activist footsteps.

Honor: Rescued, Eliot Schrefer



2016—The Beast of Cretacea

by Todd Strasser

A futuristic retelling of Moby Dick is an environmental cautionary tale about a dying Earth.



2015—Threatened

by Eliot Schrefer

Tale of survival and discovery begins when orphan Luc helps a researcher study endangered chimpanzees in Gabon.

Honors: Pills and Starships, Lydia Millet; Silver People: Voices from the Panama Canal, Margarita Engle



2014— Washashore

by Suzanne Goldsmith

Clem finds a fallen bird and finds a role for herself helping to bring back endangered birds.

Honor: The Lord of Opium, Nancy Farmer



2013—Endangered

by Eliot Schrefer

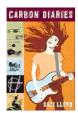
A compelling tale of a girl who must save a group of bonobos—and herself—from a violent coup. Honor: The Unnaturalists, Tiffany Trent; Momentum, Saci Lloyd



2011—Boys, Bears, and a Serious Pair of Hiking Boots

by Abby McDonald

Teens save the planet by finding balance between tourism and the environment Honor: Ship Breaker, Paolo Bacigalupi



2010—The Carbon Diaries: 2015

by Saci Lloyd

A futuristic diary about society's challenges while living on mandated carbon rations.



2009—Blind Faith Hotel

by Pamela Todd

A teen and elderly man work together to save the prairies and plants.



2009-Write Naked

by Peter Gould

Teens write an ecological fantasy featuring a tiny heroic newt.

Honor: Whirlwind, David Klass



2008—The Light-Bearer's Daughter

by O.R. Melling

A tale calling for environmental protection and world peace.

Honor: Secret of the Sirens, Julia Golding



2007—Flash Point

by Sneed B. Collard III

High school football player from a logging town learns about ecology.

Honor: Firestorm: The Caretaker Trilogy Book 1, David Klass; Home and Other Big Fat Lies, Jill Wolfson



2006—Flush

by Carl Hiassen

Discovering dangers caused by a boat dumping sewage into the Florida Keys.

Honor: The Secret Under My Skin, Janet

McNaughton



Children's Nonfiction Winners (for readers from infancy through age 12)



2019—Trash Revolution

By Erica Fyvie, Bill Slavin (III.) Explores the stages of our stuff stages in detail, including lots of ways to reduce, reuse or recycle. Honor: Bat Citizens, by Rob Laidlaw



2018—Sea Otters: The Predators That Saved an Ecosystem

by Patricia Newman

How young people can help ecosystems.

Honors: The Hidden Life of a Toad, Doug Wechsler; This Book Stinks! Gross Garbage, Rotten Rubbish, and the Science of Trash, Sarah Wassner Flynn



2017—Science Comics: Coral Reefs: Cities of the Ocean

by Maris Wicks

A look at the ecological importance of coral reefs.

Honor: Pocket Change: Pitching in for a Better World,



2016—Mission: Sea Turtle Rescue

by Karen Romano Young & Daniel Raven-Ellison The habitats, challenges and successes of sea turtles.

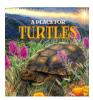
Honors: One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia, Miranda Paul;, Elizabeth Zunon (ill.); Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall, Anita Silvey



2015—Plastic Ahoy! Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch

by Patricia Newman, Annie Crawley (ill.) Scientists on a research ship learn about the impact of the garbage patch on marine life.

Honors: The Case of the Vanishing Honeybees: A Scientific Mystery, Sandra Markle; The Kid's Guide to Exploring Nature, the Education Staff of Brooklyn Botanic Garden; edited by Sarah Schmidt; Laszlo Veres (ill.)



2014—A Place for Turtles

by Melissa Stewart; Higgins Bond (ill.) Introduces readers to ways human action or inaction can affect turtle populations.

Honors: The Tapir Scientist: Saving South America's Largest Mammal, Sy Montgomery, Nic Bishop; Frog Song, Brenda Guiberson, Gennady Spirin (ill.)



2013—Citizen Scientists

by Loree Griffin Burns;, Ellen Harasimowicz (ill.) Shows kids how to perform field experiments to help scientists.

Honors: A Place for Bats, Melissa Stewart; Higgins Bond (ill.); Puffling Patrol, Ted Lewin, Betsy Lewin (ill.)



2012—The Mangrove Tree

by Cindy Trumbore and Susan L. Roth How the lives of African villagers improved with a mangrove tree-planting project.

Honors: Human Footprint: Everything You Will Eat, Use, Wear, Buy, and Throw Out in Your Lifetime, Ellen Kirk; 101 Ways to Save the Planet, Deborah Underwood



2011—Not Your Typical Book About the Environment

by Elin Kelsey, Clayton Hanmer (ill.) Achievable ideas on how to help protect the environment.

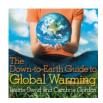
Honors: A Place for Frogs, Melissa Stewart; Higgins Bond (ill.); Garbage Helps Our Garden Grow: A Compost Story, Linda Glaser; photos by Shelley Rotner



2010—Earth in the Hot Seat

by Marfe Ferguson Delano A call-to-arms to help the Earth, explains the science of this threat visually.

Honors: A Place for Birds, Melissa Stewart; Higgins Bond (ill.); Mission: Save the Planet, Sally Ride and Tom O'Shaughnessy; Recycle this Book: 100 Top Children's Authors Tell You How to Go Green, Dan Gutman; The Frog Scientist, Pamela S. Turner; photos by Andy Comis



2008—The Down-To-Earth Guide to Global Warming

by Laurie David and Cambria Gordon Details global warming with fun facts, photos and illustrations.



2007— A Place for Butterflies,

by Melissa Stewart; Higgins Bond (ill.)
A pictorial intro to butterflies and their habitats
Honors: Frog Heaven, Doug Wechsler; Saving
the Buffalo, Albert Marrin; Quest for the Tree
Kangaroo, Sy Montgomery; Nic Bishop (ill.)

2006 Honor: Let the River Run Silver Again! Sandy Burk



Young Adult Non-Fiction Winners

(for readers age 12-21)

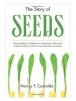


2018—Trashing the Planet: Examining Our Global Garbage Glut

by Stuart A. Kallen

Efforts to solve our planet's garbage crisis.

Honor: Geoengineering Earth's Climate: Resetting the Thermostat, Jennifer Swanson



2017—The Story of Seeds

by Nancy Castaldo

Chronicles where food comes from and where it is going.

Honor: Inside an Osprey's Nest, Teena Ruark Gorrow and Craig A. Koppie



2015—Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines

by Paul Fleischman

How to evaluate environmental issues using politics, history, economics, media, etc.

The Next Wave: The Quest to Harness the PoweHonor: r of the Oceans, Elizabeth Rusch



2014—Inside a Bald Eagle's Nest: A Photographic Journey Through the American Bald Eagle Nesting Season

by Teena Ruark Gorrow and Craig A. Koppie



2013—Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95,

by Phillip Hoose

Explores tragedy of extinction and ways to save the Moonbird



2012—Gaia Warriors

by Nicola Davies; James Lovelock (ill.) A galvanizing look at how and why Earth's climate is changing.

Honors: Extraordinary Endangered Animals, Sandrine Silhol and Gaëlle Guérive,

Marie Doucedame (ill.); Global Warming: A Personal Guide to Causes and Solutions, Sneed B. Collard III; Nowhere Else on Earth: Standing Tall for the Great Bear Rainforest, Caitlyn Vernon

2011—Honor: Get Real- What Kind of World Are You Buying, by Mara Rockliff

2010—Honor: Heroes of the Environment, by Harriet Rohmer and Julie McLaughlin (ill.)

2009—Honor: Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life, by Linda and Tosh Siversten

2008—Honor: An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming, by Al Gore; adapted by Jane O'Connor

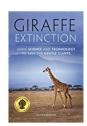
Children's and Young Adult Nonfiction Winners (for readers ages 8-21)



2021—You Can Change the World: The Kids' Guide to a Better Planet

by Lucy Bell

Kids around the world are working together to make our planet a better, safer, happier place and now you can join in with this practical guide! Honors: Kids vs, Plastics, Julie Beer; One Earth: People of Color Protecting the Planet; Anuradha Rao; Condor Comeback, Sy Montgomery



2020—Giraffe Extinction

by Tanya Anderson

Explores why quietly, without most people noticing, the population of giraffes in the wild has decreased by nearly 40 percent since 1985.

Honor: Home Sweet Neighborhood—Transforming Cities One Block at a Time, Michelle Mulder



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