

Kids Booklist Healthy Soil/Water

Clean Water by Beth Geiger

Clean Water describes how water is used and what can be done to protect this precious resource. Learn about developing technologies for recycling and desalinating water that are helping to bring clean water to people all over the world. (Ages 8-12)

Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean by Arthur Dorros

Water is always flowing, from a brook to a stream, to a river to the ocean. Read and find out more about how water shapes the earth and why it is important to keep our water clean in this fascinating book from author-illustrator Arthur Dorros. This book clearly explains terms like "brook," "stream," "river," and "delta," and the full-color illustrations show where water comes from, how it travels, and where it goes. (Ages 4-6)

We are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption--a bold and lyrical picture book written by Carole Lindstrom and vibrantly illustrated by Michaela Goade. (Ages 3-6)

Wiggling Worms at Work by Wendy Pfeffer

Crawling through the dirt, worms are hard at work, helping plants to grow. Worms help the fruit and vegetables we eat by loosening the soil and feeding the plants. Read and find out about these wiggling wonders! (Ages 5-8)

Dirt: The Scoop on Soil by Natalie Myra Rosinsky

Dig in to the wondrous world of dirt! In this introduction to soil, young science and nature lovers will discover the components of dirt, how it's made, and how to maintain healthy soil for the environment. Alongside charming illustrations, award-winning author Natalie M. Rosinsky delivers fun, fact-filled text for an engaging read-aloud or beginning read-alone. Includes hands-on experiments! (Ages 5-8)

A Handful of Dirt by Raymond Bial

Soil may not be alive, but amazingly, multitudes of microscopic creatures live there, battling it out in an eat-or-be-eaten world. These tiny creatures, invisible to our eyes, provide food for the insects that in turn feed the reptiles and mammals that live in and above the soil. You'll never look at the ground you walk on in the same way after Raymond Bial, an award-winning photo essayist, takes you on this eye-opening, down-and-dirty tour of one of the earth's most precious resources. (Ages 7-10)

Life in a Bucket of Soil by Alvin Silverstein

The soil in forests, meadows, and fields — even in vacant city lots or your own backyard — swarms with countless tiny creatures, most of which are born, struggle for life, and die just beneath the earth's surface. In fact, you can find a bountiful sampling of these underground inhabitants simply by filling a bucket with soil. The small animals you're likely to find are vividly described in this fascinating, easy-to-read book, specially designed to acquaint you with a vast, living world beneath your feet. (Ages 10-13)