

Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture
Selections from the Children's Book Collection:
Young Adult Books

Fiction

The night gardener: a scary story. Auxier, Jonathan. New York : Amulet Books, c2014. Irish orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be. Fiction. j QK477.F3 Au29 2014

This poison heart. Bayron, Kalynn. New York, NY : Bloomsbury YA, Bloomsbury Publishing Inc. 2021. Teenaged Briseis, who possesses a supernatural power over plants, including poisonous ones, inherits a dilapidated estate in rural New York and must protect herself and her family from centuries-old secrets that threaten their lives. Fiction. j SB453 .B29 2021

The secret garden. Burnett, Frances Hodgson ; illustrated by Tasha Tudor. New York : Lippincott, c1962. (Text copyright 1911; renewed 1938; illustrations copyright 1962.)

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden. Fiction. j SB455 .B934 1962

Little monarchs. Case, Jonathan, New York : Margaret Ferguson Books/Holiday House, 2022. In the twenty-second century, a sun shift has made it impossible for mammals to survive in the daylight, and ten-year-old Elvie and her caretaker, Flora, are studying the migration route of monarch butterflies along what used to be the western coast of the United States, hoping that something in the butterflies wing scales can be used to protect people from the sun and save humanity from extinction. Fiction; Graphic novel. j QL561.D3 C266 2022

Fern Verdant & the silver rose. Leszczynski, Diana. New York, NY : Alfred A. Knopf, 2008. Fern Verdant's mother, a famous botanist, disappears just before Fern's thirteenth birthday, and when Fern discovers that she has inherited the ability to communicate with plants, she realizes that this is the only way she will be able to find and save her mother. Fiction. j QK86 .L47 2008

Dreamwood. Mackey, Heather. New York, NY : G. P. Putnam's Sons, c2014. 12-year-old Lucy Darrington goes on a quest to find her missing father in a remote, magical territory in the Pacific Northwest populated by towering redwoods, timber barons, and the Lupine people. Fiction. j QH541.5.F6 M19 2014

Shuna's journey. Miyazaki, Hayao. New York : First Second, 2022.

Shuna, the prince of a poor land, watches in despair as his people work themselves to death harvesting the little grain that grows there. And so, when a traveler presents him with a sample of seeds from a mysterious western land, he sets out to find the source of the golden grain, dreaming of a better life for his subjects. Will he make it back home from his quest for the golden grain? Fiction; Graphic novel. j SB189 .M59 2022

Tree of dreams. Resau, Laura. New York : Scholastic Press, 2019.

Twelve-year-old Coco Hidden has grown up in her mother's chocolate shop in Colorado, along with her friend Leo de la Cueva, but recently things have not been going well; the shop is failing, and Leo is hanging out with the other boys, and barely wants to talk to her. When they both win a culinary contest, the two children and their mothers find themselves on a trip to the Amazon in Ecuador, where Coco hopes to find the rare ceiba tree, and where the plight of the native people and their jungle gives her a new perspective and purpose in life.

Fiction. j SB267 .R47 2019

Non-Fiction

Humongous fungus. Boddy, Lynne. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2021.

Beneath the forest floor, drifting through the air, and growing inside other living things, fungi are everywhere. Fungi break down waste and help plants and animals grow, but they can also destroy buildings and turn ants into zombies! From tiny microbes to the largest living thing, this is a world of strange shapes, magical colors, and fascinating science.

Non-fiction. j QK603 .B63 2021

Gardening lab for kids: 52 fun experiments to learn, grow, harvest, make, play, and enjoy your garden. Brown, Renata Fossen. Beverly, Mass. : Quarry Books, 2014.

A source of ideas to help children learn how to grow their own garden encourages families to enjoy nature and features fifty-two creative plant-related activities set into weekly lessons. Non-fiction. j QH55 .B81 2014

The rock & gem book ... and other treasures of the natural world.

Green, Dan. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2016.

This book is packed full of photos of natural wonders, including rocks, minerals, gems, shells and fossils. This children's encyclopedia displays more than 1,200 full-color specimens, from sapphires and rubies to silver and pearl, revealing the unique qualities of each material and how it is used in industry, architecture, art and science. Non-fiction. j QE365 .G82 2016

Nature's treasures. Hoare, Ben. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2021.

Nature is bursting with objects that are beautiful, useful, and intriguing. But where do they come from-- and what are they for? Hoare helps readers discover natural objects that have amazing tales to tell. Non-fiction. j QH48 .H63 2021

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The secret world of plants: tales of more than 100 remarkable flowers, trees, and seeds.

Hoare, Ben. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2022.

Plants are found almost everywhere on Earth, but to many people their lives are a mystery. Learn how seagrass flowers underwater, how the Venus flytrap counts to make sure it catches its prey, and why some tulips used to cost more than a house! This fascinating book for kids explores the vast plant kingdom and explains how plants work, as well as the weird and wonderful relationships they have with animals. Non-fiction. j QK49 .H63 2022

Trees, leaves, flowers & seeds: a visual encyclopedia of the plant kingdom.

Jose, Sarah. New York : DK Publishing, c2019.

Presents facts about plants, including which ones eat insects, how cacti store water, and where the tallest tree in the world is. Non-fiction. j QK49 .J67 2019

Girls who green the world: thirty-four rebel women out to save our planet. Kapp, Diana.

New York : Delacorte Press, 2022.

A guidebook to the modern environmental movement featuring 34 inspiring women working to save our planet. Non-fiction. j QH75 .K142 2022

Braiding sweetgrass for young adults: indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the teachings of plants. Kimmerer, Robin Wall. Minneapolis : Zest Books, 2022.

Botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer's best-selling book *Braiding Sweetgrass* is adapted for a young adult audience by children's author Monique Gray Smith, bringing Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation. Non-fiction. j SB455 .K573 2022

Ultimate bug-opedia: the most complete bug reference ever.

Murawski, Darlyne. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic, c2013.

An introduction to the hidden worlds of popular insects profiles their habits, habitats, and diets while providing thematic spreads that share additional historical and geographical fun facts. Non-fiction. j QL463 .M87 2013

Nature anatomy: the curious parts & pieces of the natural world.

Rothman, Julia. North Adams, MA : Storey Publishing, 2015.

Suitable for anyone who appreciates and wants to explore the curiosities and beauty of the natural world, this title offers a look at all kinds of subjects, including mineral formation, the inside of a volcano, what makes sunsets, monarch butterfly migration, the parts of a bird, the anatomy of a jellyfish, and more. Non-fiction. j QH53 .R745 2015

Nature's best hope: how you can save the world in your own yard. Tallamy, Douglas W.

Portland, Oregon : Timber Press, 2023.

An adaptation of Douglas Tallamy's book *Nature's Best Hope* written for a middle school level readership. In this Young Readers' Edition, Tallamy empowers kids to use their own yards to help combat the negative effects of climate change. He does so by breaking down complex concepts into simple terms and real-world examples that kids can easily grasp.

Non-fiction. j QL59 .T144n 2023

Biography

What Linnaeus saw: a scientist's quest to name every living thing. Beil, Karen Magnuson. New York, NY : Norton Young Readers, an imprint of W.W. Norton & Company, 2019.

The globetrotting naturalists of the eighteenth century were the geeks of their day: innovators and explorers who lived at the intersection of science and commerce. Foremost among them was Carl Linnaeus, a radical thinker who revolutionized biology. Beil offers a vivid glimpse into the life of one of modern science's founding thinkers. Biography. j QK31.L5 B45 2019

Parks for the people: the life of Frederick Law Olmsted.

Dunlap, Julie. Golden, Colo. : Fulcrum Pub., c2011.

Presents the life of the American journalist and landscape designer, discussing his early love of nature, his winning award for the design of Central Park, his humanitarian work on Civil War camps, and his numerous other designs in urban areas around the country.

Biography. j SB470.O5 \$b .D86 2011

Diary of a young naturalist. McAnulty, Dara. Minneapolis : Milkweed Editions, 2021.

McAnulty chronicles the turning of a year in his Northern Ireland home patch. Beginning in spring, these diary entries are about his connection to wildlife and the way he sees the world. He also captures his perspective as a teenager juggling exams, friendships, and a life of campaigning to save the natural world. We see his close-knit family, the disruptions of moving and changing schools, and the complexities of living with autism.

Biography. j QH31.M19 M19 2021

The girl who drew butterflies: how Maria Merian's art changed science. Sidman, Joyce.

Boston : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, c2018.

Newbery-Honor winning author Joyce Sidman explores the extraordinary life and scientific discoveries of Maria Merian, who discovered the truth about metamorphosis and documented the science behind the mystery in this visual biography that features many original paintings by Maria herself. Biography. j QK98.M54 Si13 2018

The plant hunters: true stories of their daring adventures to the far corners of the Earth.

Silvey, Anita. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2012.

Presents the experiences and contributions of early adventurers, explorers, and scientists responsible for discovering and documenting new types of plants, showing how their often-dangerous voyages help establish the field of botany. Biography. j QK26 .S55 2012

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