

WATER QUALITY

Books to Share with Children

Raindrop Stories

By Preston R. Bassett
with Margaret F. Bartlett
Illustrations by Jim Arnosky
Four Winds Press, NY, 1981

Follow Johnny Raindrop through a gentle spring shower, a hailstorm, a summer thunderstorm, an autumn rain, and an ice storm. The delightful text helps children imagine themselves as one of the droplets of rain eagerly awaiting an adventure (ages 5-9).

The Water's Journey

By Eleonore Schmid
North-South Books, NY, 1989

The water's journey begins high in the mountains in the form of snowflakes. As the ice melts, it becomes a brook flowing down the mountainside. It moves down the valley and then becomes a stream. The stream becomes a river, until it finally reaches the wide, blue ocean. From there, it will evaporate and begin the whole process again (ages 3-7).

A River Ran Wild

By Lynne Cherry
Harcourt Brace & Company, NY, 1992

An environmental history of a New England river that undergoes changes as a result of human activity. The river begins as a free-flowing river clean and clear, but human development along the river affects the water quality until someone notices and begins an effort to clean up the river.

The Four Elements: Water

By Carme Cole Vendrell
and J.M. Parramon
Barron's, NY, 1984

This colorful book illustrates for the very young child all the reasons man should be grateful for water's presence on the Earth (ages 3-6).

Water

By Alfred Leutscher
Illustrations by Nick Hardcastle
Dial Press, NY, 1983

This beautifully illustrated book presents many aspects of water, including its properties, its power, its changeability, and the reasons it is essential to all life (ages 6-9).



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Signs Along the River

By Kayo Robertson
Roberts Rinehart, Inc. Co., 1986

This primer in river ecology helps children and adults understand and enjoy some of the sights, sounds, and goings-on in the natural world.

The Clean Book

By Margaret Farrington Bartlett
Illustrations by Aldren A. Watson
Thomas Y. Crowell Co., NY, 1960

This book explains for the very young children how a brook cleans itself in nature, without the polluting influences of man (ages 4-7).

The River

By David Bellamy
Illustrations by Jill Dow
Clarkson N. Potter, Pub., Inc.
Distributed by Crown Publishers, Inc.,
NY, 1988

This timely book relates how plants and water creatures co-exist in a river and struggle to survive a man-made catastrophe — the dumping of waste into their habitat (ages 6-10).

My River

By Shari Halpern
Macmillan Pub. Co., NY 1992

Who needs a river? The creatures who live in or near the river speak for themselves. A turtle, an eel, a frog, a dragonfly, a duck, and others tell us how necessary the river is to everyone (ages 3-7).

Come Back, Salmon

By Molly Cone
Photographs by Sidnee Wheelwright
Sierra Club Books for Children
San Francisco, CA, 1992

A group of dedicated elementary students adopt a polluted stream and bring it back to life in this moving true story (ages 7-12).

The Stream

By Naomi Russel
Penguin, NY, 1991

This book is an engaging presentation of one of nature's most vital processes, the water cycle (ages 3-6).

