

Cathedral CATS Bookshelf

Books That Inform Us On Climate Change

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1. BIG PICTURE - FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES



THE RIGHTS OF NATURE: A LEGAL REVOLUTION THAT COULD SAVE THE WORLD David R. Boyd ECW Press 2017 Canadian

This book looks at the movement around the world in courtrooms, communities, and legislatures - a new approach to protecting the planet – a shift in thinking that recognizes that ecosystems and other species have legally enforceable rights. As we consider the rights of systems and animals, we learn that respecting their rights also respects our own.

David Boyd is an environmental lawyer and internationally renowned expert on human rights and the environment.



BEING THE CHANGE: LIVE WELL AND SPARK A CLIMATE REVOLUTION Peter Kalmus New Society Publishers 2017 Illustrated 2017 (On climate activists' top 10 list)

Being the Change explores the connections between our individual daily actions and our collective predicament. It merges science, spirituality, and practical action to develop a satisfying and appropriate response to global warming. The core message is deeply optimistic: living without fossil fuels is not only possible, it can be better.

Peter Kalmus is an atmospheric scientist at Caltech / Jet Propulsion Laboratory with a Ph.D. in physics from Columbia University.

LOSING EARTH: THE DECADE WE COULD HAVE STOPPED CLIMATE CHANGE_Nathaniel Rich Picador 2019 (first published 2018) (On climate activists' top 10 list)

In 1979, the U.S. government came very close to initiating hard climate action, but ultimately faltered to big business interests. This book details this failure and provides more of the context for what did and didn't happen. By analyzing the past, the author offers solutions for the present and how it can benefit our future.

Nathaniel Rich is an American novelist and essayist. He is the author of Losing Earth: A Recent History, which received awards from the Society of Environmental Journalists and the American Institute of Physicists and was a finalist for the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award.

BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: TRANSFORMING THE BIOSPHERE Thomas E. Lovejoy and Lee Hannah Published Yale University Press 2019 (On climate activists' top 10 list)

An essential, up-to-date look at the critical interactions between biological diversity and climate change that will serve as an immediate call to action. (all-new sequel to the 2005 volume *Climate Change and Biodiversity*)

The physical and biological impacts of climate change are dramatic and broad-ranging. People who care about the planet and manage natural resources urgently need a synthesis of our rapidly growing understanding of these issues. In this all-new sequel to the 2005 volume *Climate Change and Biodiversity*, leading experts in the field summarize observed changes, assess what the future holds, and offer suggested responses. From extinction risk to ocean acidification, from the future of the Amazon rainforest to changes in ecosystem services, and from geoengineering to the power of ecosystem restoration, this book captures the sweep of climate change transformation of the biosphere. By analyzing past statistics and summarizing field observations, the book provides solutions for the future.



HOW TO BE A CLIMATE OPTIMIST: BLUEPRINTS FOR A BETTER WORLD Chris Turner Random House Canada 2022

Chris Turner has long been one of Canada's leading voices on climate change and the global energy transition. In this book, he condenses the first quarter century of the global energy transition into brief, powerful reflection, and analysis. He then moves beyond the anger and futile despair, shifting that passion toward the project of building a 21st century that is better in every way, and in so doing, can carry the reader along with him into a more positive space. (submitted by Lorna Grant Orr)

HOW TO BLOW UP A PIPELINE: LEARNING TO FIGHT IN A WORLD ON FIRE Andreas Malm Verso 2021

A provocative book title, but I assure you, having read this book, I am no wiser at knowing how to blow up a pipeline. This is not to say that Malm doesn't condone thoughtful and targeted sabotage as essential to wake up the public, government and industry, to the real existential threat facing life on earth. So why would we include a book that purports the use of property violence on the Cathedral CATS Bookshelf?

Malm is an influencer in climate change activism. Canadian author Naomi Klein (author of THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING: CAPITALISM VS THE CLIMATE, 2014), describes Malm's book as "essential reading from one of the most original thinkers on the subject" of climate change.

Andreas Malm is an accomplished academic, author and Swedish ecologist who studies the relationship between climate change and capitalism. First, he describes the history lessons from previous struggles - think end of slavery, suffragettes, Mahatma Gandhi, and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement - and the strategic role property violence played in these movements. The second section of the book argues the reasons for failures of governments, capitalists and human behaviour, to reduce carbon emissions. Only in the last thirty pages does Malm zero in on the concept of property sabotage as a necessary adjunct to the peaceful climate change movement. And he emphasizes highly organized, strategic and effective sabotage of property - never people, and never promoting methods.

HOW TO BLOW UP A PIPELINE is a serious history lesson on difficult culture change and an educational update on the present state of climate action by government and industry. He despairs the lack of world progress on reducing carbon emissions, yet he ends with hope that significant change is still possible to prevent a total destruction of a "world on fire." (submitted by James Riva)

2. CREATING SOLUTIONS

ALL WE CAN SAVE:

TRUTH, COURAGE, AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE CLIMATE CRISIS edited by Ayana Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson One World Published 2020 (On climate activists' top 10 list)

With over 50 essays and poems including those by:

Emily Atkin • Joy Harjo • Joan Naviyuk Kane • Naomi Klein • Weh'na Ha'mu Kwasset • Mary Oliver • Marge Piercy • Prakash • Alice Walker • Jane Zelikova

All We Can Save illuminates the expertise and insights of dozens of diverse women leading on climate in the United States—scientists, journalists, farmers, lawyers, teachers, activists, innovators, wonks, and designers, across generations, geographies, and race—and aims to advance a more representative, nuanced, and solution-oriented public conversation on the climate crisis. These women offer a spectrum of ideas and insights for how we can rapidly, radically reshape society.

CLIMATE ACTION CHALLENGE:

PROVEN PLAN FOR LAUNCHING YOUR ECO-INITIATIVE IN 90 DAYS Joan Gregerson Published Positive Energy Works LLC 2020 - Version 3.2, 2022 (On climate activists' top 10 list)

This book is a great way to get started on making a real difference to help combat climate change...in 90 days! It takes the ideas from 50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth to a completely new level, by giving you proven ways to make a huge impact. Launching your own environmental team doesn't have to be hard or intimidating. You can do it and start making a huge eco-impact fast Learn how regular people just like you started their own successful Green Teams- Attract committed, ideal team members, even when people have extremely busy lives.

3. FAITH-BASED CLIMATE ACTION

A CLIMATE FOR CHANGE:
GLOBAL WARMING FACTS FOR FAITH-BASED DECISIONS
Katharine Hayhoe and Andrew Farley Published Faith Words 2011
(On climate activists' top 10 list)

Most Christian lifestyle or environmental books focus on how to live in a sustainable and conservational manner. *A Climate for Change shows* why Christians should be living that way, and the consequences of doing so. Drawing on the two authors' experiences, one as an internationally recognized climate scientist and the other as an evangelical leader of a growing church, this book explains the science underlying global warming, the impact that human activities have on it, and how our Christian faith should play a significant role in guiding our opinions and actions on this important issue.

LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME Pope Francis Our Sunday Visitor Published 2015 (On climate activists' top 10 list)

In his second encyclical, Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis follows and expands on Catholic teaching on mankind's responsibility to care for God's creation and protect and care for the most vulnerable. This letter builds on the teachings of previous popes including Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Saint John Paul II.

Pope Francis joins the Church's social and moral teaching and scientific research to make a case that human choices are the root cause of climate change. *Climate Action Task Force* Chair David Hales recommends this book because the Pope "makes it clear that changing our behavior is within our power and therefore our moral responsibility." At the end of each chapter, the book also includes discussion questions that makes it suitable for those interested in individual or group study.



ON FIRE: THE (BURNING) CASE FOR A GREEN NEW DEAL Naomi Klein Village Canada Published 2019 (On climate activists' top 10 list)

For those interested in learning more about the *Green New Deal, Green the Church* CEO Reverend Ambrose Carroll recommends this book by *New York Times* bestselling author Naomi Klein. Carroll specifically highlights her chapter on faith: "It helps trace how male-centered Western theological practice, which attempted to replace Mother Earth with a Father God, is now engaging with indigenous cosmologies of a 'living and sacred Earth.'" Using the receding Great Barrier Reef, persistent Pacific Northwest wildfires and hurricanes in Puerto Rico as evidence, Klein makes a case for how the climate crisis is not only a profound political challenge but also a spiritual and cultural.



BUFFALO SHOUT, SALMON CRY CONVERSATIONS ON CREATION, LAND JUSTICE, AND LIFE TOGETHER Edited by Steve Heinrichs Herald Press 2013

This collection of essays and poetry explores the lamentable clash between Indigenous and settler cultures, spiritualities and attitudes toward creation. Originating with the Mennonite community, the text asserts that global warming is largely a settler-colonial problem. The book is not about demonizing settlers or inducing guilt. Instead, it asks us to look deeply into our systems of privilege, Christian history and responsibility.

"For centuries our misunderstandings and conflicts have accumulated...In this book the issues are opened, offering information, insights and resolutions that amaze our usual thinking. Read it carefully with a prayer for understanding." Rudy Wiebe

This book was suggested for this list by one of the TRC Book Circles, for all of us seeking climate justice and our part in reconciliation. BUFFALO SHOUT, SALMON CRY challenges how we understand our own Christian creation story and how to transform those elements that had the power to oppress and devastate other cultures. This book is an invitation to renew our Christian faith through a more communal and personal relationship to caring for the gift of God's creation.

SACRED EARTH, SACRED SOUL: CELTIC WISDOM FOR REAWAKENING TO WHAT OUR SOULS KNOW AND HEALING THE WORLD

John Philip Newell Harper Collins 2021

Once in a while, a book comes into your life at just the right time. SACRED EARTH, SACRED SOUL has been such a book for a few people at the Cathedral. John Philip Newell will be familiar through his many books and as a teacher at the Iona Abbey in Scotland. Endorsements on the cover are from Bill McKibben, Barbara Brown Taylor and Richard Rohr.

The Celtic spiritual tradition emphasizes the sacred essence of all things. Newell says we know this already on a very deep spirit level, even though it might be at odds with what we have been taught. SACRED EARTH, SACRED SOUL can reawaken this deep knowing and it can transform the ways we choose to live, relate and act.

After the introduction, Newell introduces us to nine spiritual teachers and how their work enhanced the times in which they lived. Pelagius, St. Brigid of Kildare, John Muir, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin are on the list. Some suffered at the hands of imperial Christianity - sacredness often clashes with the way empires work. But their wisdom is accessible to us at this time of climate crisis. Many people are questioning our relationship to creation and wrestling with the impact of human exceptionalism on the environment. We occupy a space in the circle of life, not the top spot on a pyramid.

We once treated all life as sacred and found the divine in all things. Toward the end of the book, Newell says "in the Celtic world reawakening to the sacred is reawakening to love...this is the

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love we can offer one another and the earth, This is the love that we can receive from one another and the earth...When we love, we are most fully awake to the true heart of the other, made of God, sacred."

4. FICTION



THE BACK OF THE TURTLE Thomas King Harper Collins 2014

Showcasing Thomas King's brilliant wit and trademark wordplay, this is a funny, smart, and sometimes confounding tale of betrayal, salvation, and the resilience of life.

King gives us an allegory to work on: A brilliant scientist disappears. A man returns to his community to find it has been poisoned by an environmental disaster known as The Ruin, and is now deserted except for a stray dog named Soldier, a woman named Mara, a kid named Sonny who lives in the dilapidated motel, and a rascally old soul named Nicholas Crisp. Drawing on Christian and Native mythology, and on his own instinct for mischief, King gives us a cockeyed Garden of Eden of our times. (submitted by Lorna Grant Orr)

THE APPEAL John Grisham Doubleday 2008

A major chemical company is accused of dumping toxic waste into the drinking water of a small town causing multiple cases of cancer and cancer-related deaths. The company, owned by Carl Trudeau, a multi-billionaire, is found guilty at trial and must pay the plaintiff, who lost both her husband and son to this cancer-causing toxic water, a multi-million-dollar award. Carl is enraged by this verdict, which he blames on a too friendly judge, and launches an appeal. He employs corruptive methods to have his own candidate appointed to the Supreme Court in order to win his appeal. Will he succeed in over-turning this verdict?

A gripping legal thriller that hits too close to home.

KINGDOM OF BONES

James Rollins William Morrow an imprint of HarperCollins 2022

Do not mess with Mother Nature! Deep in the heart of Africa, a mysterious illness is surging through villages first incapacitating people and then slowly killing them. A United Nations relief team is already in place but their staff need help in determining the cause of this illness. A secret special forces team is sent in to assist and provide protection. It soon appears that both animals and plant life have undergone an alarming evolutionary change making them more dangerous and deadly to human life. Has humanity's encroachment into nature through deforestation, habitat destruction and pollution caused these terrifying changes and the destructive illness now running rampant?

An exciting eco-adventure that not only keeps you on the edge of your seat but makes you think about the destructive impact human beings have had on nature.

5. STEPPING INTO CREATION – Food Security, Plants & Beyond

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS INDIGENOUS WISDOM, SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, AND THE TEACHINGS OF PLANTS Robin Wall Kimmerer Milkweed Editions 2015

Drawing on her life as an indigenous scientist, and as a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings (plants and animals) offer us gifts and lessons. In reflections that range from the creation of Turtle Island to the forces that threaten its flourishing today, she circles toward a central argument: that the awakening of ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. For only when we can hear the languages of other beings will we be capable of understanding the generosity of the earth and learn to give our own gifts in return.



SACRED NATURE RESTORING OUR ANCIENT BOND WITH THE NATURAL WORLD Karen Armstrong Knopf Canada 2022

This little book of 174 pages, is a powerhouse of profound spiritual wisdom, drawn from many religions and cultures, including but certainly not focused on, Christianity. Karen reflects at the beginning, on our changing relationship with nature where "we walk in a place of extreme beauty, while talking on our mobiles" or "obsessively taking one photograph after another of the view."

She suggests "unless there is a spiritual revolution that challenges the destructiveness of our technological geniuses, we will not save the planet." The journey takes us through the ancient Asian values and philosophies from Qi, to Confucianism, Daoism (rooted in the indigenous tribal culture of Southern China), to the frequent references of the Romantic poets like Wordsworth and Coleridge. "If we want a viable world, we must awaken within ourselves a new reverence for nature."

Buddha advocated a practical call to action to be rid of selfish, unhelpful states of mind whereas Muslims in the Qur'an are urged to make themselves aware of God's benevolence in nature. Paul's teachings appear frequently in the awareness of nature and the need for sacrifice and gratitude, no longer boarding countless flights, driving our gas guzzling cars and burning coal with gay abandon!

Finally, Coleridge's poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" speaks directly to our current environmental crisis when the Mariner kills the albatross. There are terrible consequences for this senseless act, violating the sanctity of the "one life" we share with the natural world.

Karen ends the book with the poignant sentence: "We have seen how nature was revered by the great sages, mystics and prophets of the past. It is now up to us to revive that knowledge and commitment and recover our bond with the natural world."

6. VEGETARIAN/VEGAN COOKBOOKS

PLANT AND PLANET: SUSTAINABLE AND DELICIOUS VEGETARIAN COOKING FOR REAL PEOPLE Goodful Rodale Books Published 2021

Simple steps can make an impact on our planet. From BuzzFeed's Goodful, these 75 plant-based recipes plus plenty of low-waste strategies will guide you to a sustainable life you can feel good about.

Goodful offers approachable recipes, tips, and guides for everyday life. In *Plant and Planet*, discover seventy-five plant-based recipes for meal prep, everyday celebrations, and cooking with the seasons, along with tons of ways to stock your kitchen, grow your own ingredients, turn your scraps into amazing treats, and more.

Beautifully photographed, this cookbook is super practical and impactful, with surprising and easy ways to reduce environmental impact, shopping guides and meal plans, information about repurposing food waste, plus a guide to growing your own ingredients. You will learn how to:

- Approach cooking from a seasonal perspective
- Minimize packaging while maximizing flavor
- Clear out your fridge and freezer to make comforting soups, salads, and other dishes

Featuring contributions from experts DeVonn Francis, Lorena Ramirez, Lauren Singer, Nadiya Hussain, Kelis Rogers, David Zilber, and Ben Flanner, *Plant and Planet* is filled with tips and quick hits of information about the environmental impact of these recipes--all to deliver a low-stress, high-impact path to a low-waste kitchen.

7. BOOKS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, PRE-TEENS, AND YOUTH





WEST COAST WILD A NATURE ALPHABET

Deborah Hodge, illustrator Karen Reczuch Groundwood Books 2015 Young Children

From **A**ncient forests to tidal **Z**ones and so much in between – cougars, kelp. limpets, urchins, wolves – many places and creatures that will be familiar to children living on the west coast. The artwork is stunning and adults going through this book will find lots to enjoy too. We like this one as it explores so many things we see and appreciate in creation.

TREES

Tony Johnston, illustrator Tiffany Bozic Simon & Schuster 2021 Young Children

This large size picture book brings readers deep into the magical world of trees – some are old, some strong, some tall. The illustrator paints on wooden panels, a clever technique, adding texture to the images, which are lush and intriguing, especially when some of the wood grain shows through. The readers' eyes follow the tall trees looking up from the ground, being surrounded by trees, playing in trees and how low trees protect us. A wonderful nature book which introduces an especially important part of what our planet needs more of – trees.



SALMON FOREST

David Suzuki & Sarah Ellis, illus. by Sheena Lott Greystone Books 2003 Young Children

A walk through the forest teaches how the forest, the sea and all life are connected. Salmon need cool water shaded by trees, the forest is fertilized by poop from bears, eagles, otters and ravens, The story ends when the father and daughter meet friends who invite them to share tea and salmon which they have caught using traditional methods. Sheena Lott's watercolours are in warm earth tones with occasional red flashes of spawning salmon. The cycle of life and the balance of nature are in capable hands with these creators.

LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET

Matt De La Pena, illustrator Christian Robinson Putnam & Sons 2015 Young Children

CJ and his grandmother leave church on a rainy day and catch a bus. CJ wonders why they must wait in the rain and why do not have a car like some of his friends. On their bus ride to the soup kitchen where they volunteer, she introduces him to the beauty of the world around him and the special people in their lives. Besides introducing cross-cultural diversity and social justice, this story also gently introduces the idea of a car-free life, using public transit, and how rewarding it can be.

POUT-POUT FISH CLEANS UP THE OCEAN Deborah Dieser, illustrator Dan Hanna Farrar Strauss & Giroux 2019 Young Children

Mr. Fish and his friends have noticed something strange in their ocean—a big, big MESS! How did it get there? What can they do about it? The closer they look, the more they see where the mess came from . . . and they will have to work together to get rid of it. This picture book is in the New York Times—bestselling Pout-Pout Fish series from Deborah Diesen and illustrator Dan Hanna, The Pout-Pout Fish Cleans Up the Ocean, shows how discussing what to do, doing research and working together, all the fish can help to clean up the ocean. The illustrations are soft and gentle – even the mess does not look too bad but makes the point that pollution must stop.



PEDAL IT! HOW BICYCLES ARE CHANGING THE WORLD Michelle Mulder Orca Books 2013 Young Children & Pre-Teens

PEDAL IT! is very comprehensive, covering everything from how bicycle design has evolved, diagrams identifying parts, and introduces "appropriate technology" and how bicycles fit into better ways of practicing sustainability. Riding bicycles for fun and riding for work, delivering everything from people, to bread, even goldfish! Health benefits of cycling and the importance of eating well are also included: "...gas fuels cars and food fuels cyclists."

We like this one as it is informative and encouraging.



TRASH TALK, MOVING TOWARD A ZERO WASTE WORLD Michelle Mulder Orca Books 2015 Pre-Teens

This book explores where our trash comes from and how we got to the point where we make so much of it. A very comprehensive look at a global problem and how we can change our thinking about waste. Lots of things to consider along with action ideas – re-using, repairing, composting, and gleaning. Well-designed chapters include features called "Take in the Trash" and "Trash Facts." We think kids will like this one because it has great photos of kids engaged in many fun activities – there is even a story about the "Recycled Orchestra" in Paraguay where all the instruments are made from garbage.



CITY OF WATER (Think Cities Series) Andrea Curtis, illustrator Katy Dockrill Groundwood Books 2021 Pre-Teens

A very thoughtful book that looks at the history of water – where our water comes from and our water systems – and helps the reader look at water as a finite resource. The technically minded will like the pictures and descriptions of pipes, treatment facilities, fire hydrants and toilets. How will the world face the challenges of extreme weather and flooding is answered with ideas on building sustainability into our infrastructure, including conservation and ideas on what we can do to help. Throughout the book the author and illustrator respect the intelligence of their young readers and that is good to see.

101 WAYS TO BE AN ECO HERO 101 Follow up to 101 Small Ways to Save the World and The Plastic Problem Kait Eaton Lonely Planet 2022 Young Children & Pre-Teens

This book shows you how to harness your inner hero with loads of awesome ways to make a positive impact on the planet. You'll find practical tips and projects that will help you, along with

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your friends and family, to protect our Earth for future generations. You'll also find out how you can use your voice to encourage businesses and governments to make the right decisions for our environment. Tips for kids include reusing, recycling, and upcycling; avoiding food waste; protecting the local environment through activities such as litter collections. Projects for kids include building an insect hotel; making an herb garden; creating a tote bag for shopping. Advice for families includes collecting rainwater for watering the garden; getting solar panels; using lowenergy appliances"



THE WATER WALKER Joanne Robertson Second Story Press 2017 Young Children

This is the story of a determined Ojibwe Grandmother (Nokomis) Josephine-ba Mandamin and her great love for Nibi (water). Nokomis walks to raise awareness of our need to protect Nibi for future generations, and for all life on the planet. She, along with other women, men, and youth, have walked around all the Great Lakes from the four salt waters, or oceans, to Lake Superior. The walks are full of challenges, and by her example Josephine-ba invites us all to take up our responsibility to protect our water, the giver of life, and to protect our planet for all generations.

THESE SEAS COUNT (in this series: This Tree Counts and These Bees Count Alison Formento Illustrated by Sarah Snow Albert Whitman & Co 2013 Young Children

This book helps children learn about sea life. In the book, a class listens to the waves of the sea as they are taught all about the wildlife that depend on the sea. It illustrates how they can help keep the sea and wildlife healthy. One whale, two giant sea turtles, three marlins. . . and more. Of course, the children discover that "this sea counts!" Alison Formento's gentle story and Sarah Snow's amazing collages combine for a powerful message about the environment and what we can do to preserve our oceans.

THE EARTH BOOK Todd Parr Little Brown & Co/Hatchette Book Group 2010 Young Children

In this eco-friendly picture book, printed entirely with recycled materials and nontoxic soy inks, it includes lots of easy, smart ideas on how we can all work together to make the Earth feel good - from planting a tree and using both sides of the paper, to saving energy and reusing old things in new ways. The book includes a poster with tips/reminders on how kids can "go green" everyday. Equally whimsical and heartfelt, this sweet homage to our beautiful planet is sure to inspire readers of all ages to do their part in keeping the Earth happy and healthy.

GIRL WARRIORS: HOW 25 YOUNG ACTIVISTS ARE SAVING THE EARTH Rachel Sarah Chicago Review Press 2021 Youth

This book tells the stories of 25 climate leaders under age 25. They've led hundreds of thousands of people in climate strikes, founded non-profits, given TED talks, and sued their governments. These fearless girls and young women from all over the world are standing up to demand change when no one else is. An inspiring and educational read for all.

JUDY MOODY SAVES THE WORLD

Megan McDonald Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds Candlewick Press 2002 Young Children

Can Judy Moody save the world by entering a band-aid contest? While she tries to fulfil her dream of creating the prize-winning band-aid to heal the world, her classroom is studying the environment. As she learns more about the damage done to the environment, she is determined to do all she can to aid in the world's healing by re-cycling and teaching her unwilling family to do the same.

This delightful book is filled with environmental info and easy tips anyone can follow to help "save the world"

FUZZY MUD

Louis Sachar Doubleday 2015 Pre-Teen

Tamaya and Marshall walk to and from school together every day. Unfortunately, Marshall is being bullied by Chad. One day, Chad is waiting for Marshall after school, and knowing this, Marshall takes Tamaya on a short-cut through the woods. As Chad follow them through the woods, the children discover something that looks like what can only be described as fuzzy mud. What is it? Could this discovery affect the entire world?