These books are a great resource for kids and adults who care about their children's experience of and caring for wild lands everywhere.

Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder, 2005. Richard Louv describes his view of an unintentional cultural situation causing our children to become separated from nature and proposes solutions.


A Sense of Wonder, Rachel Carson. Captures the essence of the wonder-filled world of children and stirs in us a longing for unity with the living world. Carson urges us to explore nature with feelings and emotions and to abandon the impulse to teach or explain.

The Amateur Naturalist, Gerald and Lee Durrell. A richly illustrated guide to becoming a naturalist for kids.


EcoKids: Raising Children Who Care for the Earth, 2005, Dan Chiras. Describes how to foster love and empathy for nature, develop environmental values and put values into action. Each chapter highlights a child who is making a difference.


Generation Fix: Young Ideas for a Better World, Elizabeth Rusch. Tells the inspiring stories of more than 15 young people who saw a problem in their community and did something about it.

Journey to the Heart of Nature: A Guided Exploration, 1994, Joseph Cornell and Michael Deranja. This workbook of stories and guided experiences is for ages 12-to-adult.

The Kids' Wildlife Book, 1994, Warner Shedd. Focuses on mammals, amphibians and birds with factual information on each species, followed by activities, games or simple craft projects that illustrate the factual information. Principles of stewardship are incorporated throughout.

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