



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

WHO HATH A BOOK

Wilbur D. Nesbit (1871-1927), published in
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Who hath a book

Has friends at hand, And gold and gear
At his command; And rich estates,
If he but look, Are held by him
Who hath a book.

Who hath a book
Has but to read, And he may be
A king, indeed; His kingdom is
His inglenook*— All this is his
Who hath a book.

* a cozy space on each side of a fireplace



RECOMMENDED WINTER PICTURE BOOKS

STELLAR CHOICES

★Ashby, Ruth. *Caedmon's Song* – Caedmon learns to praise God and write poetry because of what he has experienced of Him in nature.

★Baylor, Byrd. *The Table Where Rich People Sit* – Mountain Girl's poor family count up the value of the things they have. What is the value of the sunrise, the night sky, the smell of coming rain?

★Clark, M. H. *You Belong Here* – With a gentle rhythm and strong connection to the natural world, this book satisfies and soothes like a familiar lullaby.

★Mackall, Dandi. *The Legend of St. Nicholas* – Nick learns the story of St. Nicholas and the true meaning of Christmas and the Christian life.

★Wood, Douglas. *A Quiet Place* – In this gentle book with full-page, peaceful illustrations, Douglas Wood encourages us all to find our own quiet place where we can think our own quiet thoughts.

CHRISTMAS

Berger, Barbara. *The Donkey's Dream* – A donkey dreams that it carries many of the symbols of the Virgin Mary as it carries her and the Christ Child to Bethlehem.

Cole, Joanna. *A Gift from Saint Francis: The First Crèche* – Learn how St. Francis recreated the first Christmas scene in this beautifully illustrated book.

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Faber, Norma. *When It Snowed that Night* – Poems about each of the animals and insects that went to Bethlehem that first Christmas morning

Mackall, Dandi. *The Legend of the Christmas Cookie: Sharing the True Meaning of Christmas* – Learn about the origin of baking Christmas cookies, a tradition of giving cookies to others and an important Christmas message.

Mackall, Dandi Daley. *Listen to the Silent Night* – How silent was the night when our dear Savior was born? These short poems center on those who played a role in that first Christmas night.

Mayer, Marianna. *The Real Santa Claus* – This biography of St. Nicolas for older children uses masterpiece paintings and Clement Moore's famous poem to trace the evolution of St. Nick to our current Santa Claus.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. *Father and Son, A Nativity Story* – Sit with St. Joseph near the manger of the newborn King and learn of his joys, his thoughts, and his fears regarding his responsibilities as the foster-father of Jesus. What present can you offer to Jesus in thanksgiving for His many gifts to you?

McCutcheon, John. *Christmas in the Trenches* – Grandfather tells of a Christmas Day he experienced in 1914 during World War I.

Monroe, Colleen. *A Wish to Be a Christmas Tree* – The animals of the forest help the wish of their friend, the towering evergreen, come true in this brightly illustrated Christmas tale.

Moore, Clement. (Tasha Tudor). *The Night before Christmas* – This famous poem is beautifully enhanced with the charming drawings of Tasha Tudor.

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Suess, Dr. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* – In this humorous Christmas classic, the selfless meaning of Christmas shines through the hearts of all in Who-ville.

Westerlund, Kate. *The Message of the Birds* – Little robin insists on sharing the message of Christmas with children as he believes they will listen even when adults may not.

Wilner, Isabel. *B Is for Bethlehem* – A cute Christmas board book, these alphabetic rhymes tell the chronological story of the birth of Jesus.

Wojciechowski, Susan. *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey* – Sad Jonathan Toomey accepts a wood-carving job for Christmas that changes his life. The message—with profuse, realistic illustrations—may change yours as well.

Yolen, Jane and Tomie de Paola. *Hark: A Christmas Sampler* – With decorative pages, this book contains many hymns, poems, and stories for Christmas.

HOLIDAY – GENERAL

dePaola, Tomie. *The Lady of Guadalupe* – For slightly older children, this retelling of the Mexican apparition of our Lady at Guadalupe in 1531 is nicely illustrated.

dePaoli, Tomie. *The Story of the Three Wise Kings* – Simply written with colorful illustrations, this is the story of the Epiphany of the wise men.

Doman, Regina. *Angel in the Waters* – A gentle story of a baby and angel growing from conception to birth, this is an excellent read for the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22.

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Spinelli, Eileen. *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch* – Mr. Hatch receives an anonymous valentine. Watch what happens when love—or even the idea of love—catches hold of a person.

Tompert, Ann. *Saint Valentine* – Covering the legends and the facts regarding this saint, the simple text is accompanied with dramatic illustrations and helps us understand what we celebrate, and why, on February 14.

REFLECTING ON THE MYSTERY OF GOD (MYSTIC)

Baskwill, Jane. *Somewhere* – With sparse, rhyming text and bold illustrations, this book encourages us to take notice of the wonder of daily events in nature.

Florian, Douglas. *Winter Eyes* – This book contains twenty-eight short poems about walking outdoors and listening to winter.

Frost, Robert (Illustrated by Susan Jeffers). *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* – This is a beautifully illustrated edition of Robert Frost's famous poem.

Hines, Anna Grossnickle. *Sky All Around* – A father and daughter share the wonders of the night sky.

Paulsen, Gary. *Dogteam* – A dogsled team joyously pulls through the winter night in the grandeur of the outdoors.

DETECTING GOD IN NATURE (NATURE DETECTIVE)

Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *The Berenstain Bear's in the Bears' Almanac: A Year in Bear Country* – Contains

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information about each of the seasons, holidays, and weather

Borland, Hal. *This World of Wonder* – With the wisdom of a lifelong naturalist, Hal Borland records the marvels of each season, sharing with us the sense of awe and wonder the natural world contains.

George, Jean. *Dear Rebecca, Winter Is Here* – Through a letter to Rebecca, we are shown the overlapping cycles of the seasons.

George, Lindsay Barrett. *In the Snow: Who's Been Here?* – Gorgeous illustrations tell of tracks in the snow and who may have been responsible.

Hader, Berta and Elmer. *The Big Snow* – Beautifully illustrated, this Caldecott Medal book follows the animals of the forest as they get ready for winter.

Lionni, Leo. *Inch by Inch* – This simple story states that all of creation has been given different gifts for different purposes.

Van Laan, Nancy. *When Winter Comes* – Warm and cozy, this book relays simple facts about what happens to animals, fish, and plants when winter comes.

Yolen, Jane. *Sing a Season Song* – With brilliantly clear illustrations, this celebration of the seasons notes attributes of each season as well as the general cycle of time.

INSPECTING GOD'S GLORIOUS CREATION (NATURALIST)

Arnosky, Jim. *At this Very Moment* – Connects our daily events with those of the animals of the world

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Baker, Keith. *No Two Alike* – With adorable pictures and simple text, this book teaches us that all of creation is unique; no two things are quite alike.

Gerber, Carole. *Seeds, Bees, Butterflies and More! Poems for Two Voices* – Brighten your winter by reading these fun, rhyming poems about different nature topics.

Gerber, Carole. *Winter Trees* – Learn to identify trees in winter with this book of bright illustrations and rhyming text.

Zoboli, Giovanna. *I Wish I Had* – Through very simple text and colorful illustrations, we learn about some gifts of the animals, gifts we do not possess. What would it be like to possess these special traits?

RESPECTING GOD'S CREATION (ECO-CATHOLIC)

Appelt, Kathi. *My Father's House* – Teaching us to be thankful to the Creator, this book covers, in short poems and rich illustrations, many of the world's habitats.

Bruchac, Joseph and Thomas Locker. *Rachel Carson: Preserving a Sense of Wonder* – A short but beautiful and inspiring biography of this first environmentalist

Bunting, Eva. *Night Tree* – In a touching story, Eve Bunting shares a beautiful way to take care of the animals in the woods at Christmas time.

Hopkins, H. Joseph. *The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever* – This short biography of Kate Sessions relates how no one thought so many beautiful varieties of trees could be

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grown in the desert climate of San Diego, California. But Kate did.

Sams II, Carl R. and Jean Stoick. *A Stranger in the Woods* – A winter “photographic fantasy” that shows how we can creatively care for woodland animals during the coldest months

GENERAL NATURE BOOKS

Gray, Libba. *My Mama Had a Dancing Heart* – A girl and her mother have a dancing celebration through the seasons.

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. *Sharing the Seasons: A Book of Poems* – In this brightly illustrated book, quotations and poems present winter, spring, summer, and autumn — twelve poems for each season.

Martin, Jacqueline. *Snowflake Bentley* – In this Caldecott Medal book, Wilson Bentley’s work in photographing snowflakes is gracefully told and enhanced with lovely woodcuts.

Messner, Kate. *Over and Under the Snow* – Explore the secret kingdom under the snow where animals go to survive the winter.

Rylant, Cynthia. *long night moon* – Short, poetic text with accompanying pictures of the Native American full moons

Schnur, Steven. *Winter: An Alphabet Acrostic* – Nicely illustrated, the highlights of winter are presented in poetic acrostics.

Sendak, Maurice. *Chicken Soup with Rice: A Book of Months* – Although a book about months rather than

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seasons, this classic book deserves to be included in the recommended list—a family favorite!

Stevenson, Robert L. and Brian Wildsmith. *A Child's Garden of Verses* – Brian Wildsmith's artwork is the backdrop for the poetry of Robert Lewis Stevenson.

Teckentrup, Britta. *Tree* – What an engaging way to illustrate the seasonal changes of a tree and its forest companions for young children!

Tripp, Nathaniel. *Snow Comes to the Farm* – With beautiful, realistic paintings, this is a story of brotherly love and nature-sharing while awaiting the first snowstorm of the season.

Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon* – Winner of the Caldecott Medal, *Owl Moon* uses winter watercolors and gentle text to tell the story of a girl and her father who go out owling when the winter moon is full.

CHILDREN'S NATURE NON-FICTION BOOKS

Listed below is a short list of reference books on various aspects of nature.

Nature Anatomy: The Curious Parts & Pieces of the Natural World by Julia Rothman

WoodWalk: Peepers, Porcupines, & Exploding Puffballs! by Henry W. Art and Michael W. Robbins

Stick Book (The), Loads of Things You Can Make or Do with a Stick by Fiona Danks and Jo Schofield

Wild Weather Book: Loads of Things to Do Outdoors in Rain, Wind, and Snow by Fiona Danks