



## GREEN EARTH BOOK AWARD – 2026 SHORT LIST

### PICTURE BOOK – PRIMARY READERS

Books for young readers up to age 8

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**Daisy Rewilds**, by Margaret McNamara, illustrated by Kerascoët (Random House Studio /RHCB)

**If You Lived in the Sea, Who Would You Be?**, by Julie Honan Johnston, illustrated by Meg Sodano (Web of Life Children's Books)

**Kani ka 'Ōpala: How Can Garbage Sing?**, by Benjamin Fairfield (University of Hawaii Press)

**Mara Plants a Seed**, by Robert Furrow and Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Melissa Bailey (Science, Naturally!)

**Millie Fleur Saves the Night**, by Christy Mandin (Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.)

**Recycling Day: What Happens to the Things We Throw Away**, by Polly Faber, illustrated by Klas Fahlén (Nosy Crow)

**The Dog Who Saved the Bees**, by Stephanie Gibeault, illustrated by David Hohn (Sleeping Bear Press)

**The Tide Is Rising, So Are We!: A Climate Movement Anthem**, by Shoshana Miera Friedman, illustrated by Kiki Kita (Beaming Books)

**The Wide, Wide Sea**, by Anna Wilson, illustrated by Jenny Lovlie (Nosy Crow)

**They Work: Honey Bees, Nature's Pollinators**, by June Smalls, illustrated by Yukari Mishima (Familius Publishing)

**Wait Like a Seed**, by Erin Alladin (Tara Anderson Pajama Press)

**Whales in the City**, by Nancy F. Castaldo, illustrated by Chuck Groenink (FSG/MacKids)

## PICTURE BOOK – INTEMEDATE READERS

Books for young readers ages 9-12

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**A Family for Zoya: The True Story of an Endangered Cub**, by Debra Kim Wolf, illustrated by Marina and Annalisa Durante (Platypus Media)

**Bug Snacks**, by Jess French, illustrated by Zoe Ingram (Sourcebooks)

**Fishers in the Forest: The Pacific Fishers in Sequoia and Kings Canyon**, by Adalgisa and David Nico, illustrated by Andy Atkins (Mummert House Enterprises, Inc.)

**From BAM! to BURP!**, by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Marta Alvarez Miguens (Charlesbridge)

**How to Explain Climate Science to a Grown-Up**, by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Teresa Martínez (Charlesbridge)

**Just in Case**, by Megan Clendenan, illustrated by Brittany Cicchese (Charlesbridge)

**Kaho'olawe: The True Story of an Island and Her People**, by Kamalani Hurley, illustrated by Harinani Orme (Lerner Publishing Group)

**Magic in a Drop of Water**, by Julie Winterbottom, illustrated by Susan Reagan (Rocky Pond Books)

**Rachel Carson's Wonder Filled World**, by Kate Hannigan, illustrated by Katie Hickey (Calkins Creek)

**Safe Crossing**, by Kari Percival (Chronicle Books)

**Trouble Dog: From Shelter Dog to Conservation Hero**, by Carol A. Foote (Larry Day Eerdmans Books for Young Readers)

**We Carry the Sun**, by Tae Keller, illustrated by Rachel Wada (Norton Young Readers)

**Saving a Humongous Marine Vegetarian and its Salad** (Salvando a un enorme vegetariano marino y a su ensalada), by Antonio Mignucci, illustrated by Mrinali Álvarez (Caribbean Manatee Conservation Center)

## CHILDREN'S FICTION

Books for young readers ages 8-12

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**Armando and the Amazing Animal Race**, by Diana Schaffter, illustrated by Juan Pablo Ruiz Morales and Leo Hartas (Sea Otter Press)

**Green Jolene and the Neighborhood Swap**, by Wendy Mass, illustrated by Billy Yong (Disney-Hyperion)

**Make Way For Monarchs, Eco Warriors Book 3**, by Carolyn Armstrong (Climate Kid Adventure Books)

**Outfoxed: A Wish Novel**, by Elise McMullen-Ciotti (Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.)

**Project Share Table**, by Carol Kim, illustrated by Flavia Zuncheddu (Picture Window Books, a Capstone imprint)

**The Burning Season**, by Caroline Starr Rose, cover by David Dean (Penguin Random House, Penguin Young Readers)

**The Secret of the Catapus**, by Robin Elsbeth Jenkins 12 Willow Press

**The Sunshine Project**, by Uma Krishnaswami, illustrated by Julianna Swaney (Groundwood Books)

**Three Blue Hearts**, by Lynne Kelly (Delacorte Press/RHCB)

## CHILDREN'S NONFICTION

Nonfiction books for young readers ages 8-12

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**History Smashers: Earth Day and the Environment**, by Kate Messner (Random House Children's Books)

**Keep Our World Green: Why Humans Need Gardens, Parks and Public Green Spaces**, by Frieda Wishinsky, illustrated by Sara Theuerkauf (Orca Book Publishers)

**Riverkeeper: Protecting An American River**, by Nancy F. Castaldo (Holiday House)

**Take a Hike!**, by Kate Chynoweth (Magination Press/APA)

**The Black Mambas: The World's First All-Woman Anti-Poaching Unit**, by Kelly Crull (Lerner Publishing Group)

**The Buzz on Wild Bees: The Little-Known Pollinators that Keep Our Planet Humming**, by Kira Vermond, illustrated by June Steube (Owlkids Books)

**The Sustainable School**, by Erica Fyvie, illustrated by Scot Ritchie (Kids Can Press)

**What a Waste: 9 Ways to Fight Climate Change**, by Karen Tam Wu, illustrated by Bithi Sutradhar (Orca Book Publishers)

## **YOUNG ADULT FICTION**

Books for readers from age 13 to 21

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**Climate of Chaos**, by Cassandra Newbould (Peachtree Teen)

**Solar Punks**, by Gume Laurel III (West 44 Books)

**The Carbon Paradox**, by Renat Heuberger, Steve Zwick, Marco Hirsbrunner (Red Penguin Books)

**The Dead of Summer (Book 1)**, by Ryan La Sala (PUSH, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.)

**The Last Bookstore on Earth**, by Lily Braun-Arnold (Delacorte Press)

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**A World Without Summer: A Volcano Erupts, A Creature Awakens, and the Sun Goes Out**, by Nicholas Day, illustrated by Yas Imamura

**A Climate Is Just the Start**, by Mikaela Loach (Bright Matter Books/RHCB)

**Conservation Success: Protecting Wild Spaces and Species with Hands-On Science Activities for Kids**, by Laura Perdew (Nomad Press)

**Farming is Female: Twenty Women Shaking Up the Field**, by Rachel Sarah (Little Bee Books)

**Giant Rays of Hope**, by Patricia Newman (Millbrook Press)

**Great Apes: Protecting Our Animal Cousins**, by Christopher Gudgeon (Orca Book Publishers)

**Microbes to the Rescue: Using Bacteria, Algae and Fungi to Clean Up the Planet**, by Yolanda Ridge (Orca Book Publishers)

**Octopus Ocean: Geniuses of the Deep**, by Mark Leiren-Young (Orca Book Publishers)

**Our Plastic Problem: A Call for Global Solutions**, by Megan Durnford (Orca Book Publishers)

**Saving Our Sturgeon: Protecting Wisconsin's Ancient Fish**, by Rebecca Hogue Wojahn (Wisconsin Historical Society Press)

**Speaking on Climate: A Guide to Speechwriting for a Better Future**, by Rune Kier Nielsen (Lerner Publishing Group)

**Ultrawild: An Audacious Plan for Rewilding Every City on Earth**, by Steve Mushin (Lerner Publishing Group)