

# NATURAL RESOURCE TOPIC BOOKS

For Ages 4-8 & 9-12

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## SOIL

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by Christin Ditchfield (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

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### **The World Beneath Our Feet: A Guide to Life in the Soil**

by James B. Nardi (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

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### **Life in a Bucket of Soil**

by Alvin Silverstein (Author), [Virginia Silverstein](#) (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

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### **Dirt: Jump Into Science**

by Steve Tomecek (Author), Nancy Woodman (Illustrator)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

**ISBN-13:** 978-0792282044

### **An Earthworm's Life (Nature Upclose)**

by John Himmelman (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

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### **A Handful of Dirt**

Raymond Bial

**Re Reading level:** Ages 9-12

**ISBN-13:** 978-0802786982

You'll never look at the ground you walk on in the same way after Raymond Bial, an award-winning photo essayist, takes you on this eye-opening, down-and-dirty tour of one of the earth's most precious resources.

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Melanie Eclare

ISBN # 978-1929927319

A group of neighborhood children transform a bare patch of earth into a vegetable garden, learning simple but important lessons in the process.

## **How Groundhog's Garden Grew**

Lynne Cherry  
ISBN # 978-0439560658

Little Groundhog loves to eat his neighbor's vegetables until he makes a friend who teaches him the joy of planting a garden of his own. As squirrel introduces Little Groundhog to the cycle of an entire gardening year, children will learn about gathering seeds in fall; storing them in winter; planting in spring; weeding and watering in summer; and eating a delicious, bountiful harvest at Thanksgiving time.

## **Lily's Garden**

Deborah Kogan Ray  
ISBN # 9780761326533

Lily's Garden creates a calendar of the year seen through the lens of things planted, grown, and harvested and dramatized in Lily's letters and phone calls to her far-away grandparents. The procession of months and the change of seasons, the holidays, and ultimately the passage of an entire year in the garden are celebrated in this picture book.

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Wendy Pfeffer  
ISBN # 978-1416934837

Through the simple yet dramatic story of a tree's life, death, and decomposition, A Log's Life illustrates the interdependence of living creatures.

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Sibylle van Olfers  
ISBN # 978-1933308180

Deep below the ground, Mother Earth rouses her sleepy children. The little ones ready themselves for spring, then join a jubilant procession of bugs and beetles up into the summer meadows.

## **A Place to Grow**

Stephanie Bloom  
ISBN # 978-1931969079

No matter where it lands or how desperately it hopes, the tiny seed can't find a place to grow. Will the tiny seed ever find its home, or will it keep searching and floating forever?

## **Dirt: The Scoop on Soil**

by Natalie M. Rosinsky  
ISBN: 1404800123  
Grade Level: K-4

The book's high-interest vocabulary will encourage readers to carefully observe their school and home yards. Rocks crumble, worms wriggle and bugs scurry through the pages. The vocabulary naturally leads to creative writing in the classroom. Rosinsky's descriptions of sand, silt, clay and humus are right on target for this age group, and will be great for those studying soil and gardening.

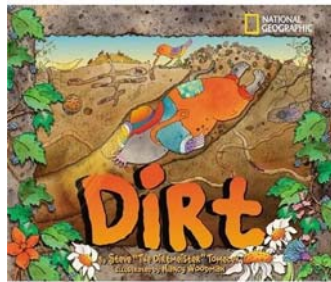
**Soil**  
by Adele D.  
Richardson  
ISBN: 0736809546

Grade Level: **K-4**

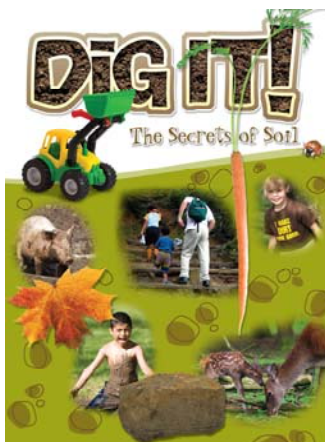
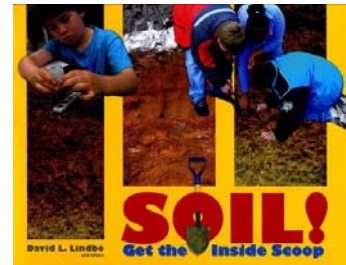
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(Author)

Reading level grades  
4-8

**Dirt: Jump Into Science (Hardcover)**  
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**Reading level:** Ages 9-12  
**ISBN-13:** 978-0516293691

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by Jane Yolen (Author), Jason Stemple (Illustrator)  
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**ISBN-13:** 978-1590782514

## **One Well: The Story of Water on Earth**

by Rochelle Strauss (Author), Rosemary Woods (Illustrator)

**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

**ISBN-13:** 978-1553379546

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**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

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## **A Drop Of Water (Hardcover)**

by Walter Wick (Illustrator)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

**ISBN-13:** 978-0590221979

## **The Magic School Bus Wet All Over: A Book About The Water Cycle**

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**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

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**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

**ISBN-13:** 978-1553376699

### **Wood (True Books: Natural Resources)**

by Christin Ditchfield (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

**ISBN-13:** 978-0516293707

### **Take a Tree Walk (Take a Walk series)**

by Jane Kirkland (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

**ISBN-13:** 978-0970975416



### **Trees (A New true book)**

by Illa Podendorf (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

**ISBN-13:** 978-0516016573

## **Tell Me, Tree: All About Trees for Kids**

by Gail Gibbons (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

**ISBN-13:** 978-0316309035

## **My Favorite Tree: Terrific Trees of North America (Sharing Nature With Children Book)**

by Diane Iverson

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

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## **RANCHING - FARMING - FOOD**

### **Cattle Kids: A Year on the Western Range**

by Cat Urbigkit (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

**ISBN-13:** 978-1590785089

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by Sharon Gordon (Author)

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**ISBN-13:** 978-0761419624

### **On the Farm (First Discovery Look-and-Learn Series) (Hardcover)**

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### **Milk: From Cow to Carton (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Book) (Paperback)**

by Aliki (Illustrator)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

**ISBN-13:** 978-0064451116

### **America at Work: Farming (America at Work)**

by Ann Love (Author), Jane Drake (Author), Pat Cupples (Illustrator)

**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

**ISBN-13:** 978-1553374213

## **HABITATS & ANIMALS**

### **Animal Habitats! (Williamson Little Hands Series) (Paperback)**

by Judy Press (Author), Betsy Day (Illustrator)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

**ISBN-13:** 978-0824967567

### **A Forest Habitat (Introducing Habitats) (Paperback)**

by Bobbie Kalman (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

**ISBN-13:** 978-0778729792



## **A Wetland Habitat (Introducing Habitats) (Paperback)**

by Molly Aloian (Author), Bobbie Kalman (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

**ISBN-13:** 978-0778729839

## **A Grassland Habitat (Introducing Habitats) (Paperback)**

by Kelley Macaulay (Author), Bobbie Kalman (Author)

**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

**ISBN-13:** 978-0778729877

## **America's Prairies and Grasslands: Guide to Plants and Animals (Paperback)**

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**Reading level:** Ages 4-8

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**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

**ISBN-13:** 978-1555912680

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**ISBN-13:** 978-0778734314

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**Reading level:** Ages 4-

**ISBN-13:** 978-0778729761

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