

NON-FICTION FOR YOUTH



- Cooking & Gardening Projects for Kids by Nancy McDougall
- Gardening for Beginners by Emily Bone
- Garbage Helps Our Garden Grow by Linda Glaser
- Growing Green A First Book of Gardening by Daniela Sosa
- What's Inside a Bird's Nest by Rachel Ignotofsky
- What's Inside a Caterpillar's Cocoon? by Rachel Ignotofsky
- Farming and Food Security by Allison L. Hay
- In The Garden by Lauren Giordano
- Bird Watch by
- How Do Seeds Grow Into Gardens by Clayton Tobias Grider
- Who Was Jane Goodall? by Roberta Edwards
- Temple Grandin by Sy Montgomery

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- Poppy & Sam and the Leaf Thief by Cathon
- Tom's Midnight Garden by Edith



JUVENILE FICTION

THE MAIN CHARACTER OR TITLE HAS A PLANT NAME



- Witchycakes: Puddles and Potions by Kara Lareau
- Ivy + Bean by Annie Barrows
- Lily in Full Bloom Laura Driscoll
- Flora & Ulysses by Kate Dicamillo
- Fairy Ponies: Midnight Escape by Zanna Davidson
- Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
- Dear Sweet Pea by Julie Murphy
- Lily's Pesky Plant by Laura Driscoll
- Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
- Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park
- Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park
- Planet of the Lawn Gnomes by R. L. Stine
- The Lost Flower Children by Janet Taylor Lisle

GARDEN IS IN THE TITLE OR IT TAKES PLACE IN A GARDEN

- Tilly's Moonlight Garden by Julia Green
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Wallace and Grace Take the Case by Heather Alexander
- An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Mopurgo



2026 Summer Reading

Plant a Seed, Read

Youth Reading List



PICTURE BOOKS

BOOKS ABOUT GARDENS,
PLANTS, GARDEN CRITTERS &
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM

- The Bad Seed by Jory John
- We Are Water Protectors by Carol Lindstrom
- How to Catch a Garden Gnome by Alice Walstead
- Grandpa's Garden by Stella Fry
- Millie Fleur's Poison Garden by Christy Mandin
- Berry Song by Michaela Goade
- The Weedy Garden by Margaret Renkl
- Looking for Peppermint or Life in the Forest by Maxwell Eaton III
- Make Way for Butterfly by Ross Burach
- Jack Plants a Garden by Toddler Books About
- Under One Rock by Anthony D. Fredericks
- Growing Together by Ruth Spiro
- Akeema Keeps Bees by Kamal E. Bell
- Swirl by Swirl by Joyce Sidman
- The Bug Girl by Sophia Spencer
- Insect Detective by Steve Voake



EASY READERS

BOOKS ABOUT GARDENS,
PLANTS & GARDEN CRITTERS

- Monarch Butterflies by Kate Waters
- Busy Buzzing Bumblebees by Alvin Schwartz
- Henry and Mudge in the Green by Cynthia Rylant
- Harold and the Purple Crayon the Giant Garden by Valerie Garfield
- Busy Buzzy Bee by Karen Wallace
- Fluffy Plants a Jelly Bean by Kate McMullan
- Seed to Plant by Kristin Baird Rattini
- Olivia Plants a Garden by Emily Sollinger
- Can You See What I See? Nature by Walter Wick
- What About Worms by Ryan Higgins



MS. KATIE RECOMMENDS

CHECK OUT SOME OF MS.
KATIE'S FAVORITE NON-
GARDENING THEMED BOOKS!

- Willa of the Wood by Robert Beaty
- The Whispering Wars by Jaclyn Moriarty
- A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser
- Wilderlore: The accidental Apprentice by Amanda Foody
- Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Thunder from the Sea by Joan Hiatt Harlow
- The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- Small Spaces by Katherine Arden
- Odder by Katherine Applegate
- Loki's Wolves by K.L. Armstrong
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein
- Charlotte's Web by E.B White
- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt