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Raptor Experience! Reading List

Nature Themed Books for Young Readers

An Adventure with Olivia Owl. By Maurice Pledger.

Olivia, a young owl, goes looking through the woods to find other owls.

The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. By Jill Tomlinson.

A barn owl learns to love the night.

Little Owl. By Piers Haper.

A soft-touch book in which a little owl explores the world with his mom.

The Eagle and the Wren. By Jane Goodall.

A fable retold by Jane Goodall about birds flying high.

Owl's Secret. By Louise Gallop.

A fable about how the snowy owl got its white feathers.

My Little Book of Burrowing Owls. By Hope Irvin Marston.

The story of a burrowing owl family and their nature history.

Where Would I Be in an Evergreen Tree? By Jennifer Blomgran.

The evergreen forest is a busy neighborhood. Learn where the Spotted Owls and their neighbors live.

I'm Not Cute! By Jonathan Allen.

A baby owl wants everyone to stop calling him cute. He is a predator, after all.

Owl Babies. By Martin Waddell.

Three owl siblings brave the night while their mother is out hunting.

The Owl and the Pussycat. By Edward Lear and Jan Brett.

A poetic story of an owl and a pussycat. After a year's engagement, they get married.

The Lorax. By Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss' environmental story examining pollution and habitat destruction.

Whoo-oo Is It? By Megan McDonald.

A Barn Owl is able to hear the slightest of sounds.

The Christmas Hat. By A.J. Wood.

A Barn Owl lives with many different animals in the snowy woods.

The Barn Owls. By Tony Johnson.

A story of a Barn Owl family raising their young.

So What Saw-Whet? By Rochelle Frank.

Lovely photos of a wild Saw-whet Owl make this book charming.

Screech Owl at Midnight Hollow. C. Drew Lamm.

The story of a Screech Owl family in a tree hole at Midnight Hollow.

The Windhover. By Alan Brown.

A story of a young boy who takes a young kestrel only to realize that he cannot care for it and he returns it to the nest.

Billywise. By Judith Nicholls.

A young Barn Owl learns to fly with the encouragement of his mother.

Owl at Home. By Arnold Lobel.

A Great Horned Owl has to spend a long stormy winter night home alone.

Sam and the Firefly. By P.D. Eastman.

Sam the owl and his firefly friend Gus enjoy "writing" words in the sky.

Nature Themed Books for Older Readers



The Skull Alphabet Book. By Jerry Pallotta and Ralph Masiello.
Readers learn to identify skulls by the bone and teeth structure.

Challenger: American's Favorite Eagle. By Margot Theis Raven.
The true story of an orphaned eagle, Challenger, who cannot be released into the wild. He instead becomes an ambassador for birds of prey across the country.

Stewart: The Skyscraper Falcon. By Linda Burman.
The true story of a falcon family nesting on a skyscraper in downtown Seattle, WA.

Saguaro Moon: A Desert Journal. By Kristin Joy Pratt-Serafini.
Readers learn about the ecology of the Sonoran Desert from the point of view of a young girl's nature journal.

One Wing's Gift: Rescuing Alaska's Wild Birds. By Joan Harris.
The reader is taken on the personal journeys of several wild birds that are treated at the Bird Treatment and Learning Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

Backyard Rescue: An Ecological Adventure. By Hope Ryden.
Two ten-year-old girls enjoy rescuing and rehabilitating wild animals.

Matthew's Meadow. By Corinne Demas Bliss.
A red-tailed hawk teaches Matthew to use his senses to fully appreciate the natural world.

My Side of the Mountain. By Jean Craighead George.
Newberry Award winner, George, creates a wonderful tale about a young boy, Sam, who runs away to live off the land with his Peregrine Falcon, Frightful.

On the Far Side of the Mountain. By Jean Craighead George.
The second book in the trilogy; Sam and Frightful's adventures continue.

Frightful's Mountain. By Jean Craighead George.
The third book in the trilogy; Sam and Frightful's adventures concludes.

Dreambirds. By David Ogden.

A young Native American boy searches for his dreambird by learning about wild animals and himself.

Eagle. Tom Lang.

A humorous story from the point of view of a young male eagle trying to land a date.

The Hardy Boys: The Hooded Hawk Mystry. By Franklin W. Dixon.

A mystery story involving a Peregrine Falcon.

Hawk Hill. By Suzie Gilbert.

A young boy moves to a new town, finds a raptor rehabilitation center, and learns about letting go.

Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: The Words of Chief Seattle. Paintings by Susan Jeffers.

A Suquamish chief describes his people's respect for the natural world.

Frightful's Daughter. By Jean Craighead George.

Frightful, from the classic story My Side of the Mountain, now has a family of her own.

Hawk, I'm Your Brother. By Byrd Baylor.

A Native American boy hopes that a hawk will teach him to fly.

Tiger with Wings. By Barbara Juster Esbensen.

Describes the life history of Great Horned Owls.

Night Creatures. By Sysanne Santoro Whyne.

A fascinating look at nocturnal animals all around us in our communities.

The Guardians of Ga'Hoole. By Kathryn Lasky.

A series of nine adventure books with owls as main characters with natural history components throughout the story.

Everybody's Somebody's Lunch. By Cherie Mason.

An intriguing look at predators and a young girl's realization that there are not "good animals" and "bad animals," just animals. *Teacher's Guide available.*

Arrowhawk. By Lola M. Schaefer.

Based on a true story of a red tailed hawk that becomes pierced by an arrow and survives 8 weeks in the wild.

Hoot. By Carl Hiaasen.

A wacky look at how three friends work to save Burrowing Owls. *Teacher's Guide available.*

There's an Owl in the Shower. By Jean Craighead George.

Examines the uneasy conflict between the Northern Spotted Owl and human industry.

Pass the Energy, Please! Barbara Shaw McKinney.

A rhyming examination of the connectedness of all of the world's organisms. Everyone is someone's lunch.

Flute's Journey: The Life of a Wood Thrush. By Lynne Cherry.

Follow a Wood Thrush from the breeding grounds of North America to the wintering ground of South America and back again.