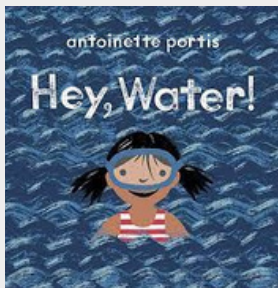




WONDERFUL WATER!

The 2023 theme for National Non-Fiction November is 'Wonderful Water' and this list is offered as a starting point for exploring the wealth of information and poetry books linked to the subject. Essential to life and with oceans & seas covering almost 70% of Earth's surface, this is a rich topic, offering much to discover! The essence of life, a central element of many leisure activities, habitat to a world of creatures, vital for food and drink production, necessary for keeping clean and essential to industry, water really is wonderful!

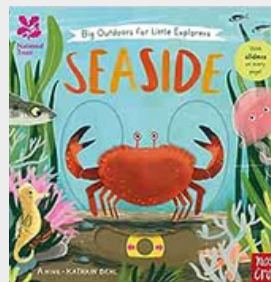
Hey, Water!
Antoinette Portis



Scallywagg Press
ISBN: 978-1912650262

A young girl explores her environment and finds that water is everywhere. At the end of the book, there is additional factual information. A wonderful way to encourage conversations about the importance of water!

Big Outdoors for Little Explorers: Seaside
Anne-Kathrin Behl



National Trust with Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1839941795

This bright, colourful board book with sliders is perfect for investigating nature on the beach with any little explorer! 'River' in this series (ISBN: 978-1839941818) is also available.

National Trust: Look What I Found at the Seaside
Maira Butterfield, illustrated by Jesús Verona



Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1839940835

Have fun exploring the seaside and learn about all the things that are found. Fascinating facts and a gentle rhyming narrative make this a wonderful book to share.

One Day on our Blue Planet... in the Ocean
Ella Bailey



Flying Eye Books
ISBN: 978-1912497386

Follow the adventures of a bottle-nosed dolphin calf as she explores the Pacific Ocean with her mother, meeting many fascinating creatures. 'In the Antarctic' (ISBN: 978-1912497096) is another title in this charming series.

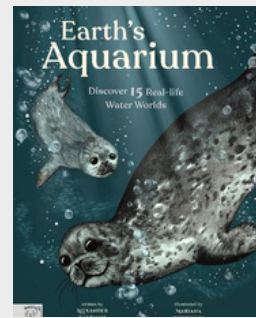
Protecting the Planet: Ice Journey of a Polar Bear
Martin Jenkins, illustrated by Lou Baker-Smith



Publishing in November 2023, this beautifully illustrated book looks at how polar bears are coping with climate change and how we can help them.

Walker Books
ISBN: 978-1529505801

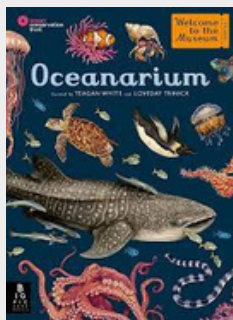
Earth's Aquarium
Alexander C Kaufman,
illustrated by Mariana Rodrigues



Focusing on 15 real-life aquariums including seagrass nurseries, tropical coral reefs and mangroves, this stunning book is a real treat.

Magic Cat
ISBN: 978-1913520090

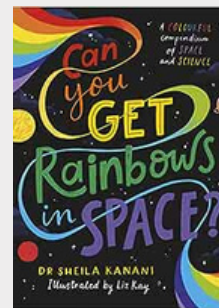
Oceanarium
Teagan White, illustrated by Loveday Trinick



Part of the 'Welcome to the Museum' series, this stunning book offers readers a trip around the world's oceans, guiding them around the wonders of the deep. The 'Oceanarium Activity Book' (ISBN: 978-1800782433) is also available.

Big Picture Press
ISBN: 978-1787416314

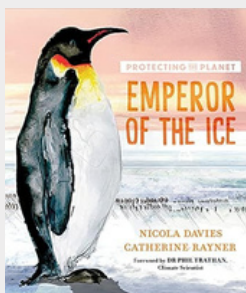
Can You Get Rainbows in Space?
Dr Sheila Kanani, illustrated by Liz Kay



Discover the answers to so many intriguing scientific questions in this fascinating and informative book, including why hippos have red sweat, why the sea is blue and why coral is so colourful.

Puffin
ISBN: 978-0241519721

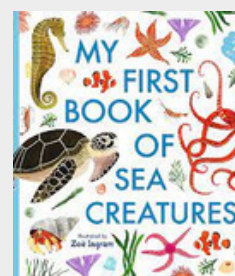
Protecting the Planet: Emperor of the Ice
Nicola Davies, illustrated by Catherine Rayner



Based on the true story of how the Emperor penguin colony at Halley Bay was disrupted after the sea ice collapsed, this book explores the harsh realities of climate change for these majestic creatures.

Walker Books
ISBN: 978-1406397086

My First Book of Sea Creatures
Zoe Ingram



This colourful guide to twenty of the most interesting marine animals from around the world is perfect for any animal lover!

Walker Books
ISBN: 978-1529504088

Sharks! Sharks! Sharks!
Susan Martineau, illustrated by Vicky Barker



Find out about these fascinating creatures in this absorbing, beautifully illustrated book packed full of facts.

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ISBN: 978-1913918729

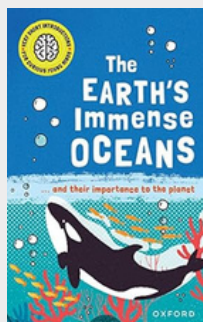


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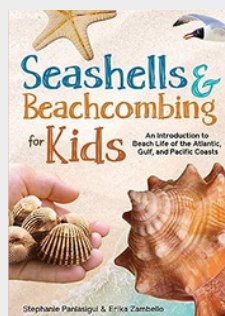
The Earth's Immense Oceans
Isabel Thomas, illustrated by Geraldine Sy and Ana Seixas



Part of the 'Very Short Introductions' series, 'The Earth's Immense Oceans' is a clear, engaging guide to the importance of oceans to our planet.

OUP
ISBN: 978-0192780324

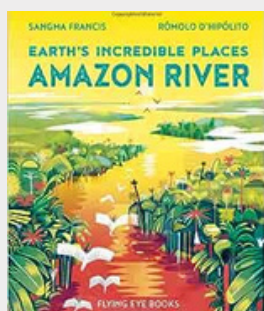
Seashells and Beachcombing for Kids
Stephanie Panlasigui and Erika Zambello



Find out about beaches and coastal life with this brilliant introduction which includes ideas for beach-related activities for all the family to enjoy.

Adventure Publications
ISBN: 978-1647553234

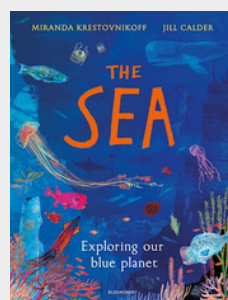
Earth's Incredible Places: Amazon River
Sangma Francis, illustrated by Rômolo D'Hipólito



Beautifully illustrated, 'Amazon River' tells the story of this incredible river and its wildlife. A book about the Great Barrier Reef is available in the same series (ISBN: 978-1838741471).

Flying Eye Books
ISBN: 978-1838741464

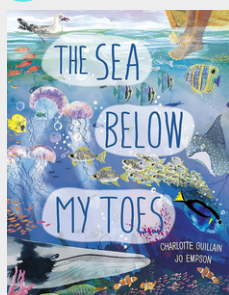
The Sea: Exploring our blue planet
Miranda Krestovnikoff, illustrated by Jill Calder



This stunning book takes you through the astounding seas and oceans of our planet, introducing the creatures which live there.

Bloomsbury
ISBN: 978-1408889893

The Sea Below My Toes
Charlotte Guillain, illustrated by Jo Empson



Part of the 'Look Closer' series, this beautiful fold-out book takes the reader on a journey of discovery to the depths of the ocean.

QED Publishing
ISBN: 978-0711271944

The Big Book of the Blue
Yuval Zommer



One of the 'Big Book of...' series, 'The Big Book of the Blue' combines stunning illustrations with plenty of information offered in an appealing, informal style.

Thames and Hudson
ISBN: 978-0500651193

Sea Change: Save the Ocean
International Centre for the Picture Book in Society and various illustrators



Offering a collection of original postcards and messages from 50 illustrators across the world, this is a very special book about celebrating and protecting the precious life found in our oceans.

Otter-Barry Books
ISBN: 978-1913074180



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Blue Planet II
Leisa Stewart-Sharpe, illustrated by Emily Dove



There is so much to discover about the underwater world in this fascinating, richly illustrated book. 'Frozen Planet II' (ISBN: 978-1405946629) is also available.

BBC Children's Books
ISBN: 978-1405946605

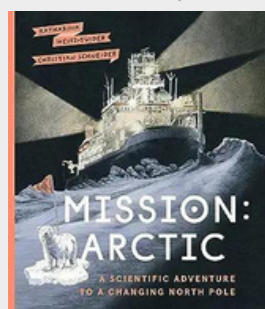
The Secret Life of Oceans
Maira Butterfield, illustrated by Vivian Miniker



Go on a journey with Tia the green turtle as she shares the secrets of the sea. This lovely book also includes some 'sea tales' from different cultures.

Happy Yak
ISBN: 978-0711278691

Mission Arctic: A Scientific Adventure to a Changing North Pole
Katharina Weiss-Tuider, translated by Shelley Tanaka
illustrated by Christian Schneider



Follow MOSAiC, the largest Arctic expedition ever undertaken, and discover how this once-frozen landscape is changing. Filled with photos from the expedition and illustrations, it is a fascinating read.

Greystone Kids
ISBN: 978-1771649568

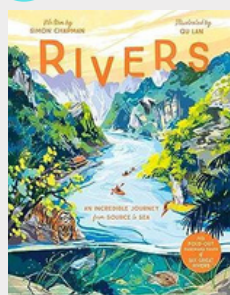
Wild Child: A Journey through Nature
Dara McNulty, illustrated by Barry Falls



In this lovely book, children are encouraged to venture outside, including along the river bank to enjoy the wonders of nature.

Macmillan
ISBN: 978-1529045321

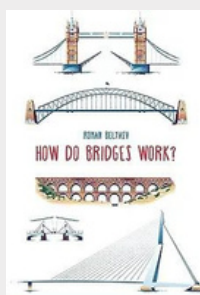
Rivers: An Incredible Journey from Source to Sea
Simon Chapman, illustrated by Qu Lan



With fold-out pages of six great rivers from around the world, 'Rivers' explores the geography and wildlife of rivers, how they have shaped the human world and how people have shaped them. The book has been expertly checked by river ecologist, François Edwards.

Templar
ISBN: 978-1787419926

How Do Bridges Work?
Roman Belyaev



From architecture to engineering, this absorbing and accessible book looks at the development of bridges, their structure and design. 'How Does a Lighthouse Work?' (ISBN: 978-1911509240) is equally fascinating.

bsmall publishing
ISBN: 978-1911509899

Mind Mappers: Are We Running Out of Water?
Isabel Thomas, illustrated by El Primo Ramón



One of the 'Mind Mappers' series, 'Are We Running Out of Water' seeks to answer difficult questions in a straightforward narrative which is both accessible and engaging.

Weldon Owen Books
ISBN: 978-1915588128



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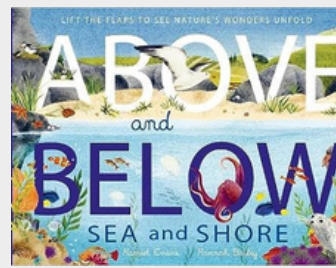
Caring Conservationists who are Changing our Planet
Kate Peridot, illustrated by Sarah Long



Featuring some of the world's most endangered animals and their ecosystems, including the Antarctic blue whale, coral reef, polar bears and sea turtles, this fascinating book is full of colourful illustrations and fascinating facts.

Walker Books
ISBN: 978-1529506150

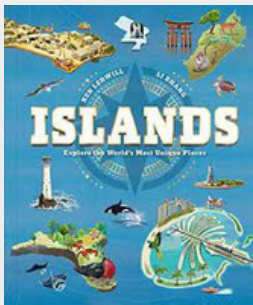
Above and Below: Sea and Shore
Harriet Evans and Hannah Bailey



Exploring the incredible plants and creatures which live beneath the waves, this is a perfect book for sharing.

360 Degrees
ISBN: 978-1838911782

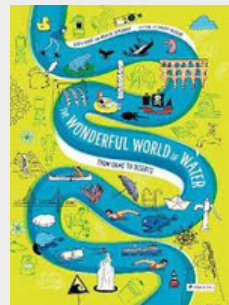
Islands: Explore the World's Most Unique Places
Ben Lerwill, illustrated by Li Zhang



Explore 18 of the world's fascinating islands and discover their unique stories. From what an island is to their individual histories and wildlife, this is a captivating read.

Welbeck
ISBN: 978-1913519155

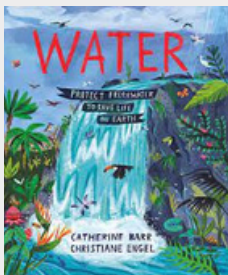
The Wonderful World of Water: From Dams to Deserts
Sarah Garre, Marijke Huysmans, illustrated by Wendy Panders



Learn about the importance of water to our everyday lives in this fun, fact-filled book. Presented in attractive, engaging double-page spreads, each topic is explored with plenty of illustrations and trivia sure to encourage further exploration and experimentation.

Prestel
ISBN: 978-3791375502

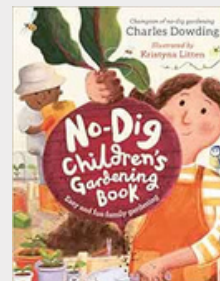
Water: Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth
Catherine Barr, illustrated by Christiane Engel



In this amazing book, Catherine Barr challenges everyone to take action by using water wisely, and protect freshwater to save our planet.

Otter-Barry Books
ISBN: 978-1913074463

No-Dig Children's Gardening Book
Charles Dowding, illustrated by Kristyna Litten



Gardening is a wonderful activity and this fabulous book offers step-by-step instructions for growing your own - without the digging and weeding!

Welbeck Books
ISBN: 978-1783128686



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POETRY

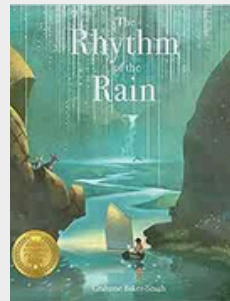
Swim, Shark, Swim!
Dom Conlon, illustrated by Anastasia Izlesou



Graffeg
ISBN: 978-1914079054

Poetic language and atmospheric illustrations combine perfectly in book which is rich in information about these incredible creatures.

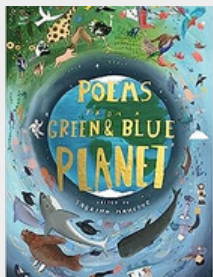
The Rhythm of the Rain
Grahame Baker-Smith



Templar
ISBN: 978-1787410152

Although not a poem, this gorgeous picture book is one not to be missed! A stunning celebration of the water cycle.

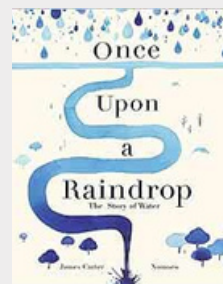
Poems from a Blue and Green Planet
Edited by Sabrina Mahfouz, illustrated by Aaron Cushley



OUP
ISBN: 978-0192778536

Whilst not solely focused on water, this incredible collections contains sections called 'Water Flows' and 'Ice Chills', offering a wonderful range of verse related to this topic.

Once Upon a Raindrop
James Carter, illustrated by Nomoco



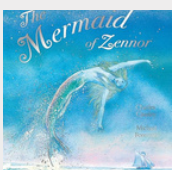
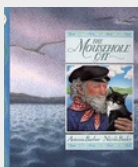
Caterpillar Books
ISBN: 978-1848579873

Lyrical poetry brings the story of water vividly to life in this beautifully illustrated book.

MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Folklore, myth and legend from around the world is full of stories of creatures of water- too many to mention! Here are a few favourites from the UK taken from my bookshelves. Although they may not all still be in print, versions of these stories can easily be found in other collections and will hopefully lead to the discovery of others.

The Mermaid of Zenno
Charles Causley, illustrated by
Michael Foreman
Orchard Books
ISBN: 978-1408319543



The Mousehole Cat
Antonia Barber, illustrated
by Nicola Bayley
Walker Books
ISBN: 978-0744523539

The Moon in Swampland
M P Robertson
Frances Lincoln
ISBN: 978-1845070953



Selkie
Gillian McClure
Troika
ISBN: 978-1909991262

The Seal Children
Jackie Morris
Otter Barry Books
ISBN: 978-1910959473



Please Mr Magic Fish
Jessica Souhami
Otter Barry Books
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