

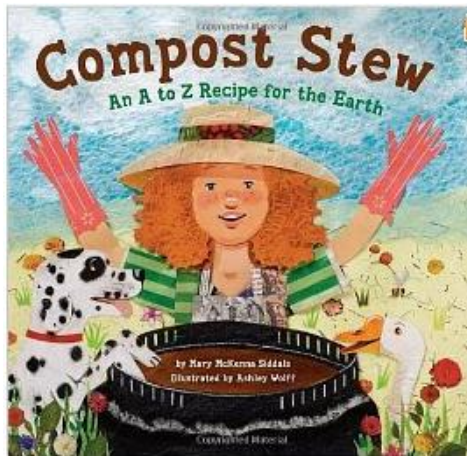
Litter and Waste Theme

Reading List



This reading list* provides a broad range of books that can be used to help children understand the theme of litter and waste, in a fun and interactive way. They range from eco-art books, flip-up books and eco-stories to classroom tool books.

1) Compost Stew (How to **compost** made fun for kids)



Apple cores
Bananas, bruised
Coffee grounds with filters, used

Just add to the pot
and let it all rot
into Compost Stew!

From eggshells to wiggly worms, this delightful recipe in bouncy verse features items—some familiar and some not so—that are fit for the home compost bin and will nourish Mother Earth. Vibrant collage illustrations use recycled and found materials to further a timely message. And to keep young environmental chefs fully informed about composting do's and don'ts, there's a note in the back about what's *not* fit for the bin.

Author: Mary McKenna Siddals

2) Don't Throw That Away!: A **Lift-the-Flap** Book about Recycling and Reusing (Little Green Books)



Follow an eco-conscious super hero as he teaches kids how to recycle and reuse common household items! The five large flaps throughout show that ordinary trash is really a treasure. From turning old clothes into fun costumes or an old box into a brand new car, kids will learn that saving the environment is super cool!

Author: Lara Bergen

* Text in Red highlights key words

3) Earth-Friendly Crafts: Clever Ways to Reuse Everyday Items (Art)
(For older children (5+) but some good ideas that can be adapted for younger kids)

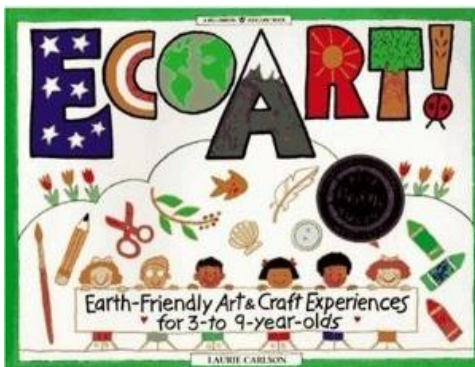


What do you do with old toys, clothes, and other stuff? Instead of throwing them away, get creative and see what crafts you can make!

This book shows you how to make crafts out of old playing cards, marker caps, toy cars, neckties, hairbrushes, and more. Colour photos of the finished crafts and step-by-step illustrations make these crafts a snap. Along with 21 crafts, you'll find information about recycling and tips for what you can do to help the planet. So find new uses for your old stuff and get crafting!

Author: Kathy Ross

4) Eco Art!: Earth-Friendly Art and Craft Experiences for 3-to 9-year Olds (Art)



This book is suitable for ages 3 to 9 years. The author combines her intuitive sense of each child's need for self-expression and interaction with nature with her wealth of imaginative experiences. All the projects use recyclable, reusable, household materials and/or items found in nature.

Author: Laurie Carlson

5) Help The Environment, Cleaning Up Litter
(Age Level: 4 and up | Series: Help the Environment)



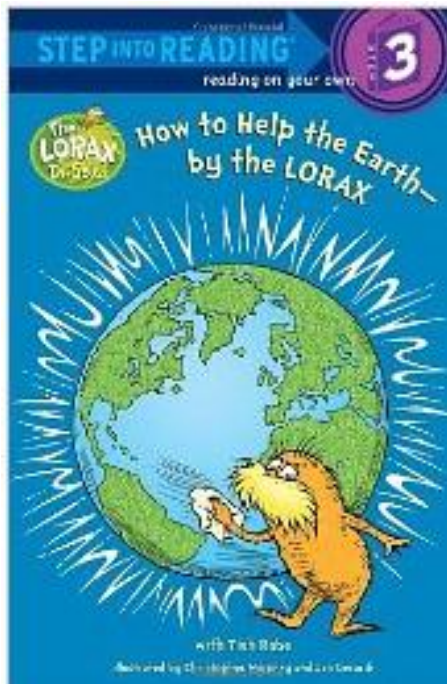
This series introduces very young children to the concept of caring for the environment in an attractive and accessible way. Based on children's real-life experiences, the books focus on things children can do to help the environment and keep the world around us clean. In this book, children learn what litter is, how it can harm the environment, and what they can do to help clean up litter.

6) **Help The Environment, Reusing and Recycling**
 (Age Level: 4 and Up / Series: Help the Environment)



This series introduces very young children to the concept of caring for the environment in an attractive and accessible way. Based on children's real-life experiences, the books focus on things children can do to help the environment and keep the world around us clean. In this book, children learn about reusing and recycling common household materials including paper, glass, plastic, and metal.

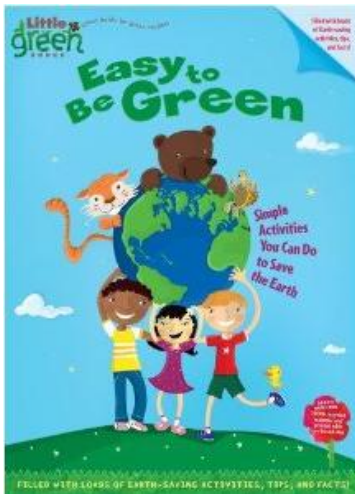
7) **How to Help the Earth by the Lorax**
 (Catchy rhymes and great illustrations for kids 5+)



The star of *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss makes his Step into Reading debut in this rhymed reader that offers kids easy suggestions for going green! After explaining how the trash in a wastebasket ultimately ends up in a landfill or incinerator, the Lorax suggests realistic ways children can reduce waste, such as by carrying a lunch box, donating old clothes and toys, sharing magazines with friends, recycling cans and bottles, and using rechargeable batteries. He also explains how they can save energy around the home by turning off lights, taking shorter showers, donning sweaters to stay warm, and much, much more. All in all, this is a great introduction to helping the Earth *and* helping kids step into reading!

Author: Tish Rabe

8) Little Green Books, Easy to be Green
(Art, activities, fun facts and earth saving tips)

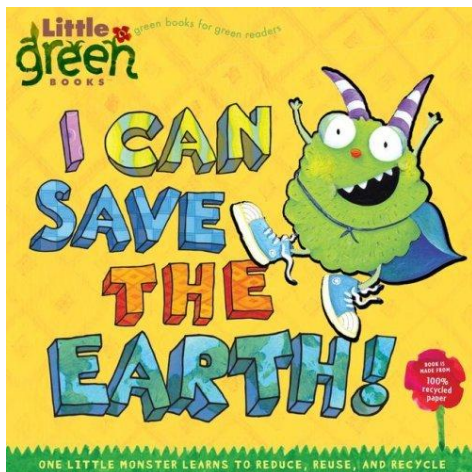


Everyone's talking about the environment these days, especially kids. But what can kids do? A lot! This book is filled with cool colouring pages, Earth-saving tips, fun facts, and easy activities kids can do to help the environment. It's just what kids need to be green all by themselves!

This colouring and activity book will be printed on 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper with soy-ink. The paper is FSC.

Author: Ellie O'Ryan

9) Little Green Books, I Can Save the Earth



Meet Max the Little Monster. He is a cute, furry green monster who is an environmental nightmare. Among other things, he leaves on all the lights, keeps his computer plugged in, blasts the TV, hoards his old toys and uses so much toilet paper it clogs the toilet until finally, his excessive ways cause a power outage.

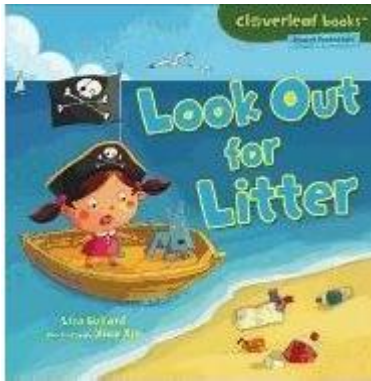
With no TV to watch, computer to play on, video games to play with, Max finds there is a whole big world outside that he can make a difference in the environment.

Kids can follow Max the Little Green Monster's journey to environmental awareness and learn tips on how they can become little green monsters themselves. A kid-friendly glossary of terms is included in the back of the book.

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Part of the Little Green Book Series.

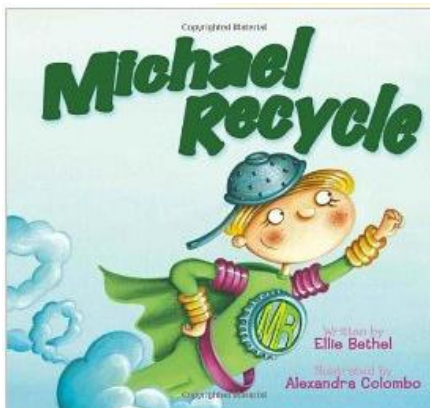
Author: Alison Inches

10) Look Out for Litter (Cloverleaf Books: Planet Protectors)

Earth has a litter problem. How can you help? Join Trina to learn how little pieces of trash can become big problems. Find out safe ways to take care of litter. Do your part to be a planet protector!

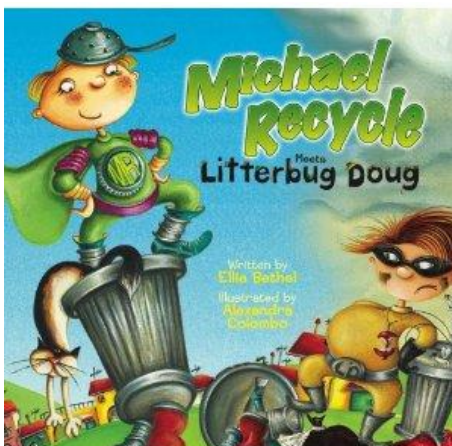
Discover how to reduce, reuse, recycle, and more with Tyler and Trina in the Planet Protectors series, part of the Cloverleaf Books(tm) collection. These nonfiction picture books feature kid-friendly text and illustrations to make learning fun!

Author: Lisa Bullard

11) Michael Recycle (Recycling Super Hero)

Just in time for Earth Day on April 22, Michael Recycle tells the adventures of a young superhero whose power allows him to teach people about recycling. After cleaning up a town, the people declare: "To Michael Recycle! The green-caped crusader, our super-green hero, the planet's new saviour!"

Author: Ellie Bethel

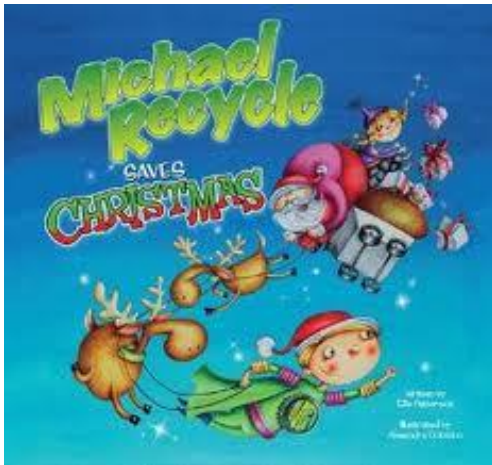
12) Michael Recycle Meets Doug the Litter Bug

Litterbug Doug is lazy. He is wasteful. He is messy. But worst of all, he hates

recycling! The clean and green town where he lives is in danger from his lazy ways, not to mention suffering from the stench released by the mountains of garbage that Doug leaves wherever he goes! So strong is its stink that even the army of rats that follow Doug around are rethinking their friendship with him. It's up to Michael Recycle, planet Earth's green-caped crusader, to show dastardly Doug the error of his ways...before it's too late!

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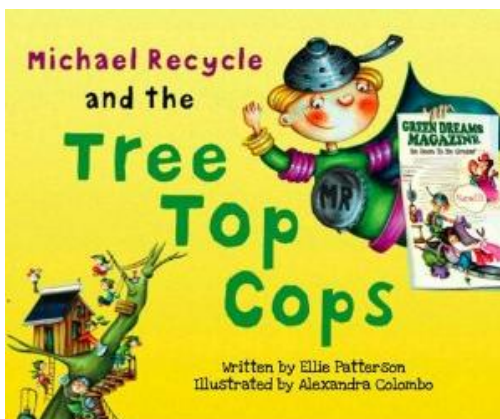
13) Michael Recycle Saves Christmas (Fun themed reuse and recycling book)



Santa is in trouble-the elves are running out of materials to make toys. If something doesn't change fast there won't be any toys for kids this Christmas-each kid will only get one grey sock instead (there aren't enough socks for a pair even!). Cue Michael Recycle, our super green hero, who flies in with a message for Santa: Reuse and Recycle! Whilst Michael teaches the elves to make gifts out of everyday items (bouncing balls out of lots of elastic bands, Christmas decorations from tin cans, bracelets out of paperclips, etc), Solar Lola is busy providing enough light and electricity for the hive of activity that ensues!

Author: Ellie Bethel

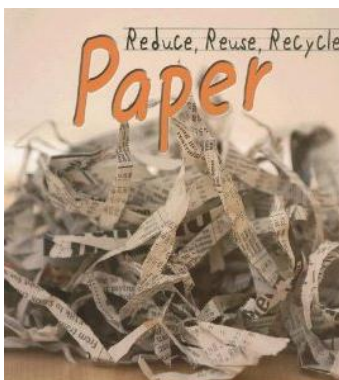
14) Michael Recycle and the Tree Top Cops (Useful to show connection between trees and paper production)



Even super-heroes need a vacation, so where better than one of the world's natural wonders, the great Redwood Forest! But disaster has struck and the forest is under threat... can Michael Recycle and his new friends, the Tree Top Cops, save the day?

Author: Ellie Patterson

15) Paper (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)



Read 'Paper' to discover where paper comes from, how it is made and used, and how paper waste affects the environment. Learn how paper can be reused and recycled, and how to reduce your own paper waste.

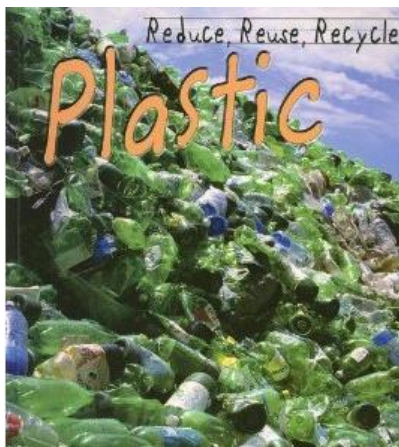
Author: Alexandra Fix

16) Peppa Pig Recycling Fun

This is one of a collection of books (based on the popular animated TV series) about a little pig called

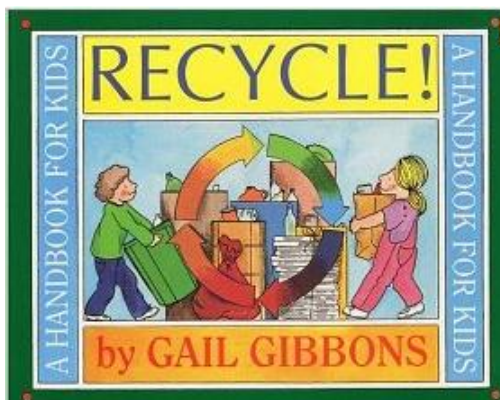
Peppa and her family. The family are woken up by the 'bin men' banging and crashing around early in the morning. Peppa and George help Mummy Pig to tidy up the breakfast things and to sort the bottles and newspapers into different boxes for recycling. The family take the boxes to the recycling centre, where they learn that Miss Rabbit loves to recycle so much that she tries to recycle the family car!

This book encourages young children to recycle using a recognisable character.

17) Plastic (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)

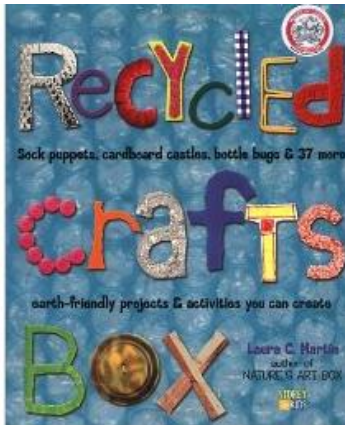
Read 'Plastic' to discover how plastic is made, how it is used, and how plastic waste affects the environment. Learn how plastic can be reused and recycled, and how to reduce your own plastic waste.

Author: Alexandra Fix

18) Recycle!: A Handbook for Kids (The recycling process)

Explains the process of recycling from start to finish and discusses what happens to paper, glass, aluminium cans, and plastic when they are recycled into new products.

Author: Gail Gibbons

19) Recycled Crafts Box (Art)**(For older kids but some great ideas that can be adapted for younger children)**

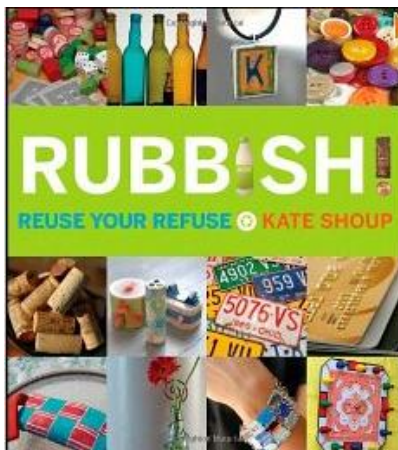
Corrugated Castle, Fancy Foil Fish Mobile, Paper Bead Bangles, Braided Rag Coasters, Old Shoe Flower Pots, Puppy Dog Sock Puppet, with a little imagination, just

about anything we think of as trash can be transformed

into an art project good enough to give as a gift or to keep and treasure yourself. Master crafter Laura C. Martin shows kids how to make art out of the paper, plastic, metal, and cloth we usually consign to the recycling bin or the garbage can.

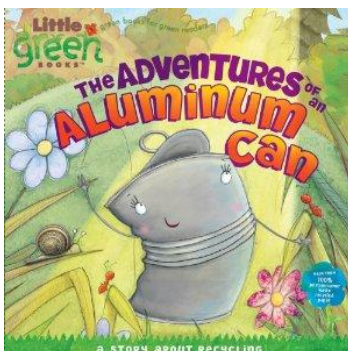
Along the way, Martin offers sidebars on the history of rubbish and profiles of artists whose medium is junk. She passes along important lessons about being a good steward of the Earth. But the lessons are light and fun--never preachy.

Author: Laura C. Martin

20) Rubbish!: Reuse Your Refuse (30 Art projects)

Want to know what goodies you can make with your garbage? This book shows you how to give everyday household items a new life the hip craftster's way. You'll discover how to complete more than 30 creative projects using materials you already have at your disposal, while reducing trash and up-cycling your personal style. From a credit card bracelet to a map photo frame, this fun guide shows you how to create truly one-of-a-kind pieces—one earth-friendly project at a time.

Author: Kate Shoup

21) The Adventures of an Aluminium Can (Written in diary format)

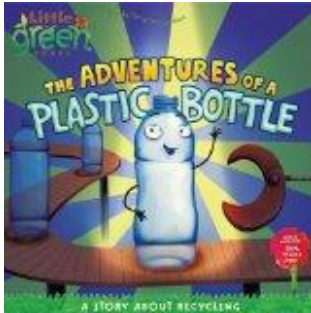
Peek into this diary of an aluminium can as it goes on a journey from inside a bauxite rock, to the

manufacturing line, to the store shelf, to a display on a bookshelf, to a garbage can, and finally to a recycling plant where it emerges into its new life...as a baseball bat!

This 8x8 paperback storybook is told from the point of view of an enthusiastic aluminium can. The diary entries are fun and humorous, yet point out the ecological significance behind each product and the resources used to make it.

Author: Alison Inches

22) The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle (Written in diary format)



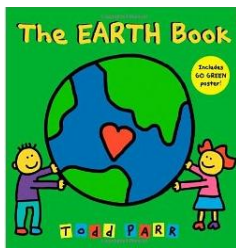
Learn about recycling from a new perspective! Peek into this diary of a plastic bottle as it goes on a

journey from the refinery plant, to the manufacturing line, to the store shelf, to a garbage can, and finally to a recycling plant where it emerges into its new life...as a fleece jacket!

Told from the point of view of a free-spirited plastic bottle, kids can share in the daily experiences and inner thoughts of the bottle through his personal journal. The diary entries will be fun and humorous yet point out the ecological significance behind each product and the resources used to make it. Readers will never look at a plastic bottle the same way again!

Author: Alison Inches

23) The EARTH Book (Tips on how children can "Go Green")



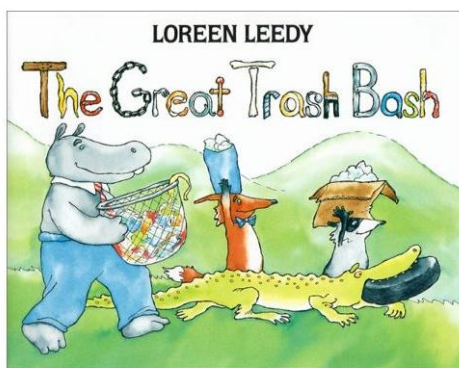
With his signature blend of playfulness and sensitivity, Todd Parr explores the important, timely subject of environmental protection and conservation in this eco-friendly picture book. Featuring a circular die-cut Earth on the cover, and printed entirely with recycled materials and nontoxic soy inks, this book includes lots

of easy, smart ideas on how we can all work together to make the Earth feel good - from planting a tree and using both sides of the paper, to saving energy and reusing old things in new ways.

Best of all, the book includes an interior gatefold with a poster with tips/reminders on how kids can "go green" everyday. Equally whimsical and heartfelt, this sweet homage to our beautiful planet is sure to inspire readers of all ages to do their part in keeping the Earth happy and healthy.

Author: Todd Parr

24) The Great Trash Bash (A recycling story)



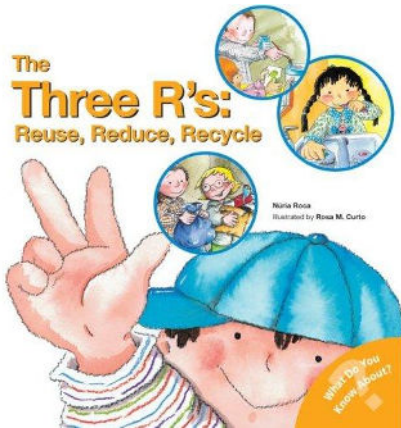
Review 1. Mayor Hippo is very proud of his beautiful city but he knows something is wrong. After slipping on a banana peel, he realizes the problem is trash. Mayor Hippo calls a town meeting and suggests the animals have a trash bash. The citizens of Beaston come up with ideas of their own. They realize they can

recycle items instead of throwing everything away. An excellent book to teach young children about recycling.

Review 2. The Great Trash Bash is an EXCELLENT book. As an informal educator with a non-profit organization, I needed a book that covers waste reduction and recycling in a fun and innovative way. This book not only teaches recycling but many other aspects of the reduce, reuse, recycle, respect loop. Even if teaching about waste issues isn't your "thing" the story is sweet and the illustrations are endearing. Excellent Book.

Author: Loreen Leedy

25) The **Three R's**: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle (**Activities** for children and parents)



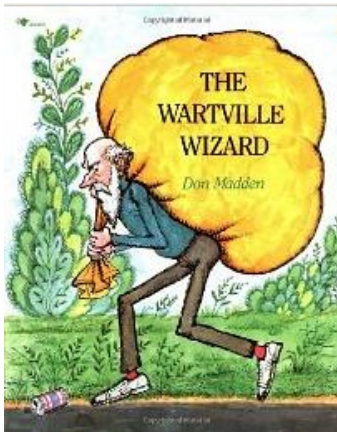
Series: What Do You Know About? Books

Attractive colour illustrations and easy-to-follow text combine to present factual

information that younger boys and girls will readily absorb and understand. The Three R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle is one in a series of four entertaining What Do You Know About? books, for very young children. It describes the ways in which kids and their families can avoid waste and be environmentally conscious. Four pages presenting activities for children appear at the back of the book, followed by a two-page section for parents, with tips on explaining the subject in more detail.

Author: Nuria Roca

26) The Wartville Wizard (**Litter** story)

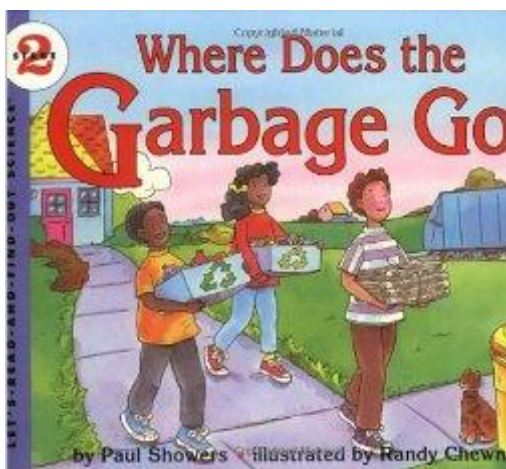


Wartville is being buried in trash! There are soda bottles under the flowers, juice cans by the mailbox, and newspapers along the road. Every day the piles grow higher and higher.

Then one tidy old man realizes he has the power to get rid of all the trash forever. Wartville will finally be cleaned up once and for all!

Author: Don Madden

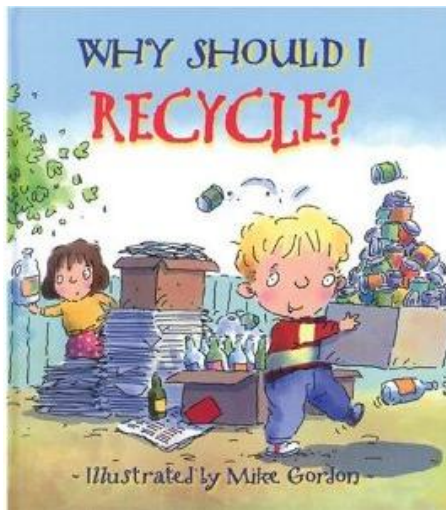
27) Where Does the Garbage Go? (**Waste management**: description, charts, solutions)



Follow that garbage truck!

...to the landfill to see how trash keeps piling up...to the incinerator to see how trash can be turned into energy ... to the recycling centre to see how a soda bottle can be turned into a flowerpot. Filled with graphs, charts, and diagrams, *Where Does the Garbage Go?* explains how we deal with the problem of too much trash and provides ideas for easy ways to be a part of the solution.

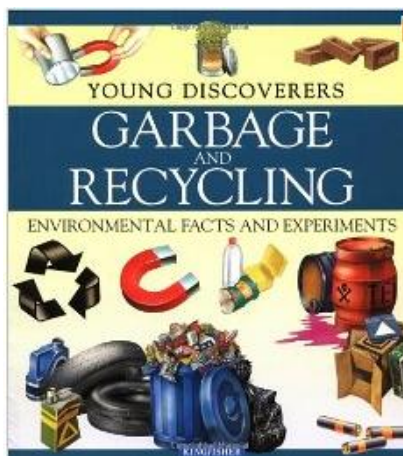
Author: Paul Showers

28) Why Should I Recycle? (Answers children's questions about recycling)

What if everybody threw away old bottles and newspapers, littering the world with glass and plastic and tin cans that should be recycled and made into

new products? Mr. Jones is a teacher who sets a good example for kids by separating his trash for recycling. When he takes them on a class trip to a recycling plant they learn the value of recycling. Part of every child's development involves asking questions. Today, some of the most important questions kids ask are related to the natural environment. The enlightening and entertaining four-book *Why Should I?* series demonstrates the importance of protecting nature. Books present brief, entertaining stories that answer children's questions and feature amusing colour illustrations on every page. A note at the back of each book is for parents and teachers, suggesting ways to use these books most effectively.

Author: Jen Green

29) Garbage and Recycling (Young Discoverers: Environmental Facts and Experiments)

Explaining the difference between biodegradable and non-biodegradable garbage, this book shows how glass, metal, and wool can be easily recycled. How Can I Help? Boxes give suggestions for the young environmentalist who wants to recycle at home.

Author: Rosie Harlow and Sally Morgan