

# Stories About Nature

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*Story and Nature Adventure Resource Guide for the Younger Child*

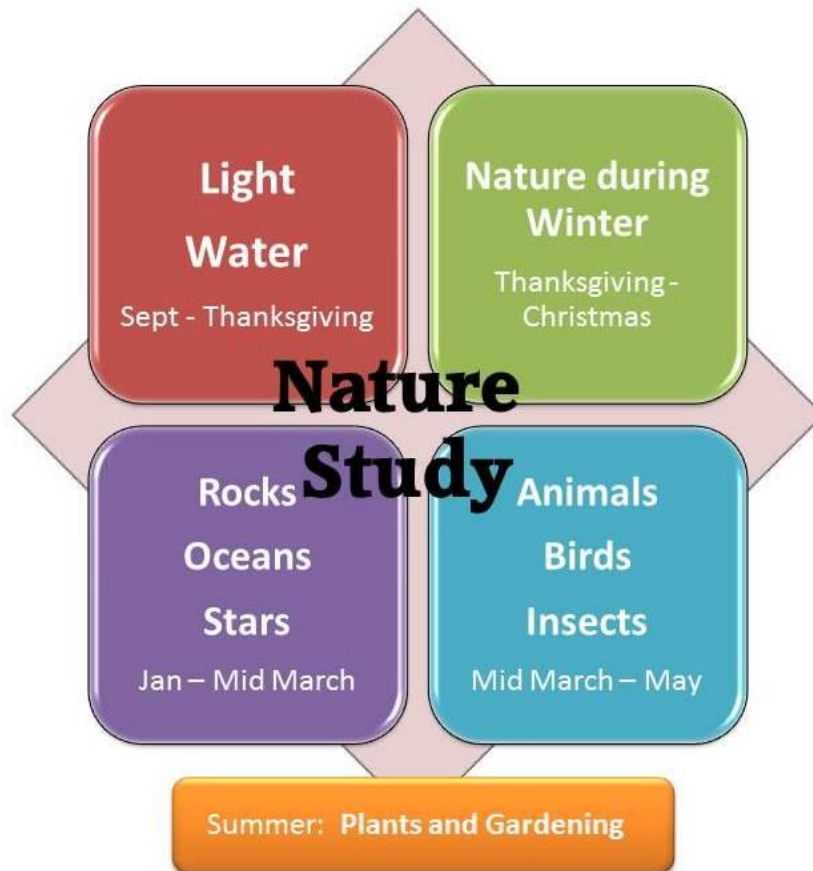
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*The stories in this guide are organized by the following themes:*



*Includes stories from*

*The Forgotten Classics  
from Libraries of Hope*

*My Book House*

*Childcraft Encyclopedias*

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*Also includes:*

*Nature Journaling  
from The Good and the Beautiful*

*Science Experiments  
from In the Beginning by Dr. Jay Wile  
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In addition to the nature and animal stories that are listed by theme in the following guide, may we also recommend the following stories, especially suited for children younger than 8 years old. These stories may be read any time during the year and will make a wonderful contribution to your enriched story time for nature study.

*James Herriot's Treasury for Children*

*James Herriot's All Creatures Great and Small Series*

- *All Creatures Great and Small*
- *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
- *All Things Wise and Wonderful*
- *The Lord God Made Them All*
  - *Every Living Thing*

*Among the People Series by Clara Dillingham Pierson*

- *Among the Forest People*
- *Among the Farmyard People*
- *Among the Meadow People*
  - *Among the Pond People*
- *Among the Night People*

*The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter: The 23 Original Peter Rabbit Books*

*The Burgess Animal Book for Children*

*The Burgess Bird Book for Children*

*The Burgess Seashore Book for Children*

*Favorite Animal Stories by Thornton W. Burgess*

- *The Adventures of Peter Cottontail*
- *The Adventures of Danny Meadow Mouse*
  - *The Adventures of Happy Jack*
- *The Adventures of Grandfather Frog*
  - *The Adventures of Reddy Fox*
- *The Adventures of Jerry Muskrat*
- *The Adventures of Jimmy Skunk*
- *The Adventure of Johnny Chuck*
- *The Adventures of Bobby Raccoon*
- *The Adventures of Prickly Porky*
- *The Adventures of Old Man Coyote*
  - *Old Mother West Wind*

**September – Thanksgiving**  
**The First and Second Day of the Creation**

**The Good and the Beautiful – Nature Notebook**

- Fall Field Notes
  - Describe It!
  - Using Your Senses
  - Fall Leaves
  - Asking Questions in Fall
  - Fall Nature Walk Hunt

**My Book House – Book 2: Story Time**

- The Twilight (poem)
- Come, Little Leaves (poem)

**My Book House – Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs**

- Clouds (poem)
- The Brook Song (poem)

**My Book House – Book 5: Over the Hills**

- We Thank Thee (poem)

**Childcraft – Book 1: Once Upon a Time**

- How many colors? (poems about colors)

**Childcraft – Book 2: Time to Read**

- Something Told the Wild Geese (poem)
- Autumn (poem)
- End-of-Summer Poem
- Daylight-Saving Time (poem)\_

**Science in the Beginning by Dr. Jay Wile**

- The First Day of the Creation
  - Let There Be Light!
  - The Colors of the Creation
  - Absorbing and Reflecting
  - Light and Energy
  - Learning More About Light That is Reflected and Absorbed
  - Energy Conversion in Creation
  - More on the Law of Energy Conservation
  - The Light You Do Not See
  - How the Human Eye Sees
  - Reflection, Absorption and What Else?
  - How the Amount of Light Affects What You See
  - Guiding Light
  - Light Can Carry Information
  - Refraction
  - Refraction and Magnification
- The Second Day of the Creation
  - Water and the Expanse
  - Solids and Liquids
  - Why Things Float
  - Will It Float?
  - Water in Its Gas Phase
  - Water Is Cohesive and Adhesive
  - What is Water?
  - What is a Solution?
  - Other Kinds of Solutions
  - Don't Forget About Air
  - Sometimes Hot Air is Good!
  - Some Weighty Truths
  - Air Pressure
  - Wind
  - Temperature

## **Thanksgiving - Christmas Nature in Winter**

### **The Good and the Beautiful – Nature Notebook**

- Winter Field Notes
  - Describe It!
  - Clouds
  - Winter Poetry
  - Animals and Insects in Winter
  - Snow!
  - Winter Where You Live

### **The Forgotten Classics – Story Hour Series**

- Stories of Nature - Animals
  - What Little Furred and Feathered Folds Do in Winter
  - Stories in the Snow
  - The Long Sleep
- Stories of Nature – Stories of Winter Stars
  - Story of the Royal Family
  - Story of the Fishes
  - Story of the Pleiades
  - Story of the Seven Little Indian Boys
  - Why the Stars Twinkle
  - Flower of Heaven
  - Number of the Stars
  - Distance of the Stars
  - What are the Stars Made Of?
  - Our Island Universe

- “God Bless the Star”

### **The Forgotten Classics – Nature, Arts, and Music Series**

- Stories of Animals
  - The Bear, “One That Sleeps All Winter”

### **My Book House – Book 2: Story Time**

- Jack Frost (poem)
- Snow (poem)
- Wee Robin’s Christmas Song (Scottish Folk Tale)

### **Childcraft – Book 2: Time to Read**

- Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening (poem)
- First Snow (poem)
- They’ve All Gone South (poem)
- Winter Moon (poem)
- When All the World is Full of Snow (poem)

**January – Mid March**  
**Rocks, Oceans, and Stars**  
**The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Days of the Creation**

**The Good and the Beautiful – Nature Journal**

- Winter Field Notes
  - Rocks
  - Using Your Senses
  - Winter Bingo

**The Forgotten Classics – Nature, Art, and Music Series**

- Stories of Rocks
- Stories of Ocean and Sea Life
- Stories of the Stars

**The Forgotten Classics – Poetry for the Well Educated Heart**

- Poems: Nature – Stars, page 32-40
- Poems: Nature – Rocks, page 40 – 43
- Poems: Nature – Ocean and Sea Life, page 43 – 50

**The Forgotten Classics – Story Hour Series**

- Stories of Nature
  - Sea Life
    - The Star-Fish Takes a Summer Journey
    - Coraltown on Roncador Bank
    - Little Sunshine
    - Live and Let Live
    - Sea-Anemonies and Corals
  - Rocks
    - What the Earth is Made of
    - The Record of the Rocks
    - The Clue Found in the Rocks
    - A Handful of Sand
  - Stars
    - Stories of Starland

- The Story of the Giant Sun
- The Family of Giant Sun
- A Ramble on the Moon
- The Planet Mars
- Story of Jupiter and His Moons
- The Giant Planets
- A Country Road
- A Holiday Lesson

**My Book House – Book 2: Story Time**

- Moon, So Round and Yellow (poem)
- The Star (poem)

**My Book House – Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs**

- The Wind and the Sun (Aesop's fables)

**My Book House – Book 5: Over the Hills**

- Why the Sea is Salt (Norse Folk Tale)

**Childcraft – Book 1: Once Upon a Time**

- Moon-in-Water (poem)
- Starts (poem)
- The Star (poem)

**Childcraft – Book 2: Time to Read**

- Until I Saw the Sea (poem)
- The Sea (poem)
- Sea Gull (poem)
- The Night Will Never Stay (poem)
- Questions at Night (poem)
- Firefly (poem)
- Night (poem)
- The Falling Star (poem)
- A Kite (poem)
- The Wind (poem)
- Who Has Seen the Wind? (poem)
- Windy Nights (poem)

**Childcraft – Book 4: World and Space  
In the Beginning by Dr. Jay Wile**

- The Third Day of the Creation
  - Land, Sea, and Plants
  - More Dirt on Soil
  - The Rock Cycle
  - The Water in the Sea
  - More on Seawater
  - Salt and Ice
  - Hypothesis and Experiment
- The Fourth Day of the Creation
  - The Sun
  - Using the Sun to Mark Time
  - Colors in the Sky
  - What is Moving?
  - All of Earth's Motion
  - The Solar System
  - More on the Solar System
  - The Moon
  - How Big Is It?
  - Eclipses
  - Apparent Brightness
  - Where Do the Stars Go During the Day?
  - Ultra Violet Light from the Sun
  - Looking at the Sun
  - How Do we Know What is In the Sun?



**Mid March - May**  
**Animals, Birds, and Insects**  
**The 5<sup>th</sup> Day of the Creation**

**The Good and the Beautiful – Nature Journal**

- Spring Field Notes
  - Describe It!
  - Using Your Senses
  - Spring Bingo
  - Seed Collection
  - Spring Nature Walk Hunt
- Summer Field Notes
  - Bird Facts
  - Bird Study
- Anytime Field Notes
  - Ant Study

**The Forgotten Classics – Nature, Art, and Music Series**

- Stories of Animals
- Stories of Birds
- Stories of Insects

**The Forgotten Classics – Poetry for the Well Educated Heart**

- Nature: Animals
- Nature: Birds
- Nature: Insects

**The Forgotten Classics – Story Hour Series**

- Stories of Nature
  - Birds
    - The Martins
    - The Young Birds
    - The Bird Room
    - The Bird That Would Not Be Free
    - My First Bird
    - The Lost Baby
    - The White Owls
  - Animals
    - Animals Who Live in Houses

- Bird and Animal Doctors
- The Snake
- My First Pond
- Insects
  - The Little White House on Bee Street
  - The Wasps
  - The Field Poppy and the Wild Bee
  - The Earwig
  - The Tent Caterpillars and Their Nests
  - The Leaf-Cutter Bee
  - A Small But Valuable Friend
  - The Tomato Worm
  - Senses of Ants

**My Book House – Book 2: Story Time**

- The Magpie's Nest (An English Folk Tale)
- Spring Songs from the Bible
- A Song for Easter (poem)
- The Bird's Convention (poem)
- How the Finch Got Her Colors (A Flemish Legend)

**My Book House – Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs**

- Bucky, the Big, Bold Fawn (story)
- How the Brazilian Beetles Got Their Gorgeous Coats (Brazilian Folk Tale)

**My Book House – Book 5: Over the Hills**

- The Sea Gull (poem)

**Childcraft – Book 2: Time to Read**

- Rain (poem)
- Spring Rain (poem)

- The Eensy, Weensy Spider (poem)
- Hurt No Living Thing (poem)
- The Frog (poem)

#### **Childcraft – Book 3: Stories and Poems**

- The Codfish (poem)
- Bees (poem)
- The Puffin (poem)
- The Wee Little Worm (poem)
- The Hummingbird (poem)
- The Hound (poem)
- The Lizard (poem)
- The Frog (poem)
- Wind-Wolves (poem)
- The Wolf (poem)
- The Wolf Cry (poem)
- The Prayer of the Little Bird (poem)

#### **Childcraft – Book 5: About Animals**

#### **In the Beginning by Dr. Jay Wile**

- The Fifth Day of the Creation
  - Classification
  - Saltwater and Freshwater

- Osmosis and Diffusion
- Vertebrates and Invertebrates
- Some Ways the Invertebrates Move in the Water
- How Most Vertebrates move in the Water
- From the Water to the Air
- Waterproofing Feathers
- The Basics of Flight
- Takeoff and Thrust
- Designed for Flight, Parts I and II
- Other Bird Design Features
- Eggs
- Hatching Eggs
- The Sixth Day of the Creation
  - Land Animals and People
  - Legs
  - No Legs
  - Land Vertebrates
  - More on Insulation

**June - August**  
**Plants, Trees, and Gardening**  
**The 4<sup>th</sup> Day of the Creation**

**The Good and the Beautiful - Nature Journal**

- Spring Field Notes
  - Flower Facts
  - Flower Parts
  - Tree Study
  - Tree Poetry
- Summer Field Notes
  - Describe It
  - Using Your Senses
  - Summer Bingo
  - Summer Poetry
  - Summer Nature Walk Hunt
  - Leaf Facts
  - Leaf Study
  - Leaf Edge
  - Leaf Rubbing
  - Leaf Shapes
  - Leaf Poetry
- Anytime Field Notes
  - Bark Study
  - Bark Rubbing

**The Forgotten Classics – Nature, Art, and Music Series**

- Stories of Gardening
- Stories of Plants and Trees

**The Forgotten Classics – Story Hour Series**

- Stories of Nature
  - Stories of the Summer Stars

**The Forgotten Classics – Poetry for the Well-Educated Heart**

- Nature Poems, page 29-32
- Nature: Flowers/Plants/Trees, page 50-69

**My Book House- Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs**

- The Wonderful World (poem)

**Childcraft – Book 2: Time to Read**

- June! (poem)
- The Sun is Stuck (poem)

**Childcraft – Book 6 – The Green Kingdom**

**In the Beginning by Dr. Jay Wile**

- The Third Day of the Creation
  - Plants: The Beginning
  - Plants: The First Stage of Germination
  - Plants: More on Roots and Germination
  - Plants: Leaves, Water, and Transpiration
  - Plants: The Importance of Leaves
  - Plants: How They Store Their Food
  - Plants: Movement
  - Plants: Examining a Leaf