

Stories About Nature

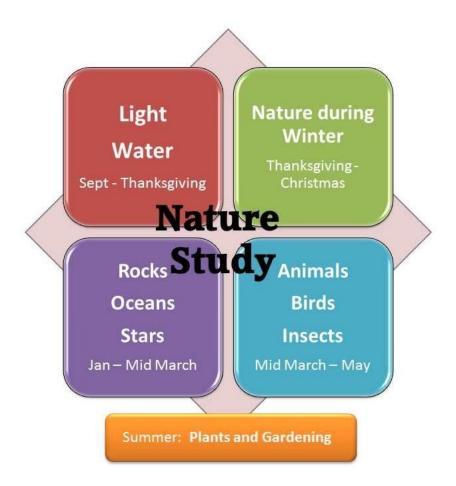
Story and Nature Adventure Resource Guide for the Younger Child

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



Includes stories from:

Forgotten Classics Family Library from Libraries of Hope

My Book House

Childcraft Encyclopedias

Also includes:

Nature Journaling from **The Good and the Beautiful**

Science Experiments from <u>In the Beginning</u> by Dr. Jay Wile **Berean Builders**

*The Forgotten Classics Family Library includes poetry and stories designed for younger children. These collected treasures focus on imagination, teach valuable moral lessons, and are meant to be read aloud. They can be purchased from librariesofhope.com

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: Light and Water The Sixth Day: The Human Body

The Good and the Beautiful - Nature Notebook

Fall Field Notes

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

The Good and the Beautiful - Science

- Introduction to Energy
- Energy, Light, Heat, and Sound
- Water and Our World
- The Human Body
- Safety

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

- o Let There Be Light!
- The Colors of the Creation
- Absorbing and Reflecting
- Light and Energy
- Learning More About Light That is Reflected and Absorbed
- o Energy Conversion in Creation
- More on the Law of Energy Conservation
- o 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
- o Refraction
- o Refraction and Magnification

• The Second Day of the Creation

- Water and the Expanse
- Solids and Liquids
- Why Things Float
- o Will It Float?
- Water in Its Gas Phase
- Water Is Cohesive and Adhesive
- o What is Water?
- O What is a Solution?
- Other Kinds of Solutions
- Don't Forget About Air
- Sometimes Hot Air is Good!
- Some Weighty Truths
- Air Pressure
- o Wind
- Temperature

Thanksgiving - Christmas Nature in Winter

The Good and the Beautiful - Nature Notebook

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

Forgotten Classics Family Library – Story Hour Series

- <u>Stories of Nature</u> 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
 - o Flower of Heaven
 - Number of the Stars
 - Distance of the Stars
 - O What are the Stars Made Of?
 - Our Island Universe

o "God Bless the Star"

Forgotten Classics Family Library – 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 2nd and 3rd Days of the Creation

The Good and the Beautiful - Nature Journal

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

The Good and the Beautiful - Science

- Space Science
- Meteorology: Weather and Atmosphere

Forgotten Classics Family Library – Nature, Art, and Music Series

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

<u>Poetry for the Well-Educated Heart</u> from Libraries of Hope

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

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

Mid March - May Animals, Birds, and Insects The 5th Day of the Creation

The Good and the Beautiful - Nature Journal

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

The Good and the Beautiful – Science

• Anthropods

Forgotten Classics Family Library – Nature, Art, and Music Series

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

<u>Poetry for the Well-Educated Heart from</u> Libraries of Hope

Nature: AnimalsNature: BirdsNature: Insects

Forgotten Classics Family Library – 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
 - o From the Water to the Air
 - Waterproofing Feathers
 - o The Basics of Flight
 - o Takeoff and Thrust
 - Designed for Flight, Parts I and II
 - Other Bird Design Features
 - Eggs
 - Hatching Eggs
- The Sixth Day of the Creation
 - o Land Animals and People
 - Legs
 - o No Legs
 - Land Vertebrates
 - o More on Insulation

June - August Plants, Trees, and Gardening The 4th 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
 - o Bark Study
 - Bark Rubbing

Forgotten Classics Family Library – Nature, Art, and Music Series

- Stories of Gardening
- Stories of Plants and Trees

Forgotten Classics Family Library – Story Hour Series

- Stories of Nature
 - o Stories of the Summer Stars

<u>Poetry for the Well-Educated Heart</u> from Libraries of Hope

- 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
 - o 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: MovementPlants: Examining a Leaf