

Forest Module Print Resources for Students

Ages 4 through 8

Fiction

George, Kristine O'Connell. *Old Elm speaks: Tree Poems*. Houghton Mifflin Company, 1998. Short simple poems presenting images of trees, illustrated with paintings; good for reading aloud.

Gile, John. *The First Forest*. John Gile Communications, 1989. Story about greed versus caring with trees as characters.

McGee, Marni. *Forest Child*. Simon and Schuster, 1994. Rich paintings illustrate the story of a boy lost in the woods and cared for by animals.

Romanova, Natalia. *Once There Was a Tree*. E.P. Dutton, 1992. A richly illustrated story of a tree stump and its inhabitants and environs.

Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Nothing Here But Trees*. Dial Books for Young Readers, 1998. A pioneer family makes a new home in the forested land of Ohio in the early 19th century.

Non-Fiction

Armbruster, Ann. *Wildfires*. Watts, 1996. Types of fires, technologies, controversies.

Arnold, Caroline. *A Walk in the Woods*. Silver Press, 1990. Plants and animals, how the forest changes with the seasons.

Arnosky, Jim. *Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing the Trees*. Simon and Schuster, 1992. An old woodland character describes the parts of a tree, differences between forest types and their inhabitants.

Beame, Rona and Lionel Kalish. *Backyard Explorer Leaf and Tree Guide with Book*. Workman Publishing Company, Inc., 1989. Discusses types and life cycles of trees, how they function, how to collect and preserve leaves, and presents some projects to do.

Gafney, Michael. *Secret Forests*. Artists, 1994. Discover insects in their habitat.

George, Lindsay Barrett. *In the Woods: Who's Been Here?* Greenwillow, 1995. On a walk in the autumn woods, observe traces of creature activity, nests, food, cocoons.

Hankin, Rosie. *Up the Tall Tree*. Raintree/Steck-Vaughn, 1996. About the creatures that live in trees.

Kirkpatrick, Rena. *Leaves*. Raintree/Steck-Vaughn Publishers, 1992. Introduces the various types of leaves.

Kittinger, Jo S. *Dead Log Alive!* Watts, 1996. Investigate the insects, birds, mammals, bacteria, and fungi that inhabit fallen trees.

Lauber, Patricia. *Be a Friend to Trees*. HarperCollins Children's Books, 1993. Discusses trees as sources of food, oxygen, and products.

Locker, Thomas. *Sky Tree: Seeing Science Through Art*. HarperCollins Publisher, Inc., 1995. Paintings show a tree in different seasons, with accompanying text and questions for the reader.

Nardi, James. *Once Upon a Tree: Life from Treetop to Roof Tops*. A detailed introduction to the balanced ecosystem of life that can be found in a neighborhood tree.

Prevost, John. *Walnut Trees*. ABDO Publishing Company, 1998. Information about the parts of a walnut tree and its economic uses.

Silver, Donald. *Woods (One Small Square)*. McGraw-Hill, 1997. How to investigate clues to fauna in the woods, what to find in a deciduous tree.

Ages 9-12

Fiction

Babbit, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1988. (English, Spanish, audio). The adventures of a ten-year-old who meets people in the forest who have found the fountain of youth. Teaches about the cycle of nature.

Frost, Robert. *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*. E.P. Dutton, 1985. Picturebook adaptation of the poem for all ages.

Jarrell, Randall, and Sendak, Maurice (illus.). *The Bat-Poet*. HarperCollins Juvenile Books, 1996. It is the story of an 'artist' who discovers new wonders (the activities of diurnal animals) and wants to share them with his friends.

Paulsen, Gary. *Brian's Winter*. (sequel to *Hatchet*). Laurel Leaf, 1998. An alternative ending to *Hatchet*, Brian must winter in the woods and uses Native American techniques to survive.

Paulsen, Gary. *Hatchet*. Aladdin, 1996. (English, Spanish, audio) A thirteen-year-old boy is lost in the woods for 54 days after a plane crash. He has only a hatchet to help him survive.

Non-Fiction

Animals in the Forest. Raintree Publications, 1987. Describes creatures that inhabit the woodlands.

Burns, Marjorie and Cassie, Brian. *National Audubon Society First Field Guide to Trees*. Scholastic, Inc., 1999. a visual guide to the science of trees as well as a field guide.

Field, Nancy, et al. *Ancient Forests: Discovering Nature*. Dog Eared Publications, 1995. Forests and ecology, with black and white drawings and 16 activity sheets.

Hirschi, Ron. *Faces in the Forest*. Dutton children's Books, 1997. Introduces the various animals that live in the forest of the United States.

Kalman, Bobbie. *Forest Mammals* (the North American Wildlife Series) Crabtree Publications, 1987. Learn about a forest ecosystem; with illustrations by wildlife artist Glen Loates.

Mania, Cathy. *A Forest's Life: from Meadow to Mature Woodland*. Franklin Watts, 1997. Information on broadleaf, intermediate forests, other plants; with activities.

Sayre, April. *Temperate Deciduous Forests*. Twentieth Century Books, 1995. Filled with facts and projects; good for reports for grades 5-8. See also her books, *Taiga* and *Tundra*.

For Advanced Readers

Audubon, John James, Elliott Coues, and Maria A. Audubon. *Audubon and His Journals*. Two volumes. Dover, 1994. Audubon kept journals as he travelled through the United States sketching and painting birds and mammals.

Streshinsky, Shirley. *Audubon: Life and Art in the American Wilderness*. University of Georgia Press, 1998.

For Teachers

Smithsonian Institution. *Collecting Their Thoughts: Using Museums as Resources for Students Writing*.