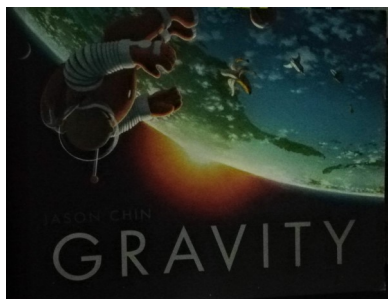


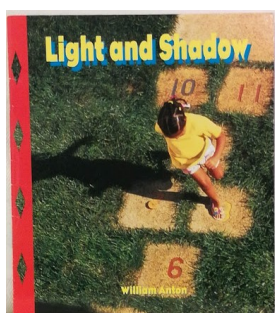
Books to Check Out—Our World (Science)



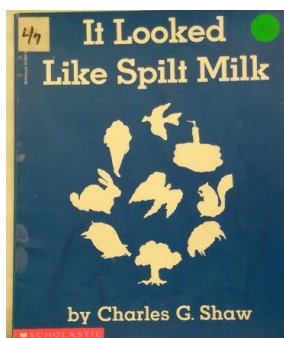
Excellent first book for preschool introduction to space.



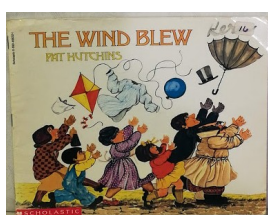
A pendulum works from gravity.



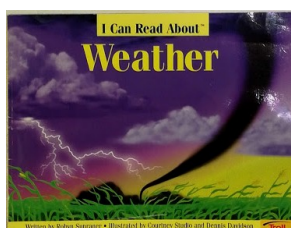
Excellent simple text for early learning (and later beginning readers). Discusses light and shadows. Part of a series, title listed inside back cover.



Creative cloud watching. Good for developing sense of seeing and imagination. Simple repetitive text, DRA reading level 7-8 (1st grade), but a great read aloud for younger children or family reading, before you go cloud watching, picnic or otherwise..



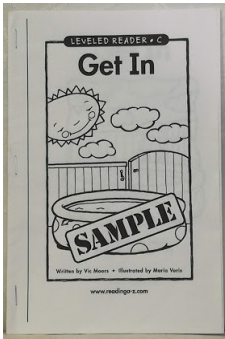
Engaging story and illustrations. Simple rhyming text. DRA reading level 16 (2nd grade), but don't wait til then to read this together!



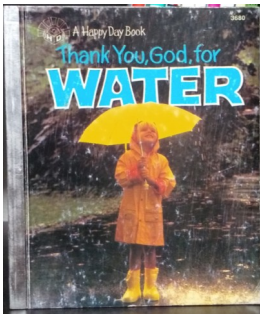
A browsing book for early learners (look at the pictures together and talk about them). One of a series, listed on the back cover.



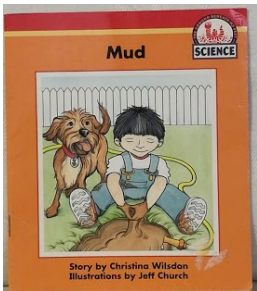
Weather, consequences, and coping strategies. Simple repeating phonetic and sight word text. Barron's Reader's Clubhouse level 1: 5 books that cover a single short-vowel sound; 4 more books put all the sounds together. List of titles inside back cover. Includes fun facts about the heat at the end of the story, as well as an animal fan making activity.



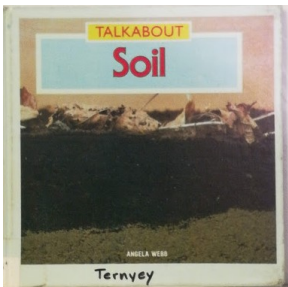
Water, volume, etc. Simple repeating text with a fun ending. Black and white illustrations could be colored. Part of an excellent leveled reading program at www.readinga-z.com.



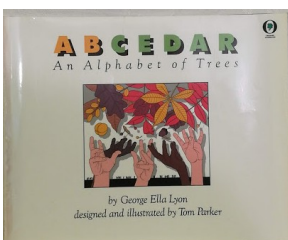
Simple brief text, read aloud to young children, tells about water needs and uses. Great full color, full page photos. List of Happy Day book titles by Standard Publishing, inside back cover.



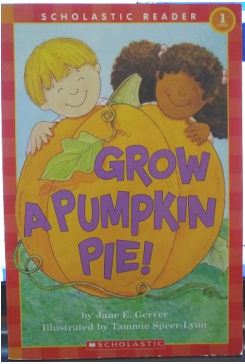
Earth Science: fun intro for discussion about mud for earliest learners (as well as thoughtful, responsible behavior). Very simple rhyming text. Other titles in the series listed inside back cover.



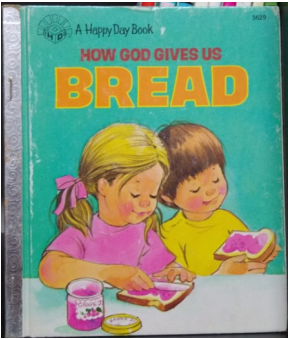
Earth Science: excellent read aloud for preschoolers (could be read in multiple sittings). Includes ideas for hands-on science. Great springboard for garden science.



Alphabetical exploration of trees—their leaves, their shape and size (compared to silhouette people). Some showing flowers, fruits. Excellent springboard to dive into leaf gathering walks, leaf/flower pressing, and multitudinous tree experiences. A good follow-up would be The Giving Tree.



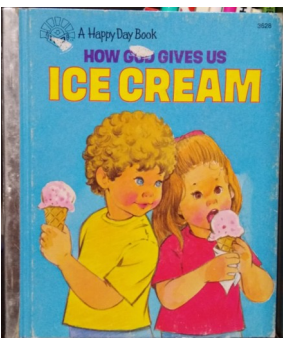
Minimal, rhyming text in large font, follows pumpkin development from seed to pie. Some activities at the end. Cute illustrations. Level 1: "simple words & short sentences for the newest readers."



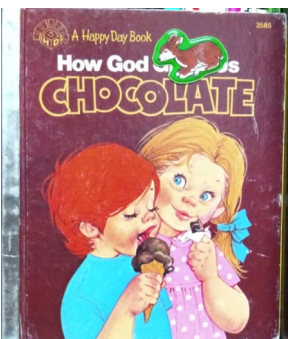
Brief rhyming text in a large font follows bread from farm/seeds through commercial production to the store and home. Fairly realistic illustrations. More book titles inside back cover.



Simple brief rhyming text follows peanuts from farm through commercial production of peanut butter, to the store and home. Rhymes are a little strained, but a good explanation of peanut plant development and preparation. Fairly realistic illustrations. Additional titles inside back cover.

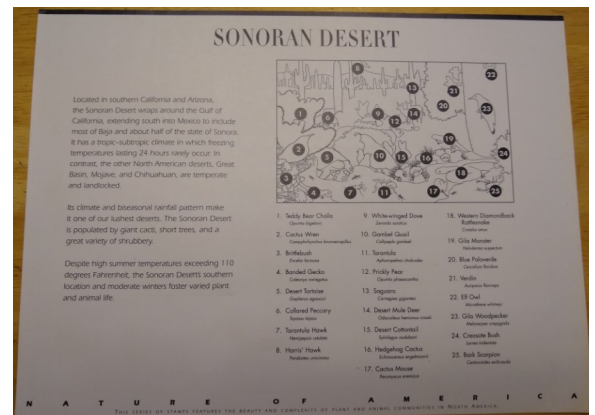
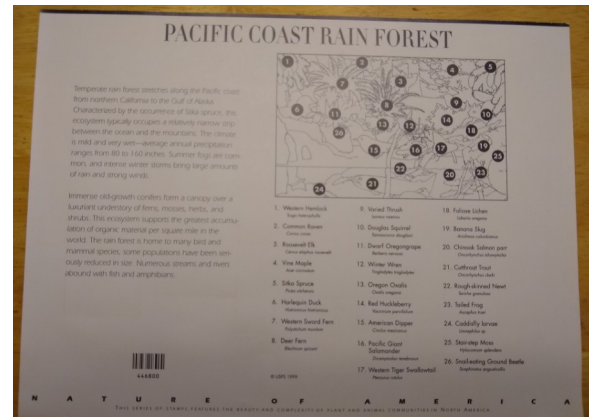
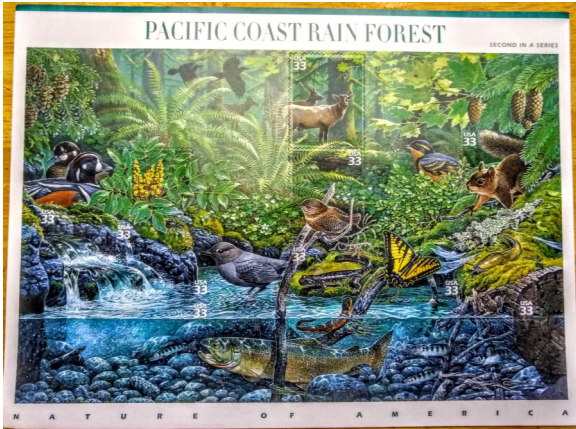


Simple brief rhyming explanation of the ingredients and making of ice cream from the farm to the store, and homemade ice cream. Fairly realistic illustrations, rhymes somewhat strained. More titles inside back cover.



Simple brief unrhymed text in large font explains how chocolate grows, and where, and follows it through commercial processing. Fairly realistic illustrations. Additional titles inside back cover.

The US Post Office did a series of habitat stamps. Couldn't afford to get them all at the time, but what a great resource!



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