

**Green Wish's**  
**Green Book List for Grades 4-6**

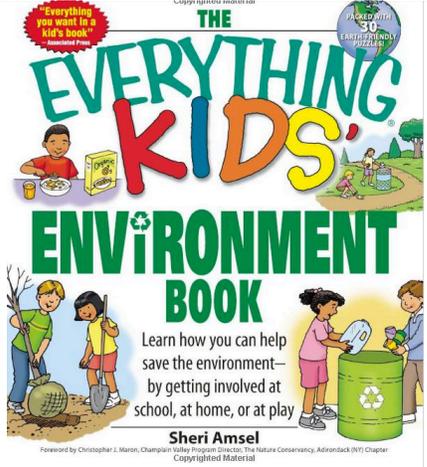
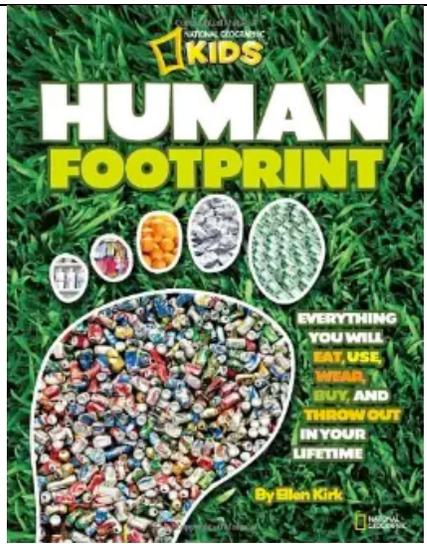


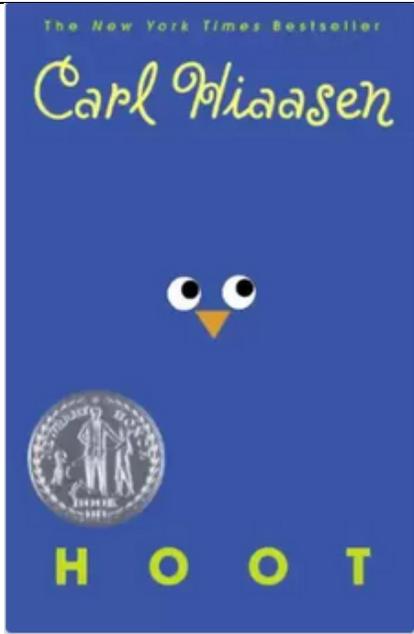
***Earth-friendly reading for all***



## Green Wish's Green Book List for 4-6th Grade

There are many “green” books that appeal to fourth-sixth graders! This list supplements Green Wish’s *My Green Book Report: Reading Activities for Primary Students*, and can be used by teachers in the classroom or by parents at home to bring a little green knowledge and fun into the lives of young children! Please continue to visit [www.GreenWish.com](http://www.GreenWish.com) for other sources of earth-friendly education.

Book	Description
	<p><b>Title:</b> The Everything Kids' Environment Book</p> <p><b>Author:</b> Sheri Amsel</p> <p><b>Publisher:</b> Adams Media</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 9 and up</p> <p><b>Description:</b>            Everything we do has an impact on the world around us—from the clothes we wear and food we eat to the gardens we grow and the trash we throw away. And to take the best care of the earth—and ourselves—it's important to make smart choices. With <i>The Everything Kids' Environment Book</i>, you'll find out what you can do every day to help protect our planet. You'll also learn why the rainforest is so important to us, how animals go extinct, and what environmentalists can tell us about taking good care of our world.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> <i>Human Footprint: Everything You Will Eat, Use, Wear, Buy and Throw Out in Your Lifetime</i></p> <p><b>Publisher:</b> National Geographic</p> <p><b>Age Range:</b> 8-12</p> <p><b>Description:</b>            What is your human footprint? Well, it's 13,056 pints of milk, 28,433 showers, 12,888 oranges, 14,518 candy bars, and \$52,972 worth of clothes, all in one lifetime. Makes you want to step more lightly on the planet! Perfectly timed for Earth Day, this book doesn't preach or judge, but simply shows kids—in an exciting, visual way—how humans interact with the environment and how we can lessen our impact. Astonishing photography captures the full picture of consumption, documenting all the diapers you wore as a baby, the bread you'll eat in a lifetime, and the cans you'll recycle, based on national averages.</p>



**Title:** *HOOT*

**Author:** Carl Hiaasen

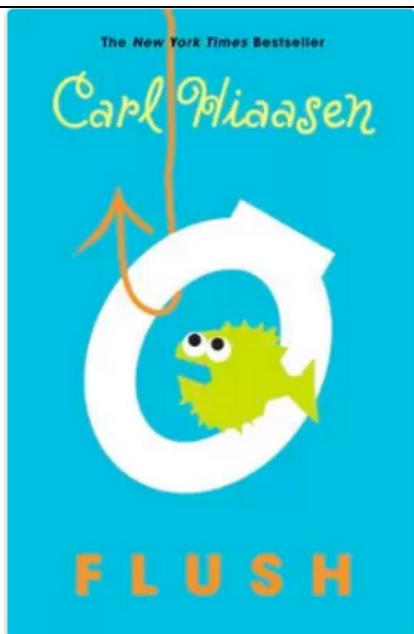
**Illustrator:**

**Publisher:** Knopf Books

**Age Range:** 10-15

**Description:**

Unfortunately, Roy's first acquaintance in Florida is Dana Matherson, a well-known bully. Then again, if Dana hadn't been sinking his thumbs into Roy's temples and mashing his face against the school-bus window, Roy might never have spotted the running boy. And the running boy is intriguing: he was running away from the school bus, carried no books, and—here's the odd part—wore no shoes. Sensing a mystery, Roy sets himself on the boy's trail. The chase introduces him to potty-trained alligators, a fake-fart champion, some burrowing owls, a renegade eco-avenger, and several extremely poisonous snakes with unnaturally sparkling tails.



**Title:** *Flush*

**Author:** Carl Hiaasen

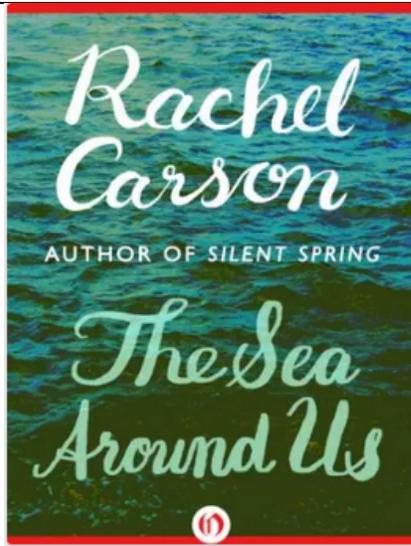
**Publisher:** Knopf Books

**Age Range:** 9-15

**Description:** Bestselling novelist Carl Hiaasen is back with another hysterical mystery adventure for young readers, set in the Florida Keys.

You know it's going to be a rough summer when you spend Father's Day visiting your dad in the local lockup.

Noah's dad is sure that the owner of the *Coral Queen* casino boat is flushing raw sewage into the harbor—which has made taking a dip at the local beach like swimming in a toilet. He can't prove it though, and so he decides that sinking the boat will make an effective statement. Right. The boat is pumped out and back in business within days and Noah's dad is stuck in the clink.



**Title:** *The Sea Around Us*

**Author:** Rachel Carson

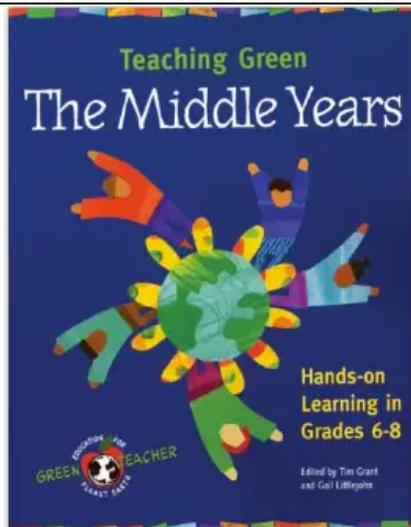
**Publisher:** Open Road Media

**Age Range:** 10-up

**Description:**

Rachel Carson's National Book Award-winning classic effortlessly mingles detailed fieldwork and inspiring prose to reveal a deep understanding of the earth's most precious, mysterious resource—the ocean.

With more than one million copies sold, Rachel Carson's *The Sea Around Us* became a cultural phenomenon when first published in 1951 and cemented Carson's status as the preeminent natural history writer of her time. Her inspiring, intimate writing plumbs the depths of an enigmatic world—a place of hidden lands, islands newly risen from the earth's crust, fish that pour through the water, and the unyielding, epic battle for survival.



**Title:** *Teaching Green, The Middle Years*

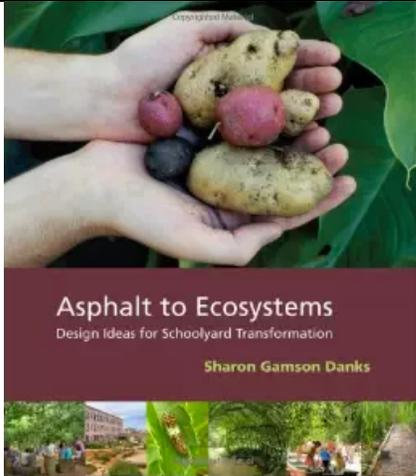
**Author:** Tim Grant & Gail Littlejohn

**Publisher:** Stenhouse

**Age Range:** 11-14

**Description:**

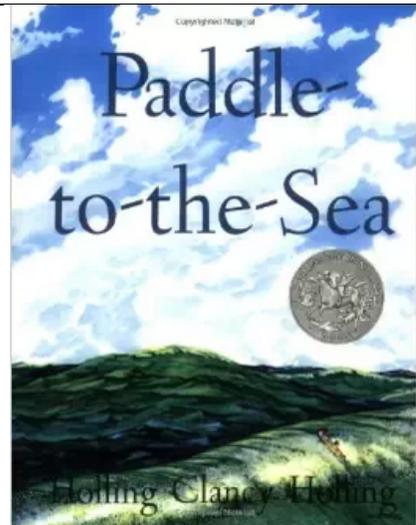
For anyone working with young people in grades six through eight—whether inside or outside schools—*Teaching Green* contains over fifty of the best activities and teaching strategies contributed to *Green Teacher* magazine over the last ten years by educators from across North America. Organized into "green teaching" categories, the book offers a host of ideas for hands-on learning about biodiversity, ecology, resource consumption, green technology and the world around us. This collection will inspire educators who are seeking innovative strategies for incorporating "green" themes into their programs.



**Title:** *Asphalt to Ecosystems*  
**Author:** Sharon Gamson Banks  
**Publisher:** New Village Press  
**Age Range:** 5-18

**Description:**  
*Asphalt to Ecosystems* is a compelling color guidebook for designing and building natural schoolyard environments that enhance childhood learning and play experiences while providing connection with the natural world. Intended for parents, teachers, school administrators, designers, environmentalists, and community volunteers, this book is a fantastic resource that will inspire readers to transform their own school grounds.

With this book, Danks broadens our notion of what a well-designed schoolyard should be, taking readers on a journey from traditional, ordinary grassy fields and asphalt, to explore the vibrant and growing movement to "green" school grounds in the United States and around the world.



**Title:** *Paddle-to-the-Sea*  
**Author:** Holling C. Holling  
**Publisher:** Sandpiper Books  
**Age Range:** 9 and up

**Description:**  
 Grade 3-5-Holling's Caldecott Honor book, originally published in 1941, will surely find a new audience with this dramatic reading. Narrator Terry Bregy delivers an exceptional performance. His cadence ranges from smooth and easy to energetic, and listeners are lead along on the story's journey. A young Indian boy from Nipigon country in the Canadian wilderness carves an Indian figure in a 12-inch canoe that he names Paddle-to-the-Sea. Wishing that he could undertake a journey to the Atlantic Ocean, the boy sends the toy carving instead. Paddle-to-the-Sea begins on a snow bank near a river that eventually leads him to the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River, and finally the Atlantic Ocean. Along the way, Paddle's journey is fraught with danger including wild animals, saw mills, fishing nets, and a shipwreck. Paddle receives help staying on course from people who read the message carved on his canoe ("Put me back in the water. I am Paddle-to-the-Sea"). Four years later, Paddle has reached his destination, and listeners have experienced an incredible story complete with geography, nature, drama, and adventure.