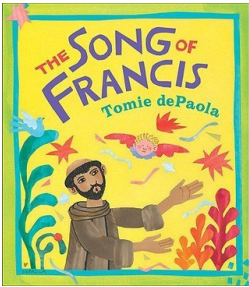


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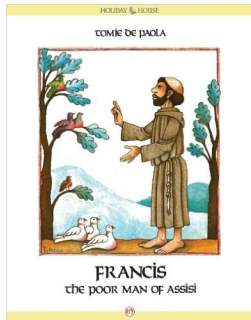
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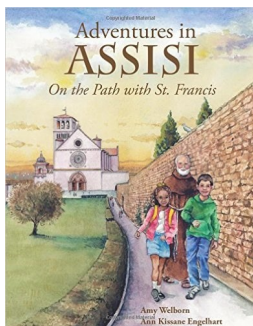
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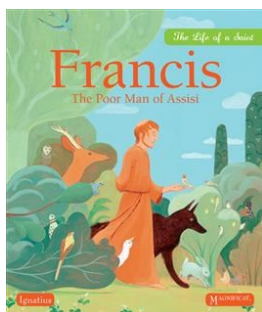
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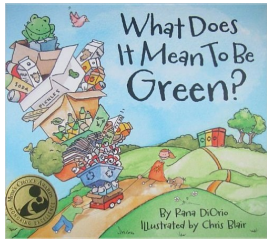
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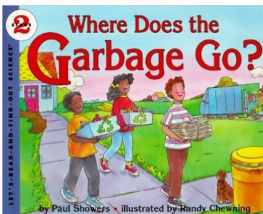
Outside Your Window: A First Book of Nature by Nicola Davies, Illustrated by Mark Hearld

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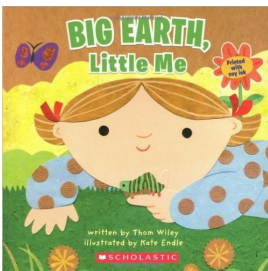
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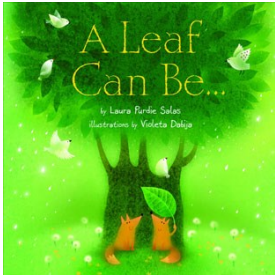
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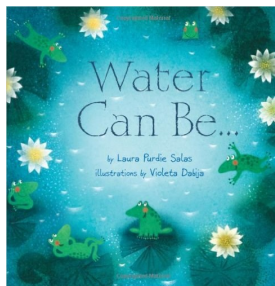
Printed with organic-soy-based ink, this book with flaps empowers young readers by teaching 10 simple, everyday ways to save the world! BIG EARTH, LITTLE ME is a book that thinks globally, but focuses locally.



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Shade spiller... Mouth filler ... Tree topper... Rain stopper

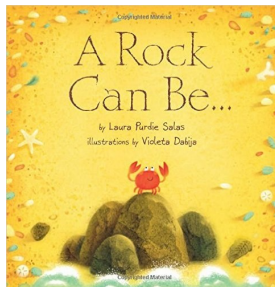
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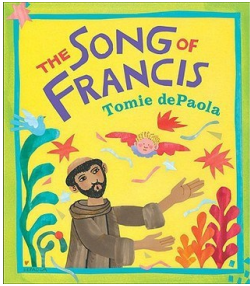
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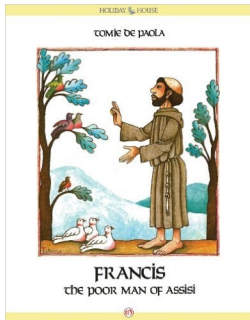
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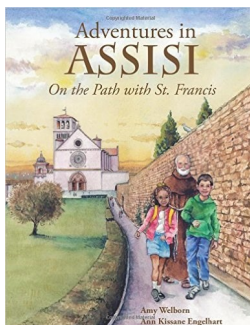
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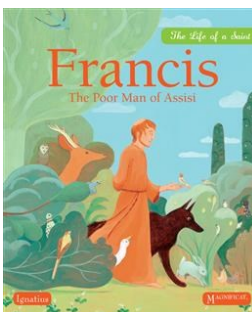
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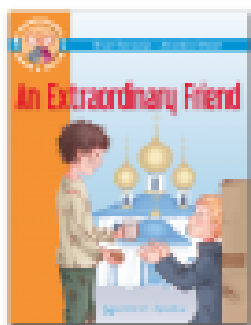
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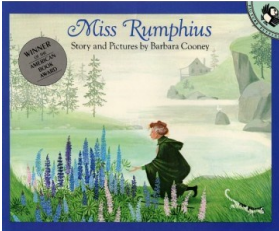
The Adventures of Jamie and Bella—Vol. 1: An Extraordinary Friend by Olivier Bonnewijn, Illustrated by Amandine Wanert

Lost! Jamie's vacation with his family begins with a catastrophe. He is separated from his parents in a foreign train station, with night approaching. Suddenly there appears a mysterious boy dressed in torn clothing with wounds. In helping this boy, and in letting this boy help him, Jamie discovers much more than what he was looking for, learning some beautiful lessons about the importance of kindness, courage, and faith.

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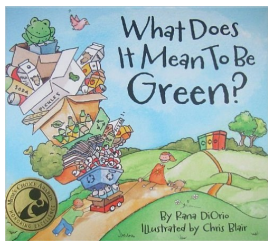
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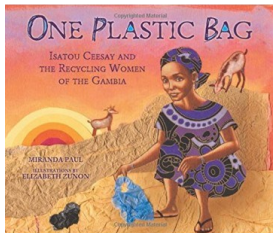
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

Barbara Cooney's story of Alice Rumphius, who longed to travel the world, live in a house by the sea, and do something to make the world more beautiful, has a timeless quality that resonates with each new generation. The countless lupines that bloom along the coast of Maine are the legacy of the real Miss Rumphius, the Lupine Lady, who scattered lupine seeds everywhere she went.



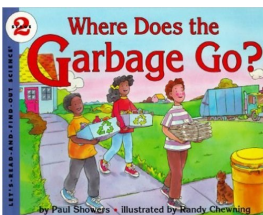
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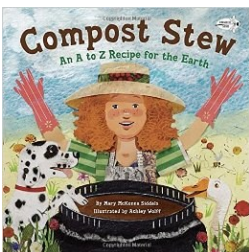
One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia by Miranda Paul, Illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon

Plastic bags are cheap and easy to use. But what happens when a bag breaks or is no longer needed? In Njau, Gambia, people simply dropped the bags and went on their way. One plastic bag became two. Then ten. Then a hundred. Isatou Ceesay was that change. She found a way to recycle the bags and transform her community. This inspirational true story shows how one person's actions really can make a difference.



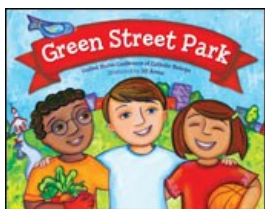
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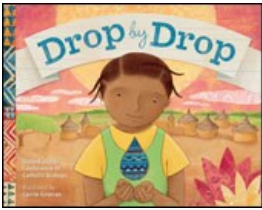
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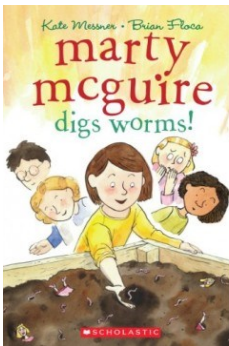
Green Street Park by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in collaboration with Loyola Press, Illustrated by Jill Arena

When Philip and his friends complain about the park, their teacher, Sr. Mary Clare, challenges them to follow the example of St. Francis and care for creation in their own backyard.



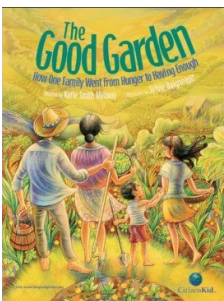
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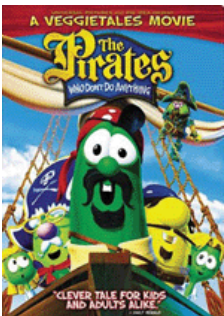
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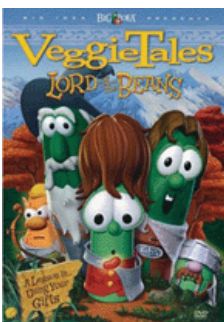
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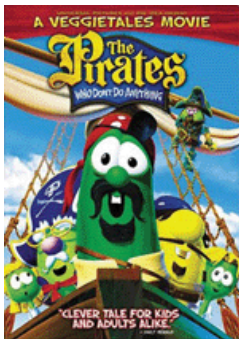
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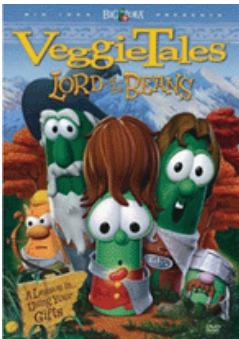
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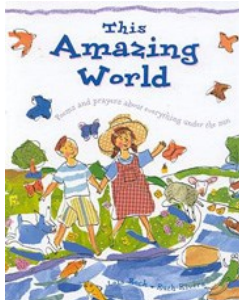
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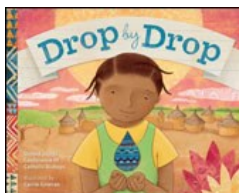
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This Amazing World by Lois Rock, Ruth Rivers

The 48 poems and prayers in this glorious celebratory book by Lois Rock and Ruth Rivers bear witness to the abundant beauties and glories of our world. There are some familiar poems by E. E. Cummings, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and Christina Rossetti, as well as a few traditional gems from Christian literature.



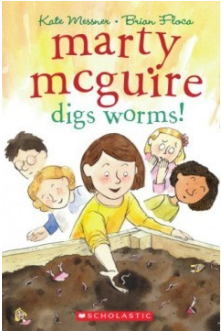
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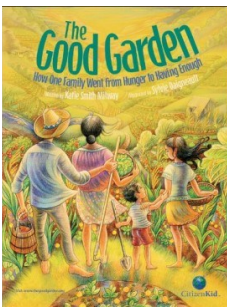
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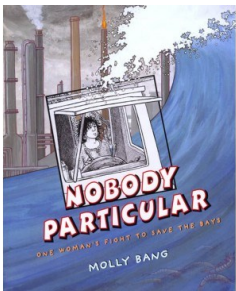
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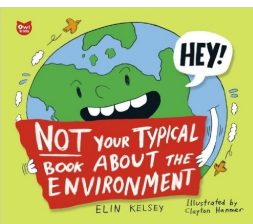
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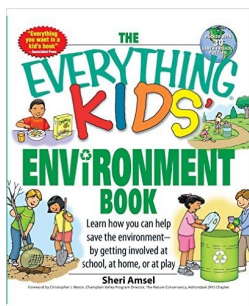
Nobody Particular: One Woman's Fight to Save the Bays by Molly Bang and Diane Wilson

Sometimes we have to take a stand and do what's right. That's what Diane Wilson thinks. An independent shrimper in Texas, she makes a living in the same waters that her family has worked hard in for generations. One woman against an industry is not much of a fair fight, but Diane educates herself, lobbies, and never gives up. This is a heartfelt story of one woman's struggle to take a stand against indifference.



Not Your Typical Book About the Environment by Erin Kelsey, Clayton Hanmer

We live in a time of heightened environmental awareness, and this knowledge is creating a generation of children with feelings of eco-anxiety — the world is doomed, isn't it? Maybe not. All is not lost. Young readers learn about smart technologies, innovative ideas, and a growing commitment to alternative lifestyles.

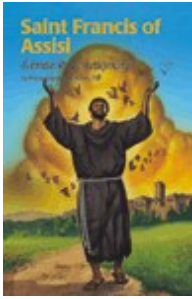


The Everything Kids' Environment Book: by Sheri Amsel

Everything we do has an impact on the world around us--and it's important to make smart choices. You'll find out how 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.

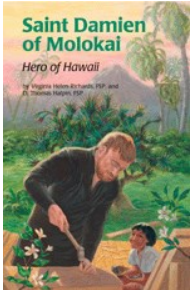
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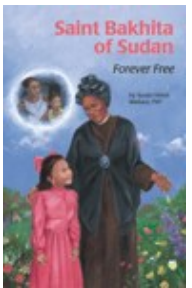
Saint Francis of Assisi: Gentle Revolutionary by Sr. Mary Emmanuel Alves, FSP

His food was whatever kind people gave him. He urged people to stop sinning and to return to God. Soon many began to realize how close Francis was to God. This book tells the story of someone who followed God's call in a radical way and Those who read it will begin to think also of the plan of their own life, the possibilities for their future, and the way in which God will play a part in how all this will unfold as they grow older.



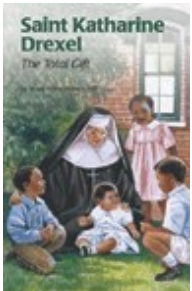
Saint Damien of Molokai: Hero of Hawaii by Sr. Virginia Helen Richards, FSP

Saint Damien won a reputation for his ministry to people suffering from leprosy, who were placed under medical quarantine on the Island of Molokai in Hawaii. Damien saw the dignity and beauty of each person he served, where others saw only pain and misery. He saw others as brothers and sisters and offered people new hope. Those who read the life of Damien are inspired to recognize the needs of people around them and offer them assistance, even when it is difficult.



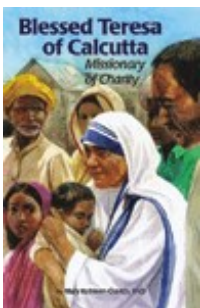
Saint Bakhita of Sudan: Forever Free by Sr. Susan Helen Wallace, FSP

St. Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan, Africa, in 1869. When she was a child, she was captured and sold as a slave and suffered harsh treatment. God was with her every step of the way, writing something beautiful from the sad chapters of her early years as a child. There is still childhood slavery in the world today. Bakhita's story challenges readers to respect the human dignity of all.



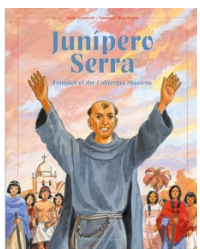
Saint Katharine Drexel: The Total Gift by Sr. Susan Helen Wallace, FSP

Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1858. When Katharine grew up, she was a very active Catholic. She directed her energies and her fortune to helping the poor and forgotten. Her work for Jesus would be among the African American and Native American people. Saint Katharine's example will help children rethink the value of money and how it is best used, and value treating people with compassion.



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: Missionary of Charity by Sr. Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND

Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997. Most people have at least heard about Mother Teresa and many have seen pictures of her in newspapers, magazines, or books. A few are lucky enough to be able to visit the sisters she founded. All of us can search the internet for her photos. Reading this book is a great way for kids to come into contact with a saint who lived very recently, and to be impressed by the call to holiness that is theirs also.

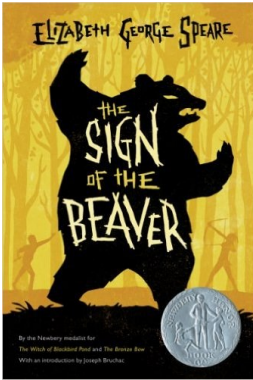


Junipero Serra by Linda Gondosch, Illustrated by Emmanuel Beaudesson

Travel with the "founding father of California" as he establishes the first nine Catholic missions in California. The story of this newly-canonized American saint offers an example of simplicity and a missionary spirit, respecting the dignity of native people, using resources for the good of the community, and sharing the joy of the Gospel.

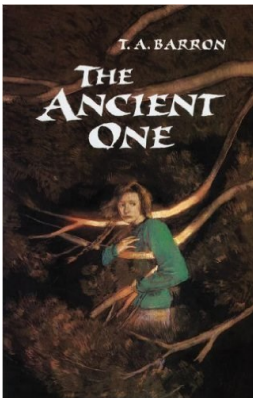
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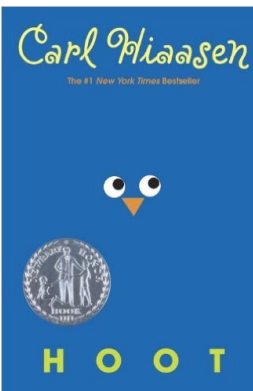
The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Although he faces responsibility bravely, thirteen-year-old Matt is more than a little apprehensive when his father leaves him alone to guard their new cabin in the wilderness. When a renegade white stranger steals his gun, Matt realizes he has no way to shoot game or to protect himself. When Matt meets Attean, a boy in the Beaver clan, he begins to better understand their way of life and their growing problem in adapting to the white man and the changing frontier.



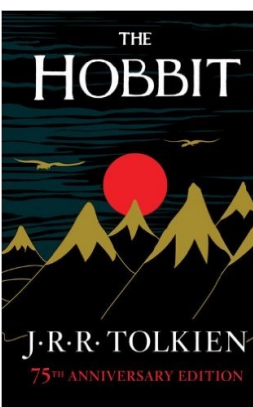
The Ancient One by T.A. Barron

When Kate travels to Blade, Oregon, for a quiet week at Aunt Melanie's cottage, her plans are dashed by the discovery of a grove of giant redwood trees in nearby Lost Crater. Long a source of deep mystery, the crater is now a source of conflict, pitting those who see it as the dying mill town's last hope against those who see it as a rare sanctuary that should be protected. In this extraordinary quest, combining high adventure and heroic drama, a girl discovers that all living things are connected in ways she never expected, and that true friendship can reach across cultures, and even across centuries.



Hoot by Carl Hiaason

In his first novel for a younger audience, Carl Hiaasen plunges readers right into the middle of an ecological mystery, made up of endangered miniature owls, the Mother Paula's All-American Pancake House scheduled to be built over their burrows, and the owls' unlikely allies--three middle school kids determined to beat the adult system.



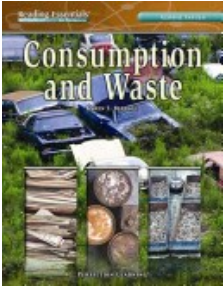
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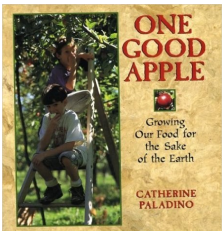
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One Good Apple by Catherine Paladino

One Good Apple makes a case for healthier agricultural practices, exploring the destructiveness of pesticides and fertilizers to everything from small organisms to the water we drink. The author shows how, in our attempt to control nature, we are growing food that harms us and the balance of nature. This book empowers our next generation of farmers by presenting a way of growing food that nourishes us and the earth.

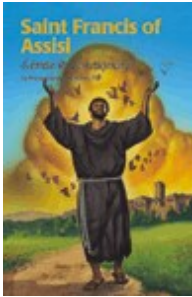


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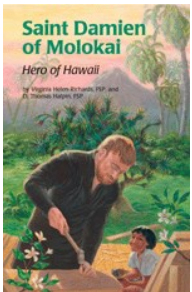
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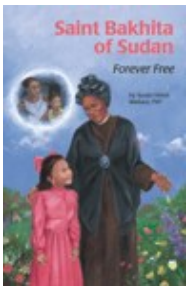
Saint Francis of Assisi: Gentle Revolutionary by Sr. Mary Emmanuel Alves, FSP

His food was whatever kind people gave him. He urged people to stop sinning and to return to God. Soon many began to realize how close Francis was to God. This book tells the story of someone who followed God's call in a radical way and Those who read it will begin to think also of the plan of their own life, the possibilities for their future, and the way in which God will play a part in how all this will unfold as they grow older.



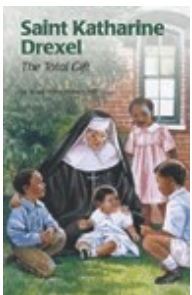
Saint Damien of Molokai: Hero of Hawaii by Sr. Virginia Helen Richards, FSP

Saint Damien won a reputation for his ministry to people suffering from leprosy, who were placed under medical quarantine on the Island of Molokai in Hawaii. Damien saw the dignity and beauty of each person he served, where others saw only pain and misery. He saw others as brothers and sisters and offered people new hope. Those who read the life of Damien are inspired to recognize the needs of people around them and offer them assistance, even when it is difficult.



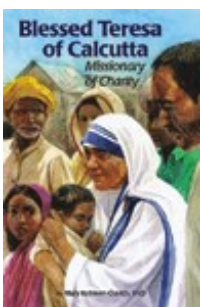
Saint Bakhita of Sudan: Forever Free by Sr. Susan Helen Wallace, FSP

St. Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan, Africa, in 1869. When she was a child, she was captured and sold as a slave and suffered harsh treatment. God was with her every step of the way, writing something beautiful from the sad chapters of her early years as a child. There is still childhood slavery in the world today. Bakhita's story challenges readers to respect the human dignity of all.



Saint Katherine Drexel: The Total Gift by Sr. Susan Helen Wallace, FSP

Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1858. When Katharine grew up, she was a very active Catholic. She directed her energies and her fortune to helping the poor and forgotten. Her work for Jesus would be among the African American and Native American people. Saint Katherine's example will help children rethink the value of money and how it is best used, and value treating people with compassion.



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: Missionary of Charity by Sr. Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND

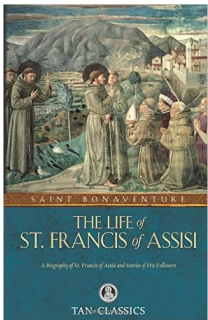
Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997. Most people have at least heard about Mother Teresa and many have seen pictures of her in newspapers, magazines, or books. A few are lucky enough to be able to visit the sisters she founded. All of us can search the internet for her photos. Reading this book is a great way for kids to come into contact with a saint who lived very recently, and to be impressed by the call to holiness that is theirs also.

Breaking Open the Message of *Laudato Si'* in Grades 9—12



Laudato Si' by Pope Francis

Pope Francis draws all Christians into a dialogue with every person on the planet about our common home. We as human beings are united by the concern for our planet, and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.



The Life of Saint Francis of Assisi by Saint Bonaventure

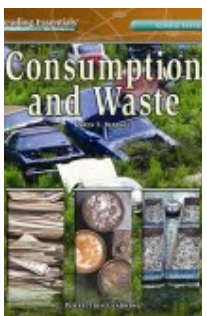
This classic is both a biography and a spiritual treatise, including events from the life of Saint Francis that offer insights into his spirituality. Beyond his love for animals (which is included), Saint Bonaventure shares events that allow readers of every age to appreciate Saint Francis' love for the poor and the outcast as a direct response to Saint Francis' awareness of the love of Christ.

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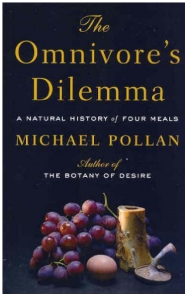
This 38-minute documentary tells the dramatic and touching story of thousands of adults, children, and generations of families who have been living and working in the largest and most toxic landfill in Central America, the Guatemala City Garbage Dump, over the last sixty years.



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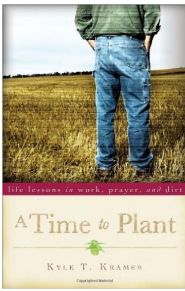
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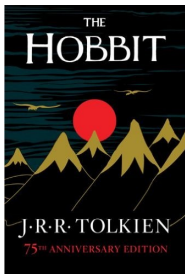
The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan

This revolutionary book that has changed the way readers view the ecology of eating, by award winner Michael Pollan, asks the seemingly simple question: What should we have for dinner? Tracing from source to table each of the food chains that sustain us -- whether industrial or organic, alternative or processed -- he develops a portrait of the American way of eating.



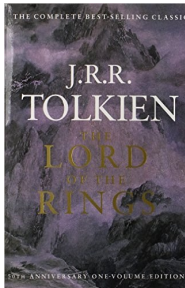
A Time to Plant: Life Lessons in Work, Prayer and Dirt by Kyle Kramer

Kramer recounts the sometimes-gritty story of how he came to experience the joys of real community. He purchased a block of hardscrabble land in southern Indiana in order to start a small farm. Tending it back to health--one difficult lesson at a time-- he built a self-sustaining and environmentally friendly home and began to fully embrace the Benedictine traditions of physical labor, prayer, and hospitality.



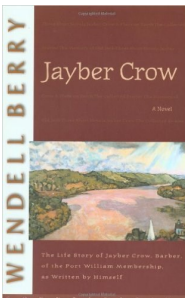
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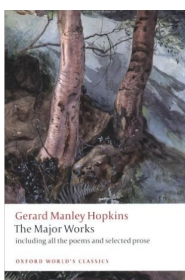
The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

Tolkien's Catholic worldview is portrayed in this epic fantasy. Social and environmental themes are addressed in the destruction of the natural world through the misuse of technology and power, as well as the challenging call that each person receives to step out of one's comfort zone and courageously take action against evil.



Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry

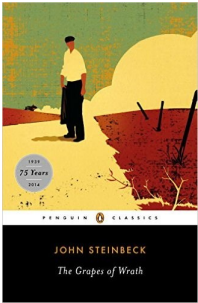
Jayber Crow was born in Goforth, Kentucky and orphaned at age ten,. Eventually, after the flood of 1937, Jayber becomes the barber of the small community of Port William, Kentucky. From behind that barber chair he begins to accept the gifts of community. The chair gives him a perfect perch from which to listen and see, as life spends itself all around.



The Major Works: including all the poems and selected prose by Gerard Manley Hopkins

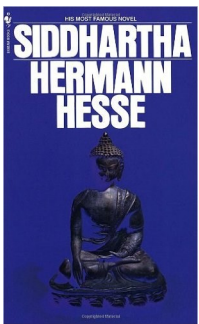
This authoritative edition brings together all of Hopkins's poetry and a generous selection of his prose writings to explore the essence of his work and thinking. Hopkins's poetry reflects a Catholic view of wonder and awe at the gift of God's creation, and highlights the ways the created world is a visible manifestation of the mysteries of our faith.

The Dignity of the Human Person



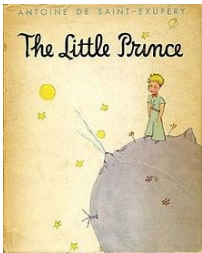
Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Steinbeck's epic of the Great Depression chronicles the Dust Bowl migration of the 1930s and tells the story of one Oklahoma farm family, the Joads—driven from their homestead and forced to travel west to the promised land of California. Out of their trials and their repeated collisions against the hard realities of an America divided into Haves and Have-Nots evolves a drama that is tragic but ultimately stirring in its human dignity.



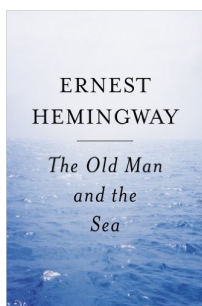
Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse

In the novel, Siddhartha, a young man, leaves his family for a contemplative life, then, restless, discards it for one of the flesh. He conceives a son, but bored and sickened by lust and greed, moves on again. Near despair, Siddhartha comes to a river where he hears a unique sound. This sound signals the true beginning of his life -- the beginning of suffering, rejection, peace, and, finally, wisdom.



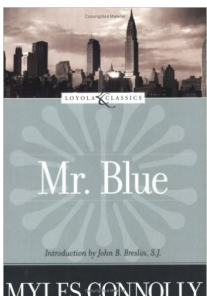
The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

The narrator is a downed pilot in the Sahara Desert, frantically trying to repair his wrecked plane. His efforts are interrupted one day by the apparition of a little, well, prince, who asks him to draw a sheep. What appears to be a fairy tale for children opens like the petals of the Little Prince's flower into a fantasy that has lessons for all of us.



The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Told in language of great simplicity and power, it is the story of an old Cuban fisherman, down on his luck, and his supreme ordeal -- a relentless, agonizing battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream.



Mr. Blue by Myles Connolly

J. Blue is a young man who decides to take Christianity seriously, not as a chore but as a challenge. He spends his inherited wealth almost as soon as he gets it. He lives in a packing box on a New York City rooftop. He embraces the poor as his best friends and wisest companions, distrusts the promises of technology (except for the movies), and is fascinated by anything involving the wide expanse of God's universe. He is the ultimate free spirit, it seems; but what is the source—and purpose—of his freedom? This novel about a contemporary St. Francis figure has delighted and inspired countless readers since it was first published in 1928.