



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS READING LIST

This collection of books, recommended by librarians, highlights the role of reading in shaping a more sustainable future. Every title on the list is linked to one or more of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

From enchanting picture books for young readers to thought-provoking novels for teens, each title has been chosen for its power to spark curiosity and encourage critical thinking about the world we live in, and all are available to borrow through your local library and can be reserved through www.librariesireland.ie

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EARLY YEARS

FICTION

Author	Title	Age	SDG Covered
Bath, Patricia et al.	My First Heroes: Inventors	4-6	4
Bright, Rachel	The Worrysaurus	3-5	3
Bryon, Nathan & Adeola, Dapa	Clean Up	0-8	6
Chancellor, Deborah	Don't Waste Your Food. A Story About Why It's Important not to Waste Food	3-5	2
Child, Lauren	I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato	3-5	2
Donaldson, Julia	The Everywhere Bear	4-6	4
Donaldson, Julia	The Hospital Dog	4-6	3
Gates, Mariam	Good Night Yoga	3-5	3
Gravett, Emily	Tidy	4-6	15
Hibbs, Gillian	Errol's Garden	4-6	11
Jacob, Lucinda	Guzzler's Party	4-6	7,12,13
MacLachlan, Patricia	My Friend Earth	4-6	13,15
Milner, Kate	It's a No Money Day	3-5	1,2,8,10
Milner, Kate	My Name is Not Refugee	4-6	1
Oswald, Pete	Hike	2-7	3, 15
Penfold, Alexandra	All Are Welcome	4-6	4
Root, Phyllis	Anywhere Farm	3-5	3,10,12,15
Soundar, Chitra	You're Strong with Me	4-6	15
Swann, Karen	The Tale of the Whale	4-6	14

NON-FICTION

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Avelino, Joelle	A Book of People Like Me	4-6	4,10,16
Bathie, Holly	My First Word Book About Nature	0-4	4,15
Bone, Emily	It All Starts with a Seed...	4-6	2,12,15
Bowman, Lucy	Bugs	4-6	4,15
Brooks, Felicity	All About Feelings	0-4	3,4,10
Davies, Kate	Under the Sea	0-4	4,14
Daynes, Katie	Why Do We Need Bees?	0-5	4,15
Gravel, Elise	What is a Refugee?	3-7	4,10,16
Lacey, Minna & Wheatley, Abigail	My First Outdoor Book	3-5	4,15
Milbourne, Ana	Peep Inside the Garden	1-3	4,15
Pratt, Leonie	Planet Earth	4-6	4,13,15
Symons, Ruth	What's in Your Pocket?	3-5	3,15
Williams, Rachel	Slow Down. Bring Calm to a Busy World with 50 Nature Stories	3-6	4,13,15





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FICTION

Author	Title	Age	SDG Covered
Agbabi, Patience	The Infinite	9-12	4,10
Amson-Bradshaw, Georgina	We're All Equal	9-12	10
Baker-Smith, Grahame	The Rhythm of the Rain	5-7	6
Batezat Sisulu, Elinor	The Day Gogo Went to Vote	9-12	16
Blackall, Sophie	If you Come to Earth	5-7	13,14,15,11
Bowles, Paula	Tiny Crab is a Tidy Crab	5-7	12,14,15
Brown, Peter	The Curious Garden	9-12	12
Carter, James	Once upon a Raindrop: the Story of Water	5-7	6
Cole, Steve	Tin Boy	8-12	8,12
Cottle, Katie	The Blue Giant	5-7	12, 14
Davies, Nicola	The Song That Sings Us	9-12	13, 15
de la Peña, Matt	Last Stop on Market Street	5-7	1
Dockrill, Laura	Sequin and Stitch	8-12	8
Elphinstone, Abi	The Crackledawn Dragon	9-12	13, 15
Estes, Eleanor	The Hundred Dresses	8-12	1
Feeney, Tatyana	Gáirdín Mháire na mBláth	8-12	13,15
Fountain, Ele	Melt	9-12	13,14,15
Gold, Hannah	The Last Bear	8-12	4,13,15
Gravett, Emily	Tidy	5-7	13,14,15
Greig, Louise	Home of the Wild	5-7	15
Grey, Mini	The Last Wolf	5-7	13,15,
Jacob, Lucinda	Climate SOS (KCN)	7-8	13, 15
Jacob, Lucinda	Guzzler's Party	5-6	12, 13
Messner, Kate	Over and Under the Rainforest	5-8	15
Milbourne, Anna	Tadpoles and Frogs	6-8	4,15
Ní Ghlinn, Aine, agus Ando Mr	Aq Buzzáil sa Ghairdín	5 - 8	15
Núñez, Jhonny, ill.,et al.	Voices of the Future . Stories from Around the World	7-12	8
O'Neill, Richard	The Lost Homework	9-12	10
Raúf, Onjali Q.	The Boy at the Back of the Class	9-12	1
Roberts, Sarah	Somebody Swallowed Stanley	5-7	6,12,14
Sellick, James	There's a Rang-Tan in my bedroom	5-7	12,13,15
Seuss, Dr	The Lorax	4-8	11,12,15
Sheibani, Jion	Lily and the Polar Bears	5-7	10,13,14,15
Skinner, Nicola	Bloom	10-12	3,13,15
Stevens, Georgina	Stella and the Seaquill	5-7	12,14
Tilley, Tim	Harklights	9-12	12,15,16
Torday, Piers	The Wild Before	9-12	13, 15
Turnbull, Stephanie	Caterpillars and Butterflies	6-8	4,15
Verde, Susan	The Water Princess	5-6	6
Wilde, Oscar	The Happy Prince and Other Tales	8-12	1, 10, 16
Winter, Jeanette	Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa	5-7	15
Yang, Kelly	Front Desk	8-12	1
Yun, Dai	Where Can We Go? A Tale of Four Bears	5-12	10, 13, 15
Benjamin Zephaniah	Benjamin Zephaniah's Nature Trail	5-7	15

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Adi, Hakim	Nelson Mandela: Father of Freedom	9-12	4,10,16
Andrus, Aubre	101 Small Ways to Change the World	9-12	3,4,12,15
Baliga, Dr Vikram	Plants to the Rescue	8-12	2, 13,14,15,
Bamyani, Marie, et al.	The Power Of Welcome : Real-life Refugee and Migrant Journeys	9-12	16
Barnham, Kay	The Great Big Water Cycle Adventure	5-8	6, 13, 15
Bone, Emily	Ponds	4-7	4,15
Brami, Élisabeth	Declaration of the Rights of Boys and Girls	5-8	4, 5, 10
Castaldo, Nancy F.	The World that Feeds Us	9-12	2,12,15
Chancellor, Deborah	Turn off the Tap!	5-8	6, 12,13
Darmody, Michelle	Seed to Supper. The Journey of Your Food From the Ground Up	6-12	13, 15
Daynes, Katie	Questions & Answers about Growing Up	6-9	3
de la Bédoyère, Camilla	Curious Questions & Answers About Saving the Earth	10-12	12
Dorey, Martin	Kids Fight Climate Change	6-12	13, 15
Eamer, Claire	What a Waste! Where Does Garbage Go?	10-12	12
Edwards, Nicola	Like the Ocean We Rise	10-12	13, 16
Eggers, Dave	What can a citizen do?	5-8	12,16
French, Jess	Forests	6-12	12,13,14,15
French, Jess	What A Waste: Rubbish, Recycling, and Protecting our Planet	4-12	12,15
Gillespie, Lisa Jane	Trees	4-7	4,15
Gandhi, Arun, & Hegedus, Bethany	Be the Change: A Grandfather Gandhi Story	4-8	16
Green, Jan	Why Should I Save Water?	9-12	6,13,14,15
Hall, Rose	Look Inside What We Throw Away (Usborne Lift the Flap)	5-12	11, 12,
Hart, Caryl	Meet the Oceans	10-12	12,13,15
Hoare, Ben	Activists Assemble: Save Your Planet	7-12	12, 13
James, Alice	See Inside Energy: an Usborne Flap-Book	6-9	7
Jenkins, Martin	Can We Save the Tiger?	10-12	15
Kamkwamba, William, & Mealer, Bryan	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind	9-12	7
Kelly, Michael, & Ní Chíobháin, Muireann	GIY's Know-it-allmanac: the Ultimate Family Guide to Growing and Cooking Food Through the Year	7-12	2, 3, 12,15
Kennedy-Woodard, Megan	You are Unstoppable! How to Understand your Feelings about Climate Change and Take Positive Action Together	8-12	3,13
Kirby, Loll	Old Enough to Save the Planet	9-12	6, 13, 15
Lerwill, Ben	Wildlives: 50 Extraordinary Animals That Made History	10-14	
Levison, Cynthia	The Youngest Marcher. The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist	5-10	4,10,16
Litton, Jonathan	The Earth Book	6-9	6
McAnulty, Dara	Wild Child: A Journey Through Nature	6-12	7
Mihaly, Christy	Water: A Deep Dive of Discovery	8-12	14
Milway, Katie Smith	One Hen : How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference	8-12	1, 4, 8
Nayeri, Dina	The Waiting Place : When Home is Lost and a New One Not Yet Found	9-12	16
Rhodes, Sam	STEAM jobs for Thrill Seekers	8-12	4, 8, 9
Ritchie, Scot	Join the No-Plastic Challenge! A First Book of Reducing Waste	10-12	12
Rosen, Michael	Who are Refugees and Migrants? What Makes People Leave Their Homes? And Other Big Questions	9-12	16
Spilsbury, Louise	Children in Our World: Global Conflict	5-8	4, 16
Stevens, Georgina	Climate Action: the Future is in Our Hands	9-12	13
Taylor, Anna, & Kirby, Loll	Old Enough to Save the Planet	6-8	4,13,15
Thunberg, Greta	No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference	10-12	7,10,11,12,13
Tree, Isabella	When We Went Wild	7-12	4, 15
Tzomaka, Vassiliki	Hoot and Howl Across the Desert	7-9	15
Webb, Sarah	Dare to Dream: Irish People Who Took on the World (and Won!)	8-12	4,5,10
Zommer, Yuval	The Big Book of the Blue	10-12	14



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YOUNG ADULT & SECONDARY

FICTION

Author	Title	Age	SDG Covered
Atwood, Margaret	The Year of the Flood	15+	13
Ballard, J.G.	The Drowned World	15+	13
Craft, Brianna	We Don't Have Time for This	12-14	7,13
Davies, Nicola	The Day War Came	15+	4,10,16
de Vigan, Delphine	No and Me	12-14	1
Fisher, Michelle Millar	The Rainbow Flag: Bright, Bold and Beautiful	15+	16
Harman, Alice	I'm a Global Citizen: A Peaceful World	15+	4,16
Itäranta, Emmi	Memory of Water	12-14	6,10,13,14,15
James, Lauren	Green Rising	12-14	7,13
Kingsolver, Barbara	Prodigal Summer	15+	12,13,15
Robinson, Kim Stanley	The Ministry for the Future	15+	
Rosenstock, Tristan	Inis Mara [Irish language]	12-14	13,14,15
Shusterman, Neal & Shusterman, Jarrod	Dry	12-14	6,13
Suzan, Leyla	Giften	12-14	2,15
Butler, Octavia E.	Parable of the Sower	15+	1,2,3,6,13
Christopher, John	The Death of Grass	15+	2,13,15

NON-FICTION

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Berners-Lee, Mike	There is no Planet B	15+	7,12,13,15
Goldsmith, Ben	God is an Octopus. Loss, Love and a Calling to Nature	15+	3, 13,15
Kearney, Hilary	The Little Book of Bees	All ages	13,15
Lamhna, Eanna Ní	Our Wild World. From the Birds and Bees to our Boglands and the Ice Caps	All ages	6,7,11,12,13,14,15
McGann, Oisín	A Short, Hopeful Guide to Climate Change	12-15	12,13,15
Rosenboim, Or	Air and Love. A Story of Food, Family and Belonging	15+	10, 16
Tomlinson, Davinia	Cash is Queen	12-14	12
Tree, Isabella	Wilding	12-14	13,15

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