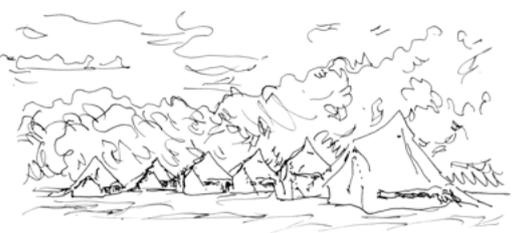




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Reading List

The Dreamsnatcher

Abi Elphinstone

8-12 years

Twelve-year-old Molly Pecksniff wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare - the one with the drums and the rattles and the masks. The Oracle Bones foretold that she and Gryff, a wildcat that has always been by her side, are the only ones who can fight back against the Dreamsnatcher's dark magic.

The Owl Service

Alan Garner

9-13 years

As the kids uncover the mystery of the owl service, they become trapped within a local legend, playing out roles in a tragic love story that has repeated itself for generations... a love story that has always ended in disaster.

The Wooden Mile

Chris Mould

6-11 years

Something Wickedly Weird. Crampton Rock seems like a lovely seaside town during the day. When eleven-year-old Stanley Buggles inherits a house from a mysterious uncle he didn't know he had, he also inherits a mystery and some strange and sinister new neighbours.

Skellig

David Almond

9-13 years

Michael is lonely and struggling to deal with his younger sister's illness, one day he finds an angel living in his parents' garage and helps restore the angel to full health.

Kensuke's Kingdom

Michael Morpurgo

8-13 years

Michael is stranded on an island after his family's boat overturns in a storm. He is taught to fend for himself under the guidance of Kensuke, a Japanese veteran of the Second World War, who lost his family in the bombing of Hiroshima. Kensuke is faced with a heart-breaking choice of whether to give up his secluded life to help Michael.

Lost Words (poetry)

Robert MacFarlane

8-13 years

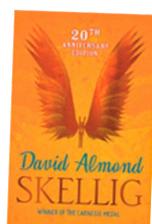
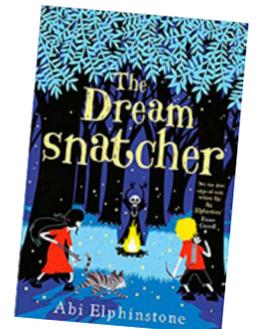
In 2006 a collection of nature words were taken out of the *Junior Oxford English Dictionary*. The author and illustrator, who feared their meanings would be lost to a new generation, decided to write acrostic poems to capture the meaning of each word and help ensure that they were not lost from children's vocabulary.

To the edge of the world

Julia Green

7-10 years

A beautifully written tale of courage, friendship, and survival. Jamie had thought that if he could just reach the boat then he could convince Mara to stay, but now he was on board and along for the ride. There was no going back, they were in this together, sailing to the islands at the edge of the world.



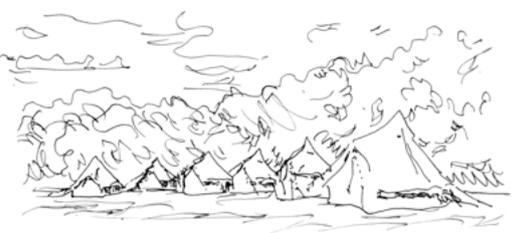
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More Reading

Wild Song

Janis Mackay

8-13 years

Thirteen-year-old Niilo's unruly behaviour means his loving parents sent him to Wild School, a young offender's unit on an island in the Finnish archipelago. Angry at first, eventually he comes to enjoy being there and builds a close relationship with his mentor, Hannu, who helps him face his demons and overcome his lifelong fear of water.

The Explorer

Katie Rundell

9-13 years

Fred, Con, Lila and little Max's plane is on the way to Manaus when it falls out of the sky. Now, lost in the Amazon rainforest, they must figure out the basics of survival: water, shelter, food. Do they wait for rescue, or find a way to rescue themselves?

Swallows and Amazons

Arthur Ransome

8-13 years

The Walker children - also known as Captain John, Mate Susan, Able-Seaman Titty, and Ship's Boy Roger - set sail for Wild Cat Island. There they camp under open skies, swim in clear water and go fishing for their dinner. But their days are disturbed by the Blackett sisters, the fierce Amazon pirates. The Swallows and Amazons decide to battle it out, and so begins a summer of incredible adventures.

Pax

Sara Pennypacker

9-13 years

Set in a dystopian war-torn land, Pax tells the moving story of a boy's desperate search for his adored pet fox.

The Swiss Family Robinson

Johann Wyss

8-13 years

William, a Swiss pastor, and his wife Elizabeth are sailing to Australia with their four sons - Fritz, Ernest, Jack and Francis - when their ship is caught in a storm and they become shipwrecked on a deserted island.

Taking all the ship's cargo to land, including livestock, the family set up camp on the island and prepare for a long stay. They explore and adapt to their new environment, encountering an amazing array of animals on the island. Covering ten years of their adventure and survival, the book has all the impossibilities of a tropical island that a child will love.

Running Wild

Michael Morpurgo

8-13 years

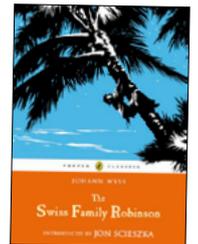
An essential read for any aspiring environmentalist, Running Wild tells of a boy's survival in the Indonesian jungle whilst educating readers on the issues of deforestation, palm oil plantations and the illegal wildlife trade.

Beetle Boy

M. G. Leonard

9-13 years

A mysterious disappearance, sinister neighbours, an eccentric uncle and a daring group of friends (and beetles!) make for an action-packed and very funny story.



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