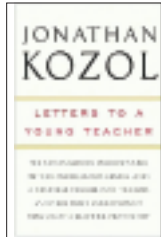


Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots
by Sharon Lovejoy

As a nature center educator, this book was a fantastic guide for me in sharing the joys of gardening with kids. Parents and teachers will find this collection of activities, crafts, and recipes indispensable when it comes to getting kids ages 5–12 interested in how the garden grows. But

don't take just my word for it: this book comes highly recommended by environmental education and gardening organizations nationwide. —Jennifer



Letters to A Young Teacher
by Jonathan Kozol

These affectionate letters to Francesca, a first grade teacher at an inner-city school in Boston, are rich with the happiness of teaching children, the curiosity and jubilant excitement children bring into the classroom at an early age, and their ability to overcome their insecurities when they are in the hands of an

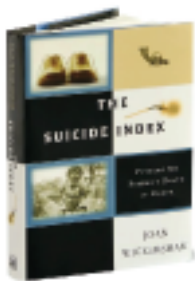
adoring and hard-working teacher.



Sharing Nature With Children
by Joseph Cornell

For almost 30 years now, this book has spawned generations of environmental educators and nature lovers. Critically acclaimed by National Audubon Society, Scouting Organizations, and more, this guide offers extremely simple ways to engage children in outdoor activities. With

nearly no supplies needed, anyone with a little imagination can awaken the wonders of nature for the youth in their lives. This book is great for families and teachers alike. —Jennifer



The Suicide Index
by Joan Wickersham

In ordering and relating the tangle of her father's suicide, Wickersham creates a beautiful and emotional memoir full of dark comedy and important lessons. As a someone who has had suicide intrude on their life, I appreciated the depth to which she plumbed her own soul and the honesty with which she communicates her

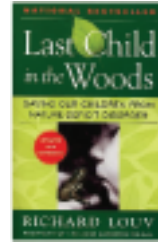
findings. It's not an easy book, but it is captivating and revealing. —Nici



Hello, Cruel World
by Kate Bornstein

The world can be a very cruel place if you do not fit into society's strict standards and norms. Part One of this book makes you feel not alone in the world while Part Two gives you a slew of alternatives to help you through the tough times in life. Bornstein's 101 alternatives to suicide include everything from "Keep walking" to "Try to keep someone else alive." This book will make you

proud to be different and proud to have made it through your teen years. —Saraphine



Last Child in the Woods
by Richard Louv

In *Last Child in the Woods*, Richard Louv explores the developmental and spiritual importance of the great outdoors for children, points to the upcoming generation raised in front of computers and televisions, and asks frightening questions about where a childhood without nature might lead. This thoughtful, eye-opening book has become a staple in

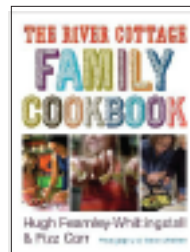
classrooms across the country, and for good reason. A perfect read for anyone with fond memories of tree houses and creek beds. —Kat



Teaching to Transgress
by bell hooks

This collection of bell hooks' essays about teaching is highly recommended by Bookshop staff and *Publishers Weekly*, who says: "*Teaching to Transgress* is full of hope and excitement for the possibility of education to liberate and include. hooks is a gentle, though firm, critic, as in the essay "Holding My Sister's Hand," which could well become a classic about the distrust between black and white

feminists. While some will find her rejection of certain difficult theory narrow-minded, it is a small flaw in an inspired and thought-provoking collection."



The River Cottage Family Cookbook
by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall & Fizz Carr

Establishing a healthy relationship with food is incredibly important for a child's development and there's no better way to do so than getting kids into the kitchen. Encouraging them to help select ingredients, plan meals, and learn basic cooking techniques will help them make good decisions about food and take pride in what they

eat (instead of munching mindlessly). There are many good introductory cookbooks written for young children (such as those by Mollie Katzen), but right now I'm loving one for grown-ups and kids, alike: *The River Cottage Family Cookbook*. It brings everyone together to make delicious (not dumbed-down) food. The recipes are terrific, as are the "how to eat" features, and the book's great photos provide lots of inspiration. —S.B.

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