



Books on Composting

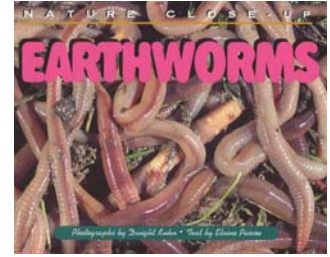
Title: Earthworms

Author: Keith Pigdon and Marilyn Woolley

Grade: K-5

Summary: *Earthworms* is a great introduction to the anatomy of worms.

Readers learn about how worms reproduce, their diet, and their habitat.



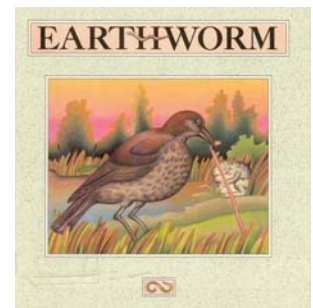
Staff Favorite!

Title: Earthworm

Author: Adrienne Soutter-Perrot

Grade: K-2

Summary: *Earthworm* is a beautifully illustrated book that is best for younger students. It explains how worms make compost and why worms are great for gardens and farms.



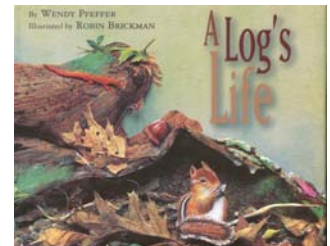
Title: A Log's Life

Author: Wendy Pfeffer

Grade: K-4

Summary: This award-winning book introduces readers to the life cycle of a tree. The informative, lyrical text is complemented by three-dimensional paper sculptures that showcase the forest ecosystem.

This book has dazzling, colorful pictures of varied types of decomposers, from ants carrying bundles of eggs to bright red mushrooms.



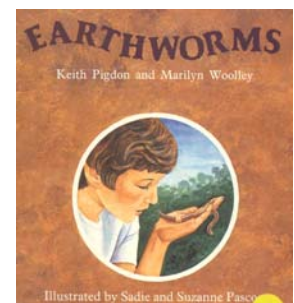
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Title: Earthworms

Author: Elaine Pascoe

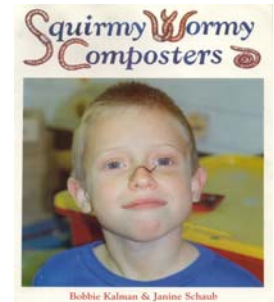
Grade: 2-6

Summary: This book is a great introduction to worms and has excellent photographs. It also offers great ideas for hands-on activities.



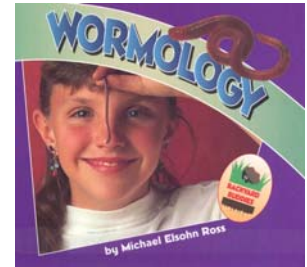
Title: Squirmy Wormy Composters
Author: Bobbie Kalman and Janine Schaub
Grade: K-5

Summary: This book is a great resource for teachers who want to begin a vermi-composting system in the classroom, and it includes fun photographs of students working with worms.



Title: Wormology
Author: Michael Elsohn Ross
Grade: 2-6

Summary: This is a wonderful book for teachers who want to add hands-on lessons to their environmental curriculum. The activities are simple and do not require many supplies.



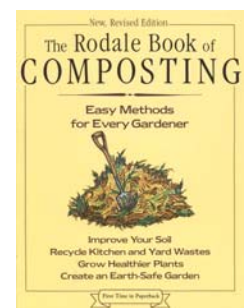
Title: The Magic Box in My Backyard
Author: Judy Pollard Smith
Grade: K-3

Summary: *The Magic Box in my Backyard* is a story about a brother and sister who take care of the family compost bin. It offers a simple and fun explanation of backyard composting. This book can also double as a coloring book by photocopying the pages.



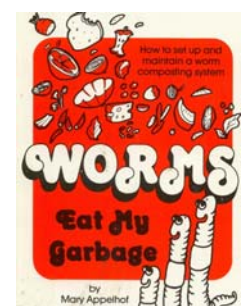
Title: The Rodale Book of Composting
Author: Deborah L. Martin and Grace Gershuny
Grade: 9-12

Summary: This is a great resource for teachers who want to learn more about composting and gardening. It offers ideas on trouble-shooting composting problems and clearly outlines several different composting methods.



Title: Worms Eat My Garbage
Author: Mary Appelhof
Grade: 9-12

Summary: This book is a detailed and illustrated how-to manual for home vermi-composting.

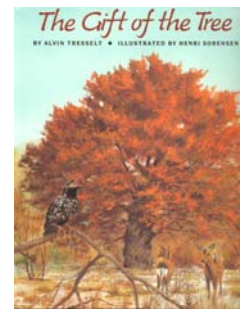


Title: The Gift of the Tree

Author: Alvin Tresselt

Grade: 3-6

Summary: This poetic book details the role of a tree in the cycle of nature and is recommended for slightly older students. This story truly reveals the beauty and life a dead tree trunk can encompass.



Title: The Magic School Bus Meets the Rot Squad

Author: Joanna Cole

Grade: 3-6

Summary: In this installment of the *Magic School Bus* series, Miss Frizzle and her class meet the organisms responsible for decomposing organic matter. Their adventure includes shrinking to the size of bugs and exploring the inside of a log.



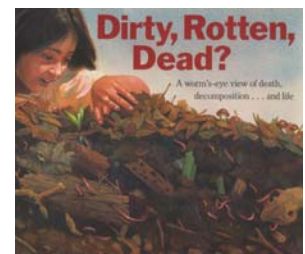
Also available in Spanish!

Title: Dirty, Rotten, Dead?

Author: Jerry Emory

Grade: 3-8

Summary: This book takes readers through the many aspects of life, death, and decomposition. It also includes feature stories about real kids making a difference in their communities by composting, mushroom hunting, and promoting recycling.

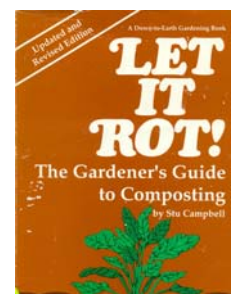


Title: Let It Rot! The Gardener's Guide to Composting

Author: Stu Campbell

Grade: 9-12

Summary: This is a great way for teachers and older students to learn the basics of composting. The book includes a discussion of equipment, instructions for building a compost pile, and a guide for choosing the right materials for composting.

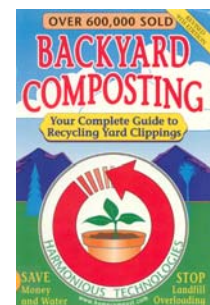


Title: Backyard Composting: Your Complete Guide to Recycling Yard Clippings

Author: Harmonious Technologies

Grade: 6-12

Summary: An easy, step-by-step guide to successful composting. This manual has clear diagrams and a concise breakdown of all topics related to composting.

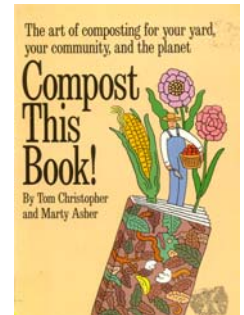


Title: Compost This Book

Author: Tom Christopher and Marty Asher

Grade: 9-12

Summary: This book contains a very comprehensive look at composting, with practical information on how to compost, the history of the process, and why it is economical. *Compost This Book* is a great resource for teachers and older students.



Title: Compost!

Author: Linda Glaser

Grade: K-3

Summary: *Compost!* is a story about a young girl that composts her leftover food scraps and other items from around the house. The beautiful illustrations help show all the different examples of organic material that can be composted and how compost helps a garden grow. There is a brief question and answer section about composting at the end of the story.

