



# Books in Spanish



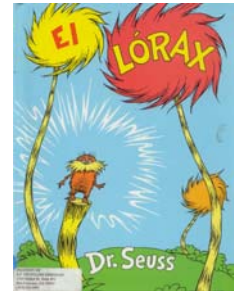
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**Title:** El Lórax

**Author:** Dr. Seuss

**Grade:** 1-6

**Summary:** This is a translation of the classic story of the Lorax, who “speaks for the trees.” The Lorax tries to save his forest community by educating a factory owner about the impact of his business on the water, land, trees, and animals that live nearby.



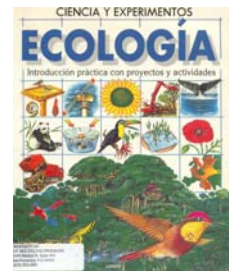
**Staff Favorite!**

**Title:** Ecología: Introducción práctica con proyectos y actividades

**Author:** Richard Spurgeon

**Grade:** 4-8

**Summary:** This book's colorful illustrations and diagrams introduce readers to the subject of ecology and to the environmental problems facing the earth. Brief descriptions are included for some student science projects such as tree planting and papermaking.

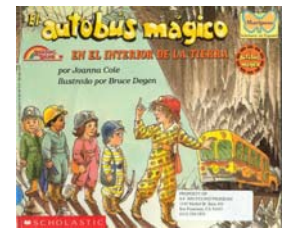


**Title:** El autobús mágico en el interior de la Tierra

**Author:** Joanna Cole

**Grade:** 2-6

**Summary:** Miss Frizzle and her class take a magical ride to the center of the Earth to learn about the physical properties of the Earth and geology. Key scientific concepts are taught through illustrations and a story book format.



**Title:** 50 cosas que los niños pueden hacer para salvar la Tierra

**Author:** Earth Works Group

**Grade:** 1-12

**Summary:** This informational booklet describes 50 different things that students can do to save the Earth. Includes issues such as acid rain, endangered species, and recycling.



**Title:** El autobús mágico planta una semilla

**Author:** Joanna Cole

**Grade:** 3-6

**Summary:** Part of the Magic School Bus series, this book takes students on an adventure to explain the parts of the flower and pollination.



**Title:** El autobús mágico conoce al escuadrón de la desintegración

**Author:** Joanna Cole

**Grade:** 3-6

**Summary:** In this Magic School Bus book, Miss Frizzle and her class meet the organisms responsible for decomposing organic matter.



**Title:** El autobús mágico viaja por el agua

**Author:** Joanna Cole

**Grade:** 3-6

**Summary:** In this Magic School Bus Book, Miss Carola and her class are off on a voyage through the water cycle and the water purification process. It's another entertaining story to teach about the water around us!

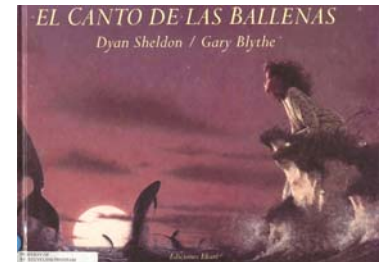


**Title:** El canto de las ballenas

**Author:** Dyan Sheldon

**Grade:** 4-6

**Summary:** This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of a little girl who dreams of hearing and seeing the whales her grandmother told her about.



**Title:** Mi primer libro de ecología

**Author:** Angela Wilkes

**Grade:** 3-5

**Summary:** This is an excellent resource for educators. Includes easy to follow instructions for various in-class ecology experiments.



**Title:** Planeta Tierra: Introducción práctica con proyectos y actividades

**Author:** Fiona Watt

**Grade:** 4-8

**Summary:** Using detailed diagrams and illustrations, the author addresses the major concepts of earth science including geology and climate. Interspersed within the background information are instructions for student experiments.

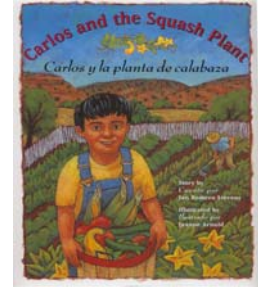


**Title:** Carlos and the Squash Plant

**Author:** Jan Romero Stevens

**Grade:** 3-6

**Summary:** This story is part of the much-loved *Carlos* bilingual picture book series. In this tale, inspired by the culture and folklore of the Southwest, a boy named Carlos loves helping his dad till the rich brown earth in the family's *milpa* in northern New Mexico. But Carlos hates baths, and he gets quite a surprise when his mother's warnings about not bathing come true.



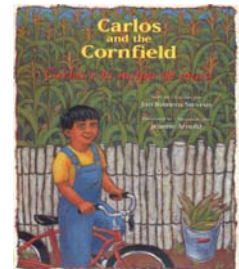
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**Title:** Carlos and the Cornfield

**Author:** Jan Romero Stevens

**Grade:** 3-6

**Summary:** In this sequel to *Carlos and the Squash Plant*, Carlos learns a moral lesson about the miracle of the harvest.



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**Title:** Aire

**Author:** Girasol

**Grade:** 4-8

**Summary:** This book includes story-telling and hands-on science activities that explore air and air pollution. It contains colorful illustrations and comic strips.



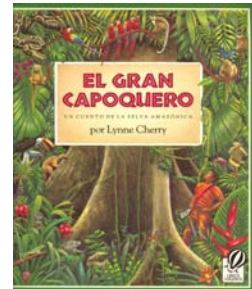
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**Title:** El gran capoquero

**Author:** Lynne Cherry

**Grade:** 1-5

**Summary:** Deep in the rainforest, a lumberjack falls asleep and is convinced by members of the animal kingdom not to cut down the great Kapok tree.



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**Title:** El árbol generoso

**Author:** Shel Silverstein

**Grade:** K-4

**Summary:** This is the classic tale of the young boy and his relationship with the giving tree. Throughout the years, as the boy eventually becomes an old man, he relies on the generous tree to meet many of his needs.

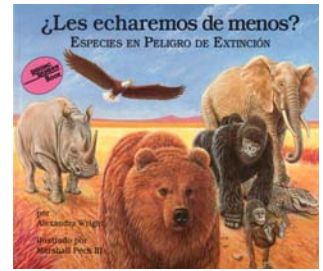


**Title:** ¿Les echaremos de menos? Especies en peligro de extinción

**Author:** Alexandra Wright

**Grade:** 2-4

**Summary:** This book introduces the reader to many different endangered species and goes into detail about their habitats and the reasons why they are threatened.



**Title:** Reserva natural: Una aventura escolar

**Author:** Lorraine Ward, Laura Jacques

**Grade:** 2-4

**Summary:** In this story, a group of students take a field trip to their local wildlife refuge and discover many species of birds, mammals, and reptiles. They learn about different habitats and adaptations of the animals they encounter. Very colorful, accurate wildlife illustrations.



**Title:** El autobús mágico va contra la corriente

**Author:** Joanna Cole

**Grade:** 3-6

**Summary:** Another excellent adventure in the magic school bus series. This time, Ms. Frizzle and her class travel to a river to see the salmon swim upstream.



**Title:** El autobús mágico en el fondo del mar

**Author:** Joanna Cole

**Grade:** 3-6

**Summary:** In this magic school bus adventure, Ms. Frizzle and her class travel to the bottom of the ocean. There they meet many different kinds of marine life, from crabs and coral to starfish and sea otters.



**Title:** La semilla de zanahoria

**Author:** Ruth Krauss

**Grade:** K-3

**Summary:** A young boy plants a carrot seed and, much to the surprise of adults, watches as it grows into a large, beautiful carrot.

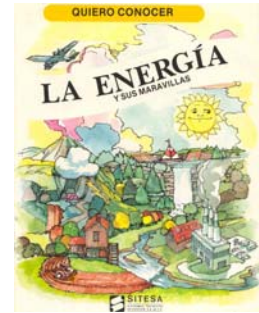


**Title:** La energía y sus maravillas

**Author:** David Adler

**Grade:** 4-8

**Summary:** This book teaches about the different types of energy and how they are used. It also discusses alternative energy sources and some ways to conserve energy.

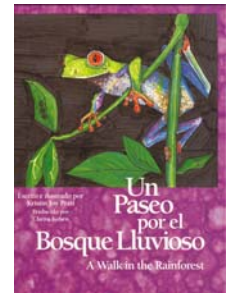


**Title:** Un paseo por el bosque lluvioso

**Author:** Kristin Joy Pratt

**Grade:** 3-6

**Summary:** In this colorfully illustrated book, the author walks us through a tropical rainforest, pointing out plants and animals that are found along the way.



**Title:** Esta casa está hecha de lodo

**Author:** Ken Buchanan

**Grade:** k-5

**Summary:** This poem-like story, written in both English and Spanish, describes a home made of straw and mud in the desert. The author makes connections between the home and the landscape and community around it. It contains beautiful watercolor illustrations.



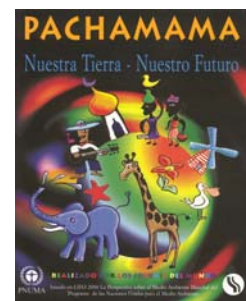
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**Title:** Pachamama

**Author:** Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente and Peace Child International

**Grade:** 6-12

**Summary:** This collection of writings and illustrations was created by children and youth from around the globe. Through poetry, essays and drawings, young authors describe many of the world's current environmental issues, including water pollution, biodiversity loss, and sustainable development.

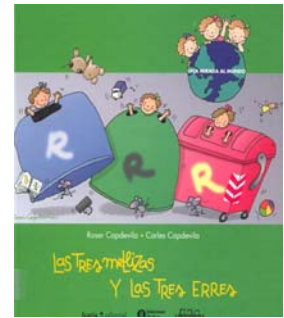


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**Title:** Las tres mellizas y las tres erres  
**Author:** Roser Capdevila, Carles Capdevila  
**Grade:** K-2

**Summary:** An eccentric, good witch teaches three little triplets the three R's of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. They become the Three Super R's in the process! This happy story will entertain younger kids while introducing them to the concept of waste reduction.



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**Title:** La Tierra: un planeta con vida  
**Author:** Biblioteca Interactiva  
**Grade:** 6-12

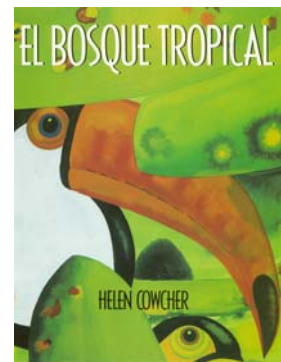
**Summary:** This beautifully illustrated book is a great interactive learning tool for Spanish speaking middle and high school students. With vivid photographs, appealing descriptions of basic ecology and biology, succinct explanations of human impact on the planet, and attention-grabbing graphics, this book offers an excellent introduction to environmental education for any science student.



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**Title:** El bosque tropical  
**Author:** Helen Cowcher  
**Grade:** 2-5

**Summary:** The rainforest is a colorful, peaceful, diverse place in this short story. But, one day the animals of the forest realize sudden changes are happening around them that will affect their home forever. This is a very touching story about habitat loss in rainforests, told through the eyes of the wildlife that lives there.



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**Title:** La playa de Pedro  
**Author:** Sally Grindley, Michael Foreman  
**Grade:** 4-8

**Summary:** Pedro's beach is a beautiful world surrounded by crystalline waters, magnificent cliffs, and teeming with wildlife. But one day a disastrous accident in the ocean changes Pedro's world forever. This detailed, poetic story is a stirring account of one of the consequences of our fossil fuel consumption: devastating oil spills.

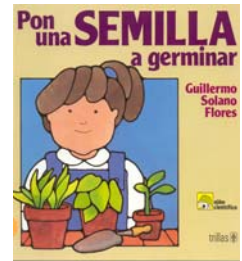


**Title:** Pon una semilla a germinar

**Author:** Guillermo Solano Flores

**Grade:** K-2

**Summary:** This book describes easily how a young child can do a simple experiment to watch a seed grow and then plant it. This book would nicely supplement a classroom project.



**Title:** Juguemos con las plantas

**Author:** Elisabet Ballart

**Grade:** 1-3

**Summary:** The little bears in this book demonstrate fun projects ranging from drying and decorating with leaves, to making perfume, to planting radishes. This book will guide you to all sorts of fun ways to care for and “play with plants”!



**Title:** ¿Qué hace llover? – Primeros pasos en la Ciencia

**Author:** Susan Mayes

**Grade:** 4-6

**Summary:** Where does water go when it evaporates?

How does it get to the sky to produce more rain?

What is the weather forecast and how do they do it?

Kids can learn all this and more in this short, well-illustrated book about weather.



**Title:** ¿Qué hay debajo del mar? - Primeros pasos en la Ciencia

**Author:** Sophy Tahta

**Grade:** 4-7

**Summary:** What is the ocean food chain? Why are some seas hot and others cold? What is a sub aquatic archeologist? This installment of the “First Steps in Science” series deals with underwater issues, including marine life, coral reefs, how humans reach the depths of the sea, and resource extraction. There is no focus on sustainable extraction in this book, although some problems with pollution and endangered species are mentioned. A good scientific resource guide for youngsters.

