



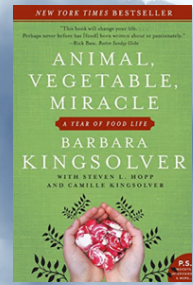
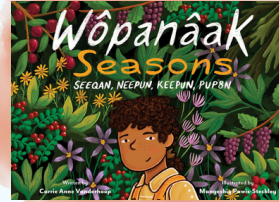
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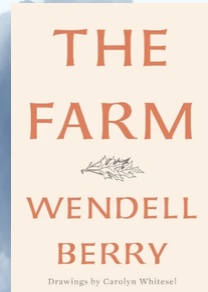
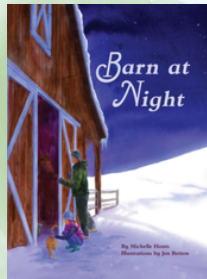
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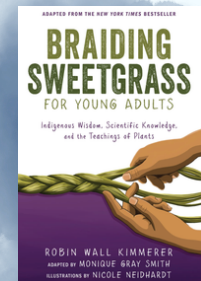
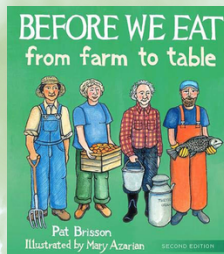
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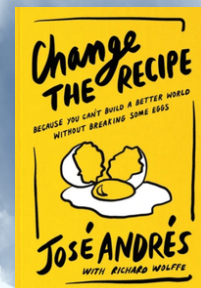
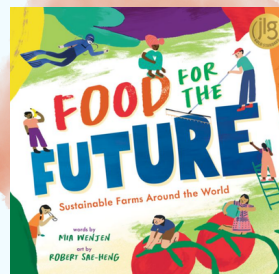
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Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt

Kate Messner, Illustrator: Christopher Silas Neal

Explore the secret realm beneath the dirt that brings the world of nature to life. Follow a young girl and her grandmother on a journey through the year planning, planting, and harvesting their garden and learn about what's happening in the dirt to help make it all happen. Up in the garden, the world is full of green leaves and sprouts, growing vegetables, ripening fruit. But down in the dirt exists a busy world where earthworms dig, snakes hunt, and skunks burrow.

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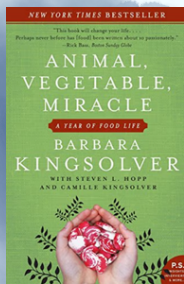


Wôpanâak Seasons

Carrie Anne Vanderhoop

In Wôpanâak Seasons a young Wampanoag child takes readers on a seasonal journey through Aquinnah, on Neope, known as Martha's Vineyard. Spring brings the return of wildlife; summer brings beach adventures and clambakes; fall is for harvesting cranberries and making jams; and winter features cozy gatherings and heartfelt traditions. Each season showcases the rich cultural heritage of the Wampanoag people. With striking illustrations and lyrical prose, this book is about an appreciation of the land and the joy of coming together with our community all year round.

Secondary



Animal, Vegetable, Miracle

Barbara Kingsolver

Kingsolver and her family abandoned the industrial-food pipeline to live a rural life, vowing that, for one year, they'd only buy food raised in their own neighborhood, grow it themselves, or learn to live without it. Part memoir, part journalistic investigation, Animal, Vegetable, Miracle is an enthralling narrative that will open your eyes in a hundred new ways to an old truth: You are what you eat.



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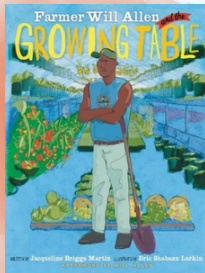


Barn at Night

Michelle Houts, Illustrated by Jen Betton

Barn at Night follows a father and a daughter as they care for farm animals in two visits to the barn on a working farm. First, waking early to do the routine, daily work in the pre-dawn hours, and in a midnight visit to the barn to help a horse who's foaling. Written in lyrical poetry, the story shows how farmers feed and care for their animals even in the coldest weather, in both situations that are planned for and not.

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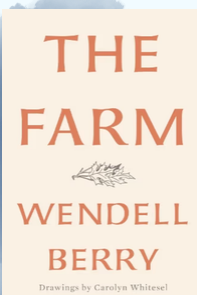


Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table

Jacqueline Briggs Martin, Illustrated by Shabazz Larkin, Afterword by Will Allen

Will Allen is no ordinary farmer. A former basketball star, he's as tall as his truck, and he can hold a cabbage, or a basketball, in one hand. But what is most special about Farmer Will is that he can see what others can't see. No space, no problem. Poor soil, there's a solution. When he looked at an abandoned city lot he saw a huge table, big enough to feed the whole world.

Secondary



The Farm

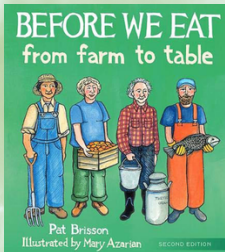
Wendell Berry

The Farm by Wendell Berry is a book-length poem that beautifully captures the daily rhythms, cycles, and physical realities of rural agricultural life. It serves as both a practical guide and a philosophical meditation on sustainable land stewardship, emphasizing the deep bond between the farmer, the animals, and the soil. The poem celebrates the enduring, sacred value of agrarian labor and the interconnectedness of all living things.



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Before We Eat

Pat Brisson, Illustrated by Mary Azarian

Before we eat, many people work very hard planting grain, catching fish, tending farm animals, and filling crates of vegetables. With vibrant illustrations, this book reminds us what must happen before food gets to our tables to nourish our bodies and spirits.

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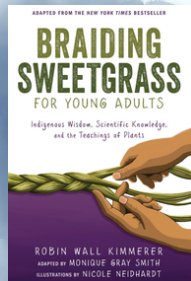


Our School Garden!

Rick Swann, Illustrated by Christy Hale

New city. New school. Michael is feeling all alone until he discovers the school garden! There's so many ways to learn, and so much work to do. The garden allows for so many activities outdoors: making school garden stone soup, writing found poems, solving garden riddles, getting involved in community projects, food bank donations, and spring plant sales. Each season creates a new way to learn, explore, discover, and make friends.

Secondary



Braiding Sweetgrass (Young Readers Edition)

Robin Wall Kimmerer, adapted by Monique Gray Smith

As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer is trained to use the tools of science to ask questions of nature. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces plants and animals as our oldest teachers. Drawing from her experiences as an Indigenous scientist, Kimmerer demonstrated how when we listen to the languages of other beings, from strawberries and witch hazel to water lilies and lichen, we are capable of understanding the generosity of the earth. Adapted for young adults by Monique Gray Smith, this new edition reinforces how wider ecological understanding stems from listening to the earth's oldest teachers: the plants around us.



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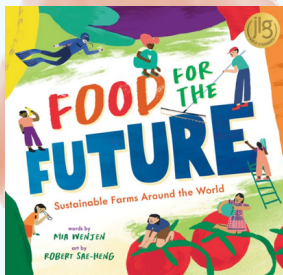


Outdoor Farm, Indoor Farm

Lindsay H. Metcalf, illustrated by Xin Li

Discover how the food you eat is grown both outside and inside! Join two children as they explore the inner workings of both outdoor and indoor farms. Readers will see how a variety of amazing machinery like tractors and drones along with innovative farming techniques yield the wonderful food we all love to enjoy.

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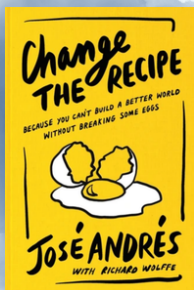


Food For the Future: Sustainable Farms Around the World

Mia Wenjen, Illustrated by Robert Sae-Heng

Go on a tour of eco-friendly farms around the globe! From urban gardens to farms under the sea, discover the many different sustainable ways people have been growing food for centuries, and new innovations that are battling the effects of climate change on farming. Rhyming text and inset boxes with definitions for new vocabulary words make the topic accessible to young learners.

Secondary



Change the Recipe: Because You Can't Build a Better World Without Breaking Some Eggs

José Andrés with Richard Wolffe

This book is a unique collection of life lessons from renowned chef and humanitarian José Andrés, the chef and founder of World Central Kitchen, a nonprofit dedicated to feeding the hungry in the wake of natural and man-made disasters. In this collection he shares his ideas about building community, ensuring human dignity, and improving the world through food.