

CLIMATE JUSTICE IN PICTURE BOOKS

Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all communities in both policies and everyday choices that benefit everyone equitably. We are stewards of the colonized land we occupy, and although large corporations cause the majority of environmental impact, our choices can impact the globe as well. We can vote with our dollars the businesses we support, and teach younger generations how to care for the land sustainably.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS AFRAID?



It's completely natural for kids to be worried when we start talking about these changes to our world. You of course know your child best, but assuring them that these are very gradual changes despite being serious. The key is to empower citizens to make small changes, buy sustainable options when able, and hold corporations accountable for their business decisions.

TIP #1

NOT EVERYONE EXPERIENCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THE SAME:

- There is an unequal distribution of costs and benefits, not all of them are monetary.
- Impoverished areas hit with extreme weather events more often because of climate change are more impacted and unable to recover fully.

TIP #2

PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE OTHER OPPRESSIONS ARE MOST AFFECTED:

Without equitable access to resources, marginalized populations are more likely to purchase non-sustainably made goods because they're cheaper (which is NOT their fault). These huge companies like Amazon do not have the planet in mind.

TIP #3

THESE COMMUNITIES ARE LEADING THE FIGHT:

- Communities that are marginalized are also powerful sites of resistance and organizing. We are seeing advancements in sustainable technologies come out of areas most impacted.
- Because they often lack federal resources, they problem-solve within the community and find solutions. They should be emulated and uplifted.

Where is the most extreme weather?

Most affected regions or countries (1998-2017)



Click to check out a great article on how "Climate Change Reinforces Inequalities"

OUR FAVORITES:

- **We Are Water Protectors**
 - Written by Carole Lindstrom
 - Illustrated by Michaela Goade
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 - Written & Illustrated by Marie G. Rohde
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 - Written by Nicola I. Campbell
 - Illustrated by Julie Flett
- **The Thing About Bees**
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- **The World's Poorest President Speaks Out**
 - Edited by Yoshimi Kusaba
 - Illustrated by Gaku Nakagawa
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 - Written by Chris Ferrie & Katherina Petrou
 - Illustrated by Chris Ferrie
- **My Green Day**
 - Writte & Illiustrated by Melanie Walsh

IN OUR HOUSE WE WANT TO FOCUS ON:



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