

Keeping Lakes in the Family: Sharing the Magic Through Stories

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As the weather turns colder we gravitate toward cozy evenings on the couch under a warm blanket or in our favorite chair by the fire. What better way to round out that snug feeling than curling up with the kids (or grandkids) and a book about lakes? See the Fall 2008, 2009 and 2010 editions of *Lake Tides* for more reviews at www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/laketides.

Loon Baby

Author: Molly Beth Griffin
Illustrator: Anne Hunter

This lovely picture book addresses a child's fear of abandonment and offers the reassurance of a mother's love. Hunter's illustrations artfully complement the story arc. In the beginning, watercolor washes of subtle blues and greens establish serenity. Ages 4-8.

The Waterfall's Gift

Author: Richard Jesse Watson
Illustrator: JoAnne Ryder

The insistent voice of the waterfall rings through the old north woods, beckoning a listening child back to the secret place she once shared with her grandfather. Now that Grandpa's gone, she wanders alone, yet feels a comforting sense of oneness with the forest. Ages 4-8.

That's Papa's Way

Author: Kate Banks
Illustrator: Lauren Castillo

A father and his daughter spend a lovely day together in this quiet story about the small pleasures of an outing on the lake. The illustrations convey the sense of calm that blend wonderfully with the story. Ages 4-8.

Turtle Crossing

Author and illustrator: Rick Chrustowski

This nonfiction picture book follows a painted turtle as she emerges from the ground where she hatches, crosses the road, and makes her way to a pond – then travels back five years later to lay her own eggs. Cutaway views showing what is above and below ground level are particularly effective. Ages 4-8.

Loon

Author: Susan Vende Griek
Illustrator: Karen Reczuch

This gorgeously illustrated prose poem follows two baby chicks through the cycle in which they breed on northern lakes during the spring and summer, and migrate to open coastal waters in the fall. An afterword supplies other interesting facts about the common loon, and the different factors that threaten them, suggesting ways to help protect them.

A House for Wanda Wood Duck

Author: Patricia Barnes Svarney
Illustrator: Dominic Catalano

This charming tale tells the story of a family that builds a nest box for Wanda, their favorite wood duck. Her successful nesting becomes a tale of discovery as well as an important lesson in conservation. Includes a simple diagram on how to build a wood duck nest box. Ages 4-8.

Adventures With Jonny: Let's Go Fishing!

Author: Michael DiLorenzo
Illustrator: Jennifer Julich

Unique in its approach, this first title from the *Adventures With Jonny* series presents three books in one. It first depicts a children's fishing adventure story, which perfectly relates the excitement of the day from a child's point of view. Next is a parents' "how-to" fishing guide that also offers tips for achieving maximum enjoyment from the day. Finally, a "Name that Fish!" family game is presented to help everyone learn the basic characteristics of the most common freshwater fish. Ages 3+



Wild about Wisconsin's Birds: A youth's guide to the birds of Wisconsin

Author: Adele Porter

Kids are naturally curious, and this book can help satisfy that curiosity while fostering a love of nature. There is a 46-page section about birds that live near lakes, rivers and wetlands. The vivid photographs and fun, kid-friendly presentation will have wildlife fans of all ages flipping through the book with each new sighting. Ages 9-12.

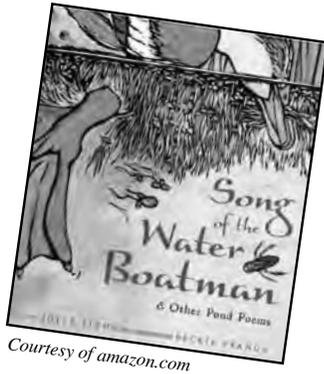


Songs of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems

Author: Joyce Sidman

Illustrator: Beckie Prange

In this strikingly illustrated collection, science facts combine with vivid poems about pond life through the seasons. Sidman employs many poetic forms, including austere haikus and rollicking sea shanties. Ages 8-12.



Aquatic Plants of the Upper Midwest

Author and photographer: Paul Skawinski

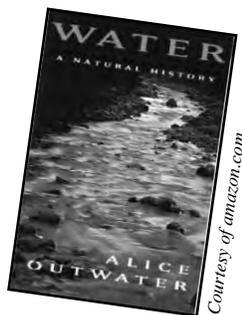
This full-color, photographic field guide to the aquatic plants of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan is an expanded version of the popular guide Aquatic Plants of Wisconsin. Learn to identify 131 species with over 350 color photos and easy-to-understand descriptions. Other features include an introduction to aquatic plant ecology, three practice pages to familiarize readers with how to use the book, and botanical keys to the four most common genera of aquatic plants in our region.



Water: A Natural History

Author: Alice Outwater

A generation after the Clean Water Act was passed, one-third of our waters are still polluted, according to the author. Outwater reaches back into our history and shows how our waterways have been transformed by the loss of keystone species. She looks at grasslands and forests, artificial waterways, agriculture, aqueducts and toilet bowls, sewers and sludge.



Movies and Films

Into the Outdoors: On the Water's Edge

This film takes audiences on an exciting adventure around Wisconsin to explore the plants and animals of wetlands. Learn about bluegill colonies in Washburn County, then travel to the Fox River Sanctuary and learn about the invasive purple loosestrife. The film also visits a student-led project about shoreland restoration. For ages 9-16.

Available by calling Discover Mediaworks at 608-442-5973. Other episodes of Into the Outdoors are available at www.kididdel.com



Mysteries of the Great Lakes

Ron Bruch (Actor), David Lickely (Director)

Travel to the "inland seas" in Mysteries of the Great Lakes, and dive underwater with a 200-pound sturgeon making her spawning run up Wisconsin's Wolf River. This *Science North Production* takes the audience on a journey through some of the world's most spectacular scenery. View the trailer or buy the DVD at <http://sciencenorth.ca/mysteriesofthegreatlakes/>.



Bugs of the Underworld: A fly fisher's guide to the natural history of aquatic insects

Ralph and Lisa Cutter

Extraordinary, award-winning, underwater video footage follows the life cycles of mayflies, stoneflies, caddisflies, and other amazing bugs, many of which live in lakes and streams. See how aquatic insects behave and what they really look like. Teachers, parents, water monitors, scientists, and kids of all ages will be entertained and enlightened by this video. 💧

