

# SunSafe Reading List

Here are some children's books about (or relating to) the Sun or **SunSafety** issues. Most will be available at your library, or can be ordered through your local bookstore. These books can be used to supplement **SunSafe** curricular activities in the classroom *or* at home.

(Please Note: This list is by no means comprehensive -- there are many many wonderful children's books on these subjects. This just a place to start!)

## Picture Books For Preschoolers & Young Children

### About the Sun: What It Is & What It Does

**Brown Cow, Green Grass, Mellow Yellow Sun** by Ellen Jackson, Hyperion 1997, ISBN 0-7868-1162-5, paperback \$4.95

*How milk is made from grass by the cow with the help of the Sun. For very young children with bright "claymation" illustrations.*

**Like Butter on Pancakes** by Jonathan London, Viking 1995, ISBN 0-670-85130-2, hardcover \$13.99

*Written by a poet in a lilting cadence, this simple story celebrates the role of the sun as it wakes us and follows us through the day until bedtime.*

**Now I Know Stars** by Roy Wandelmaier, Troll Associates 1985, ISBN 0-8167-0442-2, paperback \$3.50

*VERY simple information about the Sun as a star for young preschoolers.*

**The Sun's Asleep Behind the Hill** By Mirra Ginsburg, Greenwillow Books/Wm. Morrow, New York, 1982, ISBN 0-688-00824-0, hardcover \$16.00

*The sun, animals, and child rest at the end of the day.*

**Sun Song**, by Jean Marzollo, Harper Collins 1995, ISBN 0-06-020787-6, hardcover, \$14.95

*Lovely, simple picture book. Radiant illustrations. Follows the sun as it wakes the world, greeting everything. Shows how sunshine affects natural world. Great for very young children.*

**Sun Up, Sun Down** by Gail Gibbons, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1987, ISBN 0-15-282782-x, paperback \$6.00

*Describes how the sun affects everyday life. Points out that shadows are short when the sun is high overhead.*

**What is the Sun?** by Reeve Lindbergh, Candlewick 1996, ISBN 1-56402-609-4, paperback \$4.99

*Will be a classic someday. Sweet, softly illustrated, rhyming story for the very young child about the rhythms of the day. Good way to ease into*

*nap time...*

## **Animals Under the Sun**

**Who Likes it Hot?** By May Garelick, Four Winds Press, New York, 1972 (this book is out of print -- check local libraries)

*Rhymes for the young tell which animals like hot weather and which don't.*

## **Hats**

**Aunt Flossie's Hats (And Crab Cakes Later)** by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard, Houghton Mifflin 1991, paperback \$5.95

*Vividly illustrated with oil paintings, follows the story of Great Great Aunt Flossie's life as she looks through a box of old hats and reminisces about the momentous occasions at which she wore each.*

**Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey Business,** by Esphyr Slobodkina, Harper 1940, ISBN 0-694-70004-5, paperback \$4.95

*Classic children's tale of a tree full of monkeys and the peddler who stops to take a rest. (Features lots of hats!)*

**Casey's New Hat,** by Tricia Gardella, 1997, 0-395-72035-4, hardcover \$14.95

*Casey, a young ranch hand, tries on many broad-brimmed hats before she finds just the right one!*

**The Five Hundred Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins** by Dr. Seuss, Random House, New York, 1938, ISBN 0-394-84484-x, hardcover \$14.00

*A Dr. Seuss story about a boy who keeps trying unsuccessfully to take off his hat for the King.*

**Madeline and the Bad Hat** by Ludwig Bemelmans, Puffin Books/Viking Penguin 1988, ISBN 0-14-050206-8, paperback \$4.99

*What does the mischievous Pepito have under his hat? (It is he who is "bad", not his hat!)*

**Miz Frannie Mae's Fine New Easter Hat** by Melissa Milich, Little Brown 1997, ISBN 0-316-57159-8, hardcover \$14.95

*Sweet, old-fashioned story about a surprise new Easter hat. Set in the days of horse and buggies.*

**The Purple Hat** by Tracey Campbell Pearson, Farrar Straus Giroux 1997, ISBN 0-374-36153-3, hardcover \$16.00

*Annie gets a new purple hat which she loves, wears to school, and then,*

*horror of horrors, loses. The whole town turns out to help her find it.*

## **Summertime & the Beach**

**At the Beach** By Anne & Harlow Rockwell, Simon & Schuster, 1991, ISBN 0-689-71494-7, paperback \$4.95

*A child uses her sunscreen and beach umbrella during an enjoyable day at the beach.*

**Bugs Bunny and His Sunburned Ears** by Gina Ingogla, Golden Books, New York, 1990 (may out of print -- check libraries)

*Recommended by nursery school teacher participating in the SunSafe program.*

**Harry by the Sea** By Gene Zion, Harper & Row, New York, 1976, ISBN 0-06-443010-3, paperback \$5.95

*Harry the dog loses his family while trying to avoid the hot sun at the seaside. He has trouble finding them again as all the families are using beach umbrellas, sun hats, sunglasses, & sunscreen. Strong SunSafe message conveyed through delightful illustrations. A classic!*

**On the Edge of the Sea** by Betty Paraskevas, Dial/Penguin Books 1992, ISBN 0-8037-1130-1, hardcover \$14.00

*Dream-like story with sparkling images and fun illustrations. A little boy imagines a perfect day at the beach (complete with giant-sized sand castle). Lots of umbrellas, hats, etc.*

**Paddington at the Seaside** By Michael Bond & Fred Banbery, Random House, New York, 1978 (this book is out of print -- check local libraries)

*Paddington & his people visit the seaside, bringing their beach umbrella. Paddington wears his hat.*

**Simon in Summer** by Giles Tibo, Tundra Books 1991, ISBN 0-88776-280-8, paperback \$4.95

*Simon wears his hat, shirt and long shorts as he rambles around in the summer. Simple, brief story with soft illustrations. Good for very young children.*

## **Sun Folk Tales**

**The Children of the Morning Light** told by Manitonquat, Simon & Schuster, 1994, ISBN 0-02-765905-4, hardcover \$16.95

*The story "Maushop and Grandfather Sun" talks about how the sun comes back and we have seasons.*

**The Echidna and the Shade Tree** told by Mona Green, retold by Pamela Lofts, Slawson Communications, 1985, ISBN 0-915391-05-8, paperback \$3.95

*Uses a parable to relate the importance of shade trees.*

**Raven** told by Gerald McDermott, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York, 1993, ISBN 0-15-265661-8, hardcover \$14.95

*Raven steals the sun and brings light to the world.*

**When the Snake Bites the Sun** told by David Mowaljarlai, retold by Pamela Lofts, Slawson Communications 1985, ISBN 0-915391-06-6, paperback \$3.95

*Talks about how the sun can be too hot and burn the earth, and about the importance of having day and night.*

**Why the Sun and Moon Live in the Sky** by Nicki Daly, Lothrop/Wm. Morrow 1995, ISBN 0-688-13331-2, hardcover \$15.00

*Beautifully illustrated with Renaissance-inspired drawings. Simple folk tale based on the Eastern Nigerian creation myth. Written by a South African writer.*

**Winter-Telling Stories** Compiled by Alice Marriott, Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York, 1947 (this book is out of print -- check your local library)

*In the story "How Saynday Got the Sun" animals & Native American hero steal the sun and find a place for it. Talks about how the sun can be too bright.*

## Sun Poetry

**Sing to the Sun** by Ashley Bryan, Harper Trophy 1992, ISBN 0-06-443437-0, paperback \$4.95

*Poems in celebration of life, and about the gifts of the sun in particular.*

**Under the Sun and the Moon, and Other Poems** by Margaret Wise Brown, Hyperion 1993, ISBN 0-7868-1035-1, paperback \$4.95

*Fresh images of the farmyard, the pond, the woods, celebrating the joys of nature from one of the most best-loved writers of literature for children.*

## Trees

**The Gift of the Tree** by Alvin Tresselt, Lothrop/Wm. Morrow 1992, ISBN 0-688-10684-6, hardcover \$14.00

*Lovely depiction of the life-cycle of a tree. Beautifully illustrated; shows what goes on under the shade of a big old tree in the deep woods.*

**The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree** by Gail Gibbons, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1988, ISBN 0-15-271245-3, paperback \$5.00

*Arnold enjoys his apple tree, including the shade it provides in summer.*

**The Tremendous Tree Book** by May Garelick and Barbara Brenner, Four Winds Press/Scholastic, New York, 1979, ISBN 0-590-07590-x, hardcover \$10.95

*Celebrates the different functions of trees, including their cool shade.*

## **Beginning Readers (fiction & non-fiction)**

**Abe Lincoln's Hat** by Martha Brenner, Random House 1994, ISBN 0-679-84977-7, paperback \$3.99

*Lincoln's stove pipe hat is famous, but what else did he do with it besides wear it? A true story. Historical, shows how important to daily life hats once were.*

**Around and About the Sky Above Us** by Kate Perry, Barron's 1993, ISBN 0-8120-1234-8, paperback \$5.95

*Harry and Ralph the Dog explore some of the layers of atmosphere just above the earth from their hot air balloon. Good introduction to the ozone layer, etc.*

**Sunshine Moonshine** by Jennifer Armstrong, 1997 ISBN 0-679-86442-3, paperback \$3.99

*Early Beginning Reader (Preschool/K). Rhyming story follows the progress of the Sun through the course of the day.*

**Wake up Sun** by David Harrison, Random House, 1986, ISBN 0-394-88256-3, paperback \$3.99

*Early Beginning Reader (Preschool/ Grade 1). Silly story of how the farm animals search for the missing sun in the middle of the night.*

**Uncle Foster's Hat Tree** by Doug Cushman, Puffin Books 1988, ISBN 0-14-037995-9, paperback \$3.50

*Beginning reader with "chapters". Each of Uncle Foster's hats reminds him of an adventure he had while wearing it...*

## Books for Older Children

### Geography

**The Desert is Theirs** by Byrd Baylor, Simon & Schuster, 1987, ISBN 0-689-71105-0, paperback \$5.95

*Simple prose explains how the desert people and animals hide from the sun and wait for the rain.*

**Under the Sun** By Ellen Kandoian, Dodd, Mead, & Co., New York, 1987 (this book is out of print -- check your local libraries)

*A little girl learns about all the places the sun goes after she goes to sleep at night .*

### Skin

**Janice VanCleave's The Human Body for Every Kid: Easy Activities That Make Learning Science Fun** by Janice VanCleave, John Wiley & Sons 1995, ISBN 0-471-02408-2, paperback \$11.95

*Excellent science series for older children. Good hands-on experiments and activities, easy to do. Has a chapter on the skin and how it works.*

**Your Skin and Mine (A Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Book)** by Paul Showers, Harper Trophy 1991, ISBN 0-06-445102-x, paperback \$4.95

*Simple science for young readers about how the skin works. Describes how melanin turns the skin darker.*

### Summertime

**Summer's End** by Maribeth Boelts, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1995, ISBN 0-395-70559-2, hardcover \$14.95

*The wistful memories of summer give way to a promising new school year.*

### Sun Science

**Finding Out About Sun, Moon and Planets** by Lynn Myring, Usborne Hayes/EDC 1982, ISBN 0-86020-580-0, paperback \$4.50

*Fun, cartoon-like illustrations; lots happening on the page.*

**How We Learned the Earth is Round** by Patricia Lauber, Harper Collins, 1992, ISBN 0-06-445109-7, paperback \$4.95

*Explains how mankind changed its mind about the shape of the earth.*

**Hyperspace** by David A. Adler, The Viking Press, New York, 1982 (this book is out of print -- check your local library)

*Facts, puzzles, riddles, & games about the Sun and other aspects of outer space. Warns that the sun's light can be dangerous.*

**The Kingfisher Science Encyclopedia** Kingfisher 1991, ISBN 1-85697-842-7, hardcover \$39.95

*Good general science encyclopedia. Brief entries with clear illustrations. Sections on the Sun, seasons, etc.*

**Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System** by Joanna Cole, Scholastic 1990, ISBN 0-590-41429-1, paperback \$4.95

*Another in the popular Magic School Bus series, this little book makes learning about the solar system fun.*

**National Audubon Society Pocket Guide: The Sun and the Moon** Random House 1995, ISBN 0-679-76056-3 paperback \$7.99

*Dazzling color photographs -- remarkable close-ups of the Sun's surface, sunspots, etc. Pocket-sized. Handy reference tool; covers all aspects of the sun.*

**101 Questions and Answers about the Universe** by Roy A. Gallant, Simon & Schuster, 1984, ISBN 0-02-736750-9, hardcover \$15.00

*An introduction to astronomy using questions actually asked by children.*

**The Oxford Children's Book of Science** by Charles Taylor and Stephen Pople, Oxford University Press 1995, ISBN 1-19-521165-0, hardcover \$24.95

*Good one-volume encyclopedia. Clear illustrations. Covers the many topics related to SunSafety.*

**The Planets in Our Solar System (A Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Book)** by Franklyn M. Branley, Harper Trophy 1981, ISBN 0-06-445064-3, paperback \$4.95

*Good, clear presentation of the workings of the solar system with handy, interesting facts about the Sun.*



**Sunshine Makes the Seasons (A Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Book)** by Franklyn M. Branley, Harper Trophy 1986, ISBN 0-06-445019-8, paperback \$4.95  
*Good introduction to what makes the seasons, the rotation of the Earth around the Sun, etc.*

**What Makes Day and Night** by Franklyn M. Branley, Harper Collins, 1986, ISBN 0-06-445050-3, paperback \$4.95  
*A child-friendly explanation of how the turning of the earth causes day and night.*

**Window on the Universe: Our Planet Earth** Barron's 1994, ISBN 0-81201741-2, paperback \$6.95  
*Gives a brief description of how the Sun was formed; explores the reasons for seasons; includes directions for making a sundial.*