



## Water '22 Young Adult and Young Reader Booklist

*This book list was developed by Water Education Colorado (WEco) and the Water '22 Steering Committee with input from staff at multiple libraries and environmental education organizations throughout Colorado. One of WEco's core values is "Objectivity is Fundamental." Water doesn't take sides, and neither do we. As an independent voice, WEco is an active leader in bringing together all perspectives and advancing balanced decision-making and outcomes. WEco is committed to seeking out a full range of community interests reflective of Colorado's population and uses all available means to assist persons in having their voices heard in water-related educational and decision-making forums. The books on this list do not represent the perspectives of WEco but do represent the perspectives of authors relevant to the focus of the Water '22 campaign.*

### Young Adult List

Hobbs, Will. *Downriver*. New York: Atheneum, 1991.

Kaye, Cathryn Berger; and Philippe Cousteau. *Going Blue: A Teen Guide to Saving Our Oceans, Lakes, Rivers & Wetlands*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, 2010.

Langwith, Jacqueline. *Water*. Detroit, MI: Greenhaven Press, 2010.

Shusterman, Neil, and Jarrod. *Dry*. Simon and Shuster Books for Young Readers, 2018.

### Young Readers List

Argueta, Jorge; Maria Liatis; Gabriela Baeza Ventura. *Agua, Aguita/Water, Little Water/ At Achichipiga At*. Illustrated by Felipe Ugalde, Fairfax, Virginia: Library Ideas LLC, 2021.

Barnham, Kay. *The Great Big Water Cycle Adventure*. Illustrated by Maddie Frost, London: Wayland, 2017.

Cassino, Mark and Jon Nelson Ph.D. *The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2009.

Chin, Jason. *Grand Canyon*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2017.

Cole, Joanna. *The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks*. Illustrated by Bruce Degen, New York: Scholastic Inc., 1989.

Fourment, Tiffany. *My Water Comes from the Rocky Mountains*. Illustrated by Dorothy Emerling, Lafayette, Colo.: Moonlight Publishing, 2004.

Fourment, Tiffany; Koren Nydick; Gary Gianniny; and Mary Ann Goff. *My Water Comes from the San Juan Mountains*. Illustrated by Dorothy Emerling. Lafayette, Colo.: Moonlight Publishing, 2009.

Gonzalez, Maya Christina. *I Know the River Loves Me/ Yo se que el rio me ama*. New York: Children's Book Press, 2012.

Gunn, John. *Running Wild: Adventures of Two Raindrops*. Illustrated by Ben Brown, Estes Park, CO: Rocky Mountain Nature Association, 2010.

Harper, Joel. *All the Way to the Ocean/ De camino al Océano*. Illustrated by Marq Spusta. Claremont, CA: Freedom Three Books, 2015.

Kaye, Cathryn Berger; and Philippe Cousteau. *Make a Splash: A Kid's Guide to Protecting Our Oceans, Lakes, Rivers & Wetlands*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Pub. Inc., 2013.

Koontz, Robin. *Erosion: Changing Earth's Surface*. Illustrated by Matthew Harrad, Minneapolis, Minn.: Picture Window Books, 2007.

Lindstrom, Carole. *We Are Water Protectors/ Somos guardianes del agua*. Illustrated by Michaela Goade, New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2020.

Marsico, Katie. *The Colorado River*. Ann Arbor, Mich.: Cherry Lake Pub, 2013.

McGinty, Alice. *The Water Lady: How Darlene Arviso Helps a Thirsty Navajo Nation*. Illustrated by Shonto Begay, New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2021.

McGraw, Sally. *Build a Rain Barrel*. Illustrated by Roger Stewart, Mankato, Minn.: Child's World, 2017.

Messner, Kate. *Over and Under the Pond*. Illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal, San Francisco, Cali.: Chronicle Books LLC, 2017.

Moon, Emily Kate. *Drop: An Adventure Through the Water Cycle*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2021.

Mora, Pat. *Water Rolls, Water Rises: El agua rueda, el agua sube*. Illustrated by Meilo So, New York: Children's Book Press, 2014.

Paterson, John. *I Am the Rain*. Nevada City, CA: Dawn Publications, 2018.

Pattison, Darcy. *Erosion: How Hugh Benner Saved America's Soil and Ended the Dust Bowl*. Illustrated by Peter Willis, Little Rock: Mims House, 2020.

Paul, Miranda. *Water Is Water: A Book about the Water Cycle*. Illustrated by Jason Chin, New York: Godwin Books, Henry Holt & Co, 2017.

Portis, Antoinette. *Hey, Water!* New York: Neal Porter Books, Holiday House, 2019.

Ray, Deborah Kogan. *Down the Colorado: John Wesley Powell, the One-armed Explorer*. New York: Francis Foster Books/Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2007.

Rawlins, Carol B. *The Colorado River*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1999.

Rosinsky, Natalie M. *Water: Up, Down and All Around/ El agua: Arriba, abajo y en todos lados*. Illustrated by Matthew John, Minneapolis, Minn.: Picture Window Books, 2003.

Sidman, Joyce. *Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems*. Illustrated by Beckie Prange, Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2005.

Tenasco, Sunshine. *Nibi's Water Song*. Illustrated by Chief Lady Bird, New York: Lee & Low Books Inc., 2021.

Waldman, Stuart. *The Last River: John Wesley Powell and the Colorado River Exploring Expedition*. Illustrated by Gregory Manchess, New York: Mikaya Press, 2005.

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We think it is important to have discussions with children to help them digest complex topics. As described in the Statewide Water Education Action Plan (2020-2025), engaging students in well-informed discourse regarding balanced water solutions will help empower the next generation to take thoughtful action regarding critical water challenges facing the state and their communities. Consider having a follow-up conversation with your children using questions similar to those found in the links below:

*We are Water Protectors/ Somos guardianes del agua* written by Carole Lindstrom:  
<https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america/find-your-book/we-are-water>

*Nibi's Water Song* written by Sunshine Tenasco:  
<https://www.learningtogive.org/resources/nibis-water-song-literature-guide#:~:text=Ask%3A%20What%20are%20some%20of,we%20use%20water%20every%20day.>