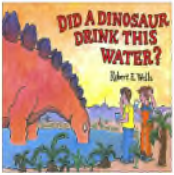


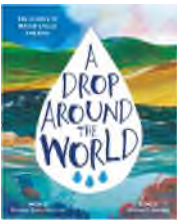
Water-themed Books for Primary School Students

Overview of Water

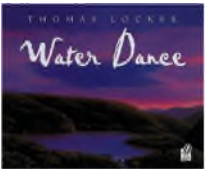


Did a Dinosaur Drink This Water? by Robert E. Wells is a book that demonstrates the water cycle, compares salt water and freshwater, explains the importance of water for living things, and discusses the importance of caring for our water as a precious resource.

Water Cycle

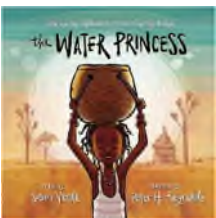


A Drop Around the World by Barbara Shaw McKinney & Michael S. Maydak shares the journey of “Drop” as he travels across the world and constantly changes forms from solid to liquid to gas. This book shows the water cycle, changes of state, and how water impacts the environment, weather, living things, and human society.



Water Dance by Thomas Locker is a stunningly illustrated book that tells water's story from the water's perspective. This book focuses on the many different bodies of water around the world and explains how water plays an important role in weather, rainbows, and sunsets.

Water Access



The Water Princess by Susan Verde is a beautiful story told from the perspective of a young African girl from a small village who doesn't have easy access to water. It shows the important role that women and young girls play in collecting water and the impact of water scarcity on communities.

Water Conservation



One Well: The Story of Water on Earth (CitizenKid) by Rochelle Strauss and Rosemary Woods explains that water has the power to change everything and that all water on Earth is connected. It empowers children to be informed about the importance of water to all living things and how they can care for water.



Unlike the picture books in this list, Every Last Drop: Bring Clean Water Home by Michelle Mulder, is a reference book for older primary school children. This book discusses the importance of access to clean water, celebrates communities' innovations in accessing water, and helps children to evaluate the role they can play in conserving water for everyone.

Australian Indigenous Water Perspectives



Big Rain Coming by Katrina Germein and Bronwyn Bancroft is set in an Aboriginal community in remote, inland Australia. In this colourful story children living in a hot and dry environment eagerly await the arrival of cool, wet rain.



Big Fella Rain by Beryl Webber and Fern Martins set in northern Australia that celebrates the transition from dry season to wet season. The story and illustrations demonstrate how the existence of people, animals and tiny creatures in this environment depends on the rain cycle.

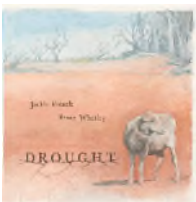


Wilam: A Birrarung Story by Aunty Joy Murphy, Andrew Kelly and Lisa Kennedy tells the story of one day in the life of the Birrarung (Yarra) River. This Indigenous and geographical story of the Birrarung River from pre-history to the present day.

General Australian Water Perspectives



Rivertime by Trace Balla is a story about a ten-year-old boy and his uncle paddling and camping along the Glenelg River. This story captures the beauty of the non-living and living things in a river environment and the magic we experience when we slow down and enjoy them.



Drought by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley is a dramatic story that shows how droughts affect the environment, animals, and people. Importantly, this story shares the everyday challenges and emotions experienced by people during droughts.



Flood by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley is a moving story told from the perspective of a dog that has been separated from his family during a flood. Movingly, this story demonstrates the kindness and courage of communities as they help each other through a difficult natural disaster.