



## **Recommended Reading** **Exploring the Natural World**

**Bodies from the ice: melting glaciers and the recovery of the past** / By James M. Deem. Boston: Houghton Mifflin: 2008. WWL call number: 030840 Kids

The author of "Bodies from the Ash" and "Bodies from the Bog" takes readers on a captivating and creepy journey to learn about glaciers, hulking masses of moving ice that are now offering up many secrets of the past.

**Citizen scientists: be a part of scientific discovery from your own backyard** / By Loree Griffin Burns. New York: Henry Holt: 2012. WWL call number: 281630 Kids

Anyone can get involved in gathering data for ongoing, actual scientific studies such as the Audubon Bird Count and FrogWatch USA. Just get out into a field, urban park, or your own backyard. This book, full of engaging photos and useful tips, will show you how. Photographs by Ellen Harasimowicz. For children ages 8 and up.

**The fantastic undersea life of Jacques Cousteau** / By Dan Yaccarino. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Random House.: 2009. WWL call number: 110254 Kids

Yaccarino focuses on famed oceanographer Jacques Cousteau. The brief, evenly paced text, which includes a few direct quotes, describes Cousteau's lifelong fascination with the sea, filmmaking, and invention, beginning with depictions of the scientist as a young boy, tinkering with cameras and swimming in the ocean to recover from chronic illness. Rendered in gouache and airbrush, the playful illustrations evoke popular mid - twentieth - century patterns and shades—a fitting reference to Cousteau's professional heyday.

**Gaia girls: way of water** / By Lee Welles. White River Junction, Vt.: Chelsea Green Pub. Co.: 2007. WWL call number: 110264 Kids

After her parents' deaths, 10 - year - old Miho moves to Japan to live with her bachelor uncle. While struggling to adjust to her new home, she meets Gaia, the living embodiment of the Earth in the form of an otter, who grants her the power to communicate with the world's oceans. Miho learns that the sea is in danger and she must help save it.

**Manfish: the story of Jacques Cousteau** / By Jennifer Berne. San Francisco: Chronicle Books: 2008.  
WWL call number: 110253 Kids

Before Jacques Cousteau became an internationally known oceanographer and champion of the seas, he was a curious little boy. In this lovely biography, poetic text and gorgeous paintings combine to create a portrait of Jacques Cousteau that is as magical as it is inspiring. Illustrated by Éric Puybaret.

**Swirl by swirl: spirals in nature** / By Joyce Sidman. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children: 2011. WWL call number: 240576 Kids

Celebrates the shape of a spiral in nature, from rushing rivers to flower buds and even the shape of an ear. Illustrated by Beth Krommes. For children ages 4 and up.

**Ubiquitous: celebrating nature's survivors** / By Joyce Sidman. Boston [Mass.]: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children: 2010. WWL call number: 281594 Kids

Poems and factual information about some of the creatures that live on Planet Earth.

**What's in the pond?** / By Anne Hunter. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company: 1999. WWL call number: 071206 Kids

Describes a variety of pond animals, including the mayfly, red - winged blackbird, and painted turtle. For children in grades K - 3