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Selections from the Children's Book Collection:

Composting and Worms

Compost Critters. Lavies, Bianca. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 1993.

Describes what happens in a compost pile and how creatures, from bacteria and mites to millipedes and earthworms, aid in the process of turning compost into humus. Advanced readers. Nonfiction. j S654 .L391 1993

Compost!: Growing Gardens from Your Garbage. Glaser, Linda.

Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1996.

Illustrates how to grow gardens from your garbage. Early readers. Nonfiction. j S654 .G462 1996

Compost Stew: an A to Z Recipe for the Earth. Siddals, Mary McKenna.

Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press, 2010.

A rhyming recipe explains how to make the dark, crumbly, rich, earth-friendly food called compost from A to Z. Pre-readers. Nonfiction. j S654 .S53 2010

Diary of a Worm. Cronin, Doreen. New York: Joanna Cotler Books, c2003.

A young earthworm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world. Early readers. Fiction. j SB998.E4 C881 2003

An Earthworm's Life. Himmelman, John. New York: Children's Press, 2000.

Describes, in simple text and illustrations, the daily activities and life cycle of the earthworm.

Pre-readers. Nonfiction. j SB998.E4 H576 2000

Pumpkin Jack. Hubbell, Will. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman, 2000.

In the course of one year, a jack-o-lantern, discarded after Halloween, decomposes in the backyard and eventually grows new pumpkins from its seeds. Early readers. Fiction. j SB347 .H862 2000

Wiggling Worms at Work. Pfeffer, Wendy. New York: HarperCollins, c2004.

Examines how earthworms eat, move, reproduce, and help plants to grow.

Early readers. Nonfiction. j SB998 .E4 P475 2004

The Wonderful World of Wigglers. Hand, Julia. Montpelier, VT: Food Works, 1995.

Explores the mysteries of the earthworm through stories and activities. Advanced readers. Nonfiction. j SB998.E4 H191 1995.

Wormy Worm. Raschka, Christopher. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2000.

As Wormy Worm wiggles and woggles, it is hard to tell which end is front and which end is back.

Pre-readers. Fiction. j SB998.E4 R183 2000.

Yucky Worms. French, Vivian. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2010.

While helping Grandma in the garden, a child learns about the important role of the earthworm in helping plants grow. Early readers. Fiction. j SB998.E4 F889 2010

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