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SEASON'S GREETINGS



American author, artist, poet, musician, historian, teacher of Earth-centered spirituality, and wilderness restorationist, Jesse Wolf Hardin has published over 500 articles and 9 books in the fields of personal growth, natural history, deep ecology, spirituality and nature, alternative healing, poetry, wildcrafting, American history, and the legends of the Wild West. Contact him at the Earthen Spirituality Project, P. O. Box 516, Reserve, NM 87830.

IMPRESSIONS/BOOK REVIEWS — CHILDREN AND TEENS

RACHEL CARSON: FOUNDER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT—by George Shea; Blackbirch Press/ThomsonGale, 27500 Drake Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331; 64 pp.; ©2006. From the “Giants of Science” series that includes books about Robert Boyle, Nicolaus Copernicus, Robert Goddard, Joseph Lister, and J. Robert Oppenheimer, is this story about a woman whose scientific writings for the general public in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s created the basis for the modern environmental movement in the 1970s. Her books including the famous *The Sea Around Us*, *The Edge of the Sea*, and *Silent Spring*, presented the threats of chemicals on wildlife and the ecosystems as well as explained the concept of ecology, marine biology and important conservation concerns and environments. Shea shares her life history. This short synopsis is important reading for young adults as well as older readers.

LUG DAWN OF THE ICE AGE: HOW ONE SMALL BOY SAVED OUR BIG, DUMB SPECIES—by David Zeltser; Egmont USA, 443 Park Avenue South, Suite 806, New York, NY 10016; 184 pp.; \$15.99 hardback; ©2014. Pre-teens will enjoy reading this novel which is a story about a cave boy who becomes a caveman and is joined by a Neanderthal and a “Boar Rider” girl. They work to protect feuding clans from the impending freeze and from migrating saber-toothed tigers.

NATURE’S CONFESSION—by J. L. Morin; Harvard Square Editions, New York, c/or Simone Weingarten, 2152 Beachwood Terrace, Los Angeles, CA 90068; 290 pp.; \$19.95 paperback; ©2014. Morin creates a character in this novel that invents eco-friendly living computers to combat the pollution of earth by corporations. The heroes uncover scientific mysteries that hopefully will teach “earthlings” respect for Nature that they have forgotten. Great for teens and adults.

TIPPY THE RAINDROP and TIPPY AND THE RUNAWAY CLOUD—by Theodora Klein-Carroll; Balboa Press/Hay House, 1663 Liberty Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403; 22 pp.; \$16.99 softcover; ©2012 and 2013. These interactive adventure books can be read to young children who will enjoy the colorful full-page drawings. The short stories are about a raindrop whose dream is to provide water to a flower blossom but first must find a cloud or deal with the wind. Kids will have fun with the imaginative pieces.

BIRD LADY MEETS MORT AND ORT IN “IT’S A GREAT DAY FOR PULLING WEEDS”—by Gramma Golden; illustrated by Stephen Adams; AuthorHouse, 1663 Liberty Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403; 35 pp.; ©2014. Young readers can enjoy the colorful drawings while learning about respecting nature and enjoying wildlife as kids are taken on a whimsical journey through Bird Lady’s garden.

GREEN KIDS CLUB: THE GREEN SPRING—by Sylvia M. Medina and Saige J. Ballock-Dixon; illustrations by Joy Eagle; Green Kids Club, P. O. Box 50030, Idaho Falls, ID 83405; 32 pp.; ©2011. The authors believe that children should learn the importance of preserving our environment and ecosystem and have created a series of books to teach kids how to be kids while giving them some charming stories about animals. The colorful drawings enhance the story about humans and animals working together to save the habitats and about other actions individuals, regardless of age, can take to help the earth.