

Title: *John Muir: America's First Environmentalist*

Author: Kathryn Lasky and Stan Fellows

Description: A biography of John Muir, naturalist and founder of the Sierra Club, whose travels, speeches and writings led directly to the creation of the Yosemite National Park in 1890 and other national parks that followed. From the meadows of Scotland to the farms of Wisconsin, from the swamps of Florida to the Alaskan tundra, John Muir loved the land. Born in 1838, he was a writer, a scholar, an inventor, a shepherd, a farmer, and an explorer, but above all, he was a naturalist. John Muir was particularly devoted to the high cliffs, waterfalls, and ancient giant sequoia trees that, through his careful influence, were set aside as the first national park in America - Yosemite. Here is the life story of the man who, moved by a commitment to wilderness everywhere, founded the Sierra Club in 1892, a conservation group that carries on his crucial work to this day.

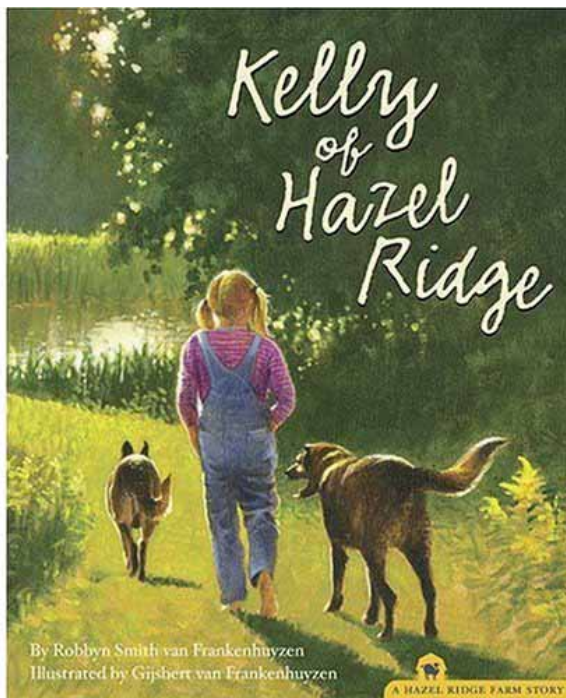
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Title: *Uno's Garden*

Author: Graeme Base

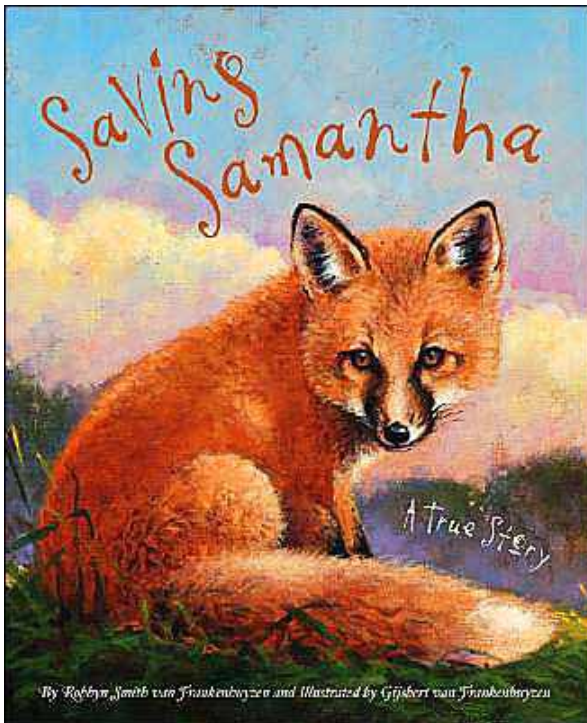
Description: Uno builds a home and garden in the magnificent forest among the playful puddlebutts and feathered frinklepods, but as the place becomes more and more popular, it is overtaken by tourists and buildings until the forest and animals seem to disappear altogether.



Title: *Kelly of Hazel Ridge*

Author: Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen

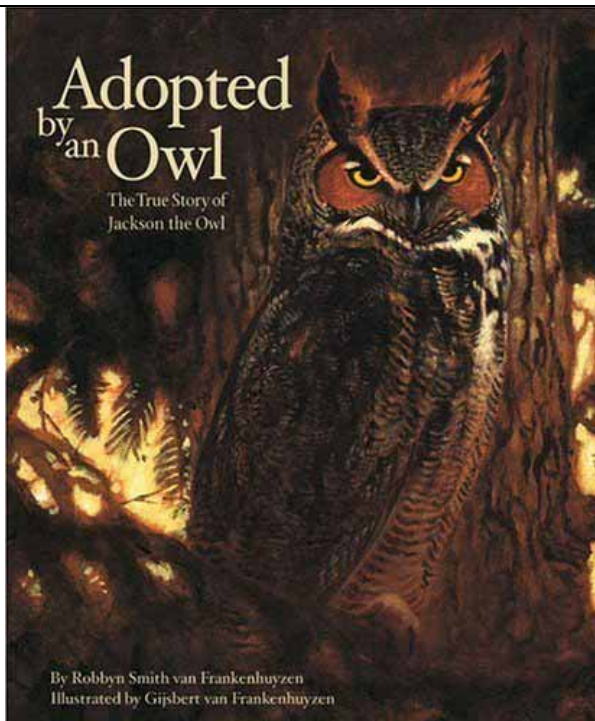
Description: As a young girl growing up on Hazel Ridge Farm, Kelly is aware of how special the place she calls home is. After all, its not everyday that your backyard lets you view white-tailed deer and sand-hill cranes, swim in ponds populated by snapping turtles or hear the hoot of an owl named Jackson as he keeps watch as you sleep each night. Committed to maintaining a natural wilderness, Kellys parents have created a wildlife sanctuary where both the land and its animal residents can be nurtured.



Title: *Saving Samantha: A True Story*

Author: Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen

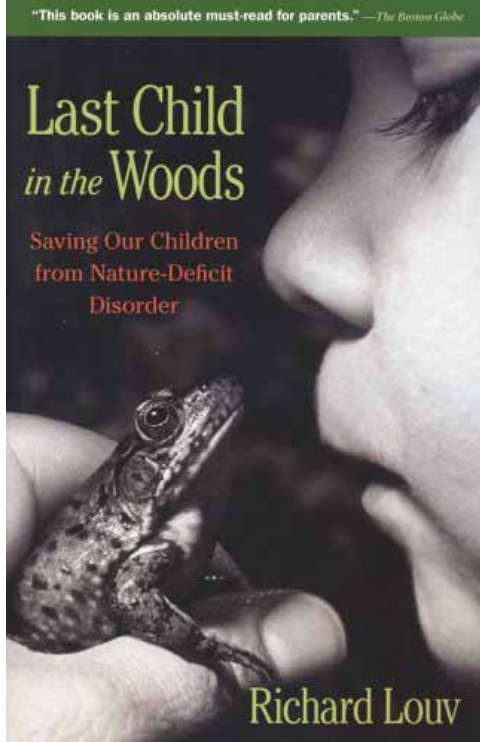
Description: Told in journal form and rendered in beautifully detailed artwork, a day-in-the-life view of a fox named Samantha shows her growth from an injured kit to an independent adult living on her own.



Title: *Adopted by an Owl: The True Story of Jackson the Owl*

Author: Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen

Description: Jackson, a great horned owl, chooses to stay with the family that raised him after a boy stole him from his nest when he was just an owlet.



Title: *Last Child in the Woods*

Author: Richard Louv

Description: *Last Child in the Woods* is the first book to bring together a new and growing body of research indicating that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood development and for the physical and emotional health of children and adults. More than just raising an alarm, Louv offers practical solutions and simple ways to heal the broken bond—and they are right in our own backyard.

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