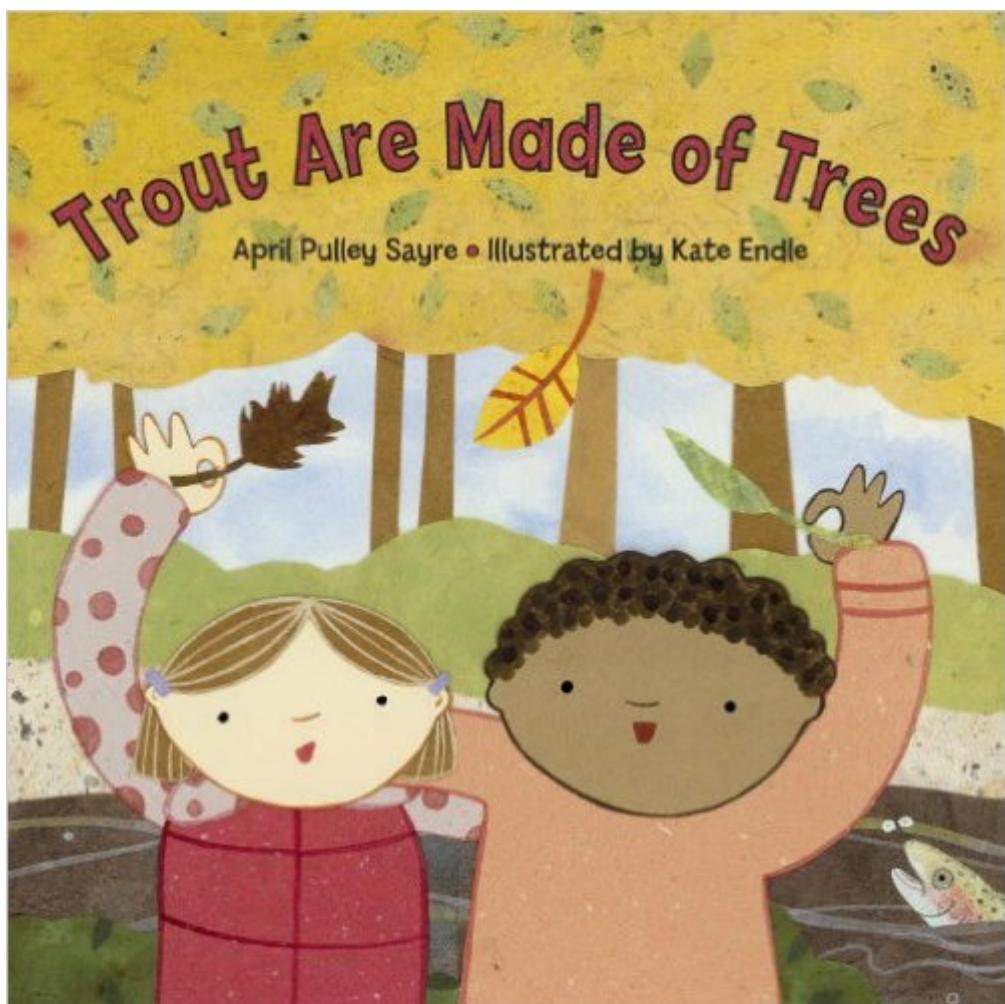


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Trout Are Made Of Trees



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Synopsis

How can a leaf become a fish? Join two young children and their dads to find out, as they observe life in and around a stream. Energetic collage art and simple, lyrical text depict the ways plants and animals are connected in the food web. Back matter provides information about the trout life cycle as well as conservation efforts that kids can do themselves. It's a natural choice for Earth Day.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

This book is a lovely combination of brief informative text and colorful illustrations. The author uses simple declarative sentences to describe the natural process of decomposition of a leaf that falls into the river, is broken down by bacteria, and its passage from one form of life to the next until it ends up nourishing a trout. The provocative opening line reads, "Trout are made of trees." The first mixed-media collage illustration shows two children as they gaze at a trout swimming in a river that is framed by a beautiful landscape of trees, bushes and leaves. A double spread shows the children collecting and examining leaves, one holds a magnifying glass, the other a container with a sample of algae. The author thoughtfully includes in an addendum a description of the life cycle of a trout, some suggestions for readers on how to help protect a stream habitat, and a list of resources, both books and web sites.

We picked this book up from K's school library. Reading the title I was kind of like hmmm what exactly is this book about. When I started reading it, it just didn't seem like a book I probably would have started reading to K. As he didn't seem too interested in the story. The only thing he liked was the transformation of the trout from eggs to adults. With this book you follow the circle of life pretty much of how leaves are eaten (which was pretty cool) since I didn't know what animals ate the leaves. A good book maybe for the older children as they may get more interested in it being as it seems kind of like science.

This is a great book for all ages to simply make connections to living and nonliving things in a local food chain. It is also a great springboard for further discussions on our role as caretakers of the Earth through conservation and environmental stewardship.

Great book for the preschool crowd! In simple terms it explains how trees, water, insects, fish, animals (including us) are all connected.

The information is solid and access accessible. The artwork is overall good and well-suited to the story. However, I can't get past the weird-looking children. Why mess up an otherwise great book (story and illustrations) with football-shaped heads?

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