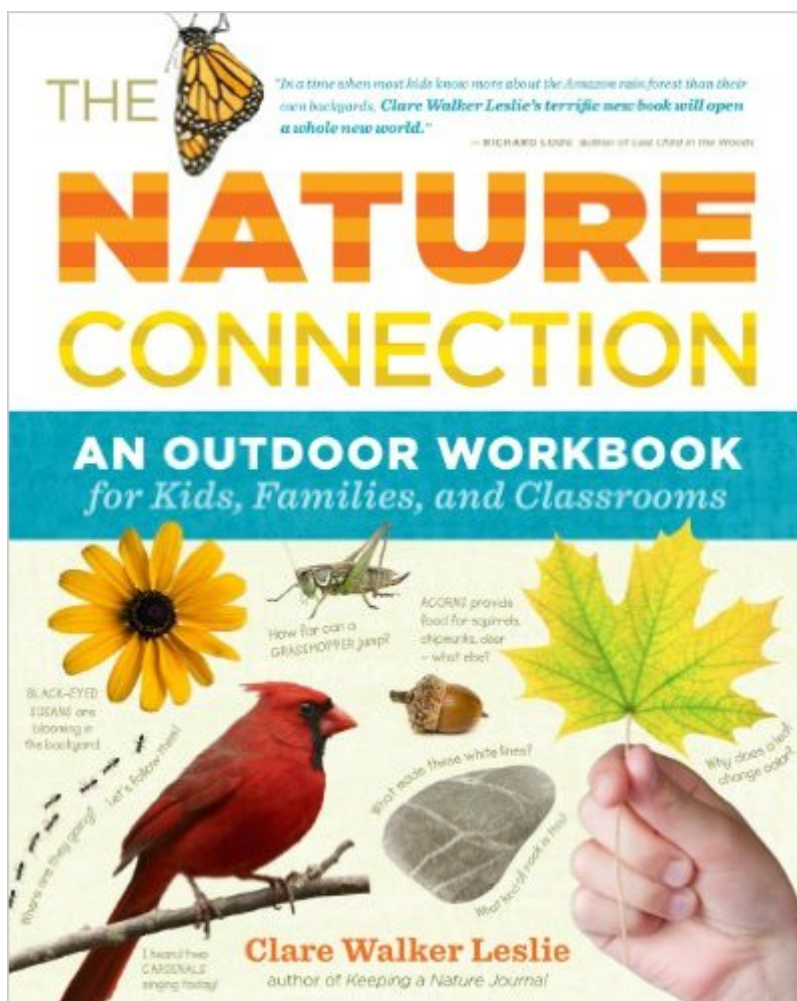


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# The Nature Connection: An Outdoor Workbook For Kids, Families, And Classrooms



## Synopsis

This interactive workbook is packed with creative, year-round activities for curious naturalists ages 8 to 13. Clare Walker Leslie shows kids how to experience nature with all five senses, whether they live in the countryside, a major city, or somewhere in between. Guiding children through inspiring activities like sketching wildlife, observing constellations, collecting leaves, keeping a weather journal, and watching bird migrations, *The Nature Connection* encourages kids to engage with the world outside and promotes a lifelong love of nature.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

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I love children's craft/activity books that get kids outside (& teach them something!). This book is both fun and educational - a win, win combination for educators, families or classrooms. I highly recommend this book. Please enjoy my amateur video review. I try to give you a good idea of what's inside the book so you can make your own decision to buy or not. XOXO-

I wasn't sure if this book would suit my needs since I'm not a parent or teacher, but it was fantastic. It was so informative and motivating and it's journal page options were an unexpected bonus. I bought this book for myself and I'm 32!

This looks like a fantastic book. Well written, child and family friendly, but there is one problem. The sections for January, February, and March repeat while all of April and part of May is completely missing. Normally, this wouldn't be a problem. Mistakes happen. I ordered a replacement and was great. I swiftly received a replacement...with the same problem. Yup. The book runs normally through page 136. The next page is 105-128. The page after that is 161. Really hoping the second replacement book runs in proper order this time.

I have often admired the nature sketches of Claire Walker Leslie. Her recent book for encouraging children to enjoy learning about nature is called *The Nature Connection*. I was so delighted to be sent a review copy, to utilize with my children. I have often wanted to implement more nature study into our homeschool studies, but often needed a bit more inspiration. *The Nature Connection* is divided into twelve months of learning ideas. Claire Walker Leslie has found a way to integrate many subjects, such as math, science, language arts, and more, into nature studies into this one resource. For example, for the month of October, there are project ideas of planting bulbs for spring, art ideas to make with leaves and seeds, and literature recommendations. One fun suggestion was to play "Pooh sticks" on a bridge. This activity would lead children to read *The House at Pooh Corner* by A.A.Milne. This book adds zest to any nature study program and gives Moms an opportunity to suggest fun projects rather than simply asking their children to sketch. It is so much fun to pack a backpack with snacks, sketch books, pencils, field guides, *The Nature Connection*, and to explore one's neighborhood or the park. Though this book is recommended for ages 8-12, I have found it to be very adaptable for toddlers and up. If you finding yourself needing some creative inspiration for nature studies, I highly recommend using *The Nature Connection*. I was sent a complimentary review copy from Storey Publishing, in exchange for an honest review!

This book is best for young (4-7) or kids that are inexperienced with nature. I tried to use it with my 8 year old daughter that has had lots of natural history/ecology/botany/zoology and it was just too simplistic for her. It is set up so that you write in the book, which I don't like usually and this book isn't spiral bound so it is a bit hard to write in anyway. I'd prefer a suggestion to just start a different journal - guess they were trying to make it easier. Lots of good ideas for those that need them though!

Really beautiful and lots of information + gorgeous sketches!! It makes us want to get outside and

explore! :) I am using this book with my kindergarden / 1st grader as part of our homeschool curriculum. We are adapting it to her needs, but really its best for probably 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade. In a year or two when my daughter fully grows into this book we'll be able to do so much more with it - in the meantime, though, we are still loving it. My ONLY complaint is that the author seems to be from the far north east, so her seasonal activities do not match Texas weather at all. For example, she focuses on water in the summer whereas we are saving that section for next spring because summer is SO dry here. And in September she focuses on things getting ready to hibernate, etc. whereas in Texas September is still high 90's outside. So this would be PERFECT for anyone in the north, but requires a bit of adapting if you're in the south. Not a big deal, but I do drop it one star. I wish she'd matched her calander of activities with a more "moderate" US climate that would not require SO MUCH modification for us southerners!

I must agree with the previous 2 star review, as my experience has been essentially the same. I was really excited about this book. I ordered it for use in our homeschool, and it does look like a wonderful resource. The information and activities look great, BUT there is a major printing error. As with the other reviewer, I received a book that repeated a section of pages and left out the pages that should have been in their place. I contacted and returned the book, with an explanation of the problem. I, too, was sent another copy with exactly the same defect. SO FRUSTRATING, !! I would consider keeping it for the good info. that is in it, but I cannot bring myself to pay full price for a book that is missing nearly 30 pages. If this has already happened to another buyer, why are defective copies still being sold?

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