

Children's Fiction

“Isabel’s House of Butterflies,” *Tony Johnston, 2003*

Outside her home in Michoacán, Mexico, grows eight-year-old Isabel's greatest treasure: an oyamel tree. Every autumn, a miracle happens-for Isabel's tree is the wintering place for thousands upon thousands of monarch butterflies that migrate from the north. When they flutter down to roost, they transform Isabel's tree into La casa de las mariposas-The House of Butterflies. But this wonder is in danger of disappearing forever. Isabel's family is poor, and it has been a cruel, dry year for Papa's meager crop of corn and beans. Soon, chopping down the tree to sell its wood may be the family's only hope for survival. What will happen to the butterflies then?

“The Baby Animals’ Party,” *Kathrine Ross, 1986*

When a new baby animal is born in the forest, all the other baby animals hurry to visit, each bringing a special gift. This brightly-illustrated and joyous story is perfect to read with your early elementary-aged child!

“The Lorax, A Tree for Me” *Dr. Seuss, 2012*

Dr. Seuss's beloved Lorax is back in this 48-page coloring and activity book with eco-friendly stickers. Perfect for budding environmentalists ages 3-7.

“The Thirsty Moose, Based on a Native American Folktale,” *David Orme and Mike Gordon, 2004*

Big Moose is so thirsty that he drinks up all the water in the river. How will the animals that live in the river react? Based on a Native American folktale, this story reinforces the important principle of respecting others and is also a great beginning lesson on resource use for readers in kindergarten-1st grade.