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REFLECTION, RENEWAL AND RESOLVE



Fall is a time for reflection, renewal and resolve—reflection on all that the year has brought, renewal of our own sense of wonder, and resolve to create new and innovative environments for learning and exploration.

Fall is a perfect time to venture out and study nature, learn how animals prepare for winter, and observe the changes found in field, forest, and stream. It can also be an opportune time to look ahead toward the new year, sketching out plans for creating new programs and places for children while reaffirming our own goals for connecting with nature. With a backdrop ablaze with hues of red, brown, yellow, and orange, the autumn landscape is a perfect setting for getting outdoors and letting our creative spirits soar.

ABOUT THE COVER

In this era of computerized everything, it is refreshing to know that something as simple as a pencil and sheet of paper can bring forth the creative spirit while developing critical writing and observational skills. New scientific discoveries, great works of art, inspired writings, architectural concepts, and profound mathematical calculations often have their genesis with these two time-tested tools. One might even argue for a need to seek relief from the clutter and confusion that can emerge from excessive digital stimulation. Maybe we should give children more time to just sit in a tree with a pencil and paper in hand.

GREEN FROM THE START



Since Acorn Naturalists began 20 years ago, our green practices have reflected two core values: integrity and innovation. From our drought-tolerant native landscaping and energy-efficient building design to our in-house recycling program, we strive to be a model of what local businesses can and should be doing. We reuse all packing materials and boxes, print on recycled paper using local, environmentally responsible printing houses, and support a multitude of environmental endeavors both locally and nationally. Recognizing this commitment, the League of Conservation Voters awarded Acorn Naturalists the coveted *Environmental Business of the Year Award*. We also received the highly respected Howard Bell Award for *Outstanding Achievements and Contributions in the Field of Outdoor and Environmental Education*.

AGE-APPROPRIATE USE

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Acorn Naturalists is a women-business enterprise and certified small business incorporated in the State of California. The directors hold graduate degrees in science education and, together with staff, are committed to supporting the advancement of environmental literacy.

Now in its 20th year, Acorn Naturalists is pleased to bring you this comprehensive selection of educational resources for the trail and classroom. As always, we appreciate your continued support and welcome your suggestions. When in Southern California please come by and visit our store in the heart of Old Town Tustin.



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