



Truro Talks

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Knowledge is Power

Climate Action Committee

Below is a list of books, websites, and documentaries that can inform, inspire, and engage adults, teenagers, and younger children. Some of the books can be found at the Truro Public Library, and the websites and documentaries are easily accessible online.

INFORMATIVE BOOKS FOR ADULTS

The Uninhabitable Earth, by *David Wallace-Wells*

If you need to quickly get up to speed with the sheer scale of the climate emergency, this succinct but sobering portrait of our future on earth may be for you.

Net Zero: How We Stop Causing Climate Change, by *Dieter Helm*

This book offers a measured, balanced view of how we stop causing climate change by adopting a net zero strategy of reducing carbon emissions and increasing carbon absorption.

Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Climate Change, by *Paul Hawken*

Over 100 effective solutions to halt global warming from leading scientists and policymakers, and if adopted, could even reduce the overall greenhouse gases currently present in the atmosphere.

Under a White Sky, by *Elizabeth Kolbert*

This book vividly describes some of the most cutting-edge and complex solutions to the environmental crisis that humans have come up with.

Ocean of Life: The Fate of man and the Sea, by *Callum Roberts*

Following the fascinating relationship between man and water, this book provides a powerful warning to save our oceans before it is too late.



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INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS FOR ADULTS:

Active Hope, by Joanna Macy & Chris Johnstone

The challenges we face with climate change can be difficult to even think about. Macy and Johnstone show us how to strengthen our capacity to face this crisis so that we can respond with unexpected resilience and creative power.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants, by Robin Wall Kimmerer

In this lyrical and wise book, Kimmerer—a botanist and member of the Potawatomi Nation—makes a convincing case for reimagining our relationship to nature as one that is mutually beneficial.

To Speak for the Trees, by Diana Beresford Kroger

In a captivating account of how her life led her to insights about trees, this Canadian botanist and biochemist show us how forests can not only heal us but save our planet.

BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS:

Two Degrees, by Alan Gatz

When three children endure separate climate change disasters—a wildfire in the California woods, a close encounter with a hungry polar bear in Canada, and a massive hurricane in Florida—they emerge from their experiences committed to changing the world.

Hello Universe, by Erin Entrada Kelly

The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

Red Flag Warning: An Eco Adventure, by Claire Datnow

This novel follows the adventures of three special young people from across the world, the amazing animals that are part of their lives, and the threats they face. They must learn to respect the wildness of the animals they love and find their own voices, along with the power of community, in the mission to heal the Earth.



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BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:

We Are Water Protectors, by *Carole Lindstrom*

This New York Times bestseller is a powerful and inspiring book about the environmental activism of Indigenous peoples, and the importance of safeguarding our precious water resources.

Pangolia, by *Jane Goodall*

This heartwarming children's fiction is wonderfully informative, highlighting the problems and solutions to wildlife trafficking as well as the importance of endangered species conservation, making it one of the best environmental books for kids.

Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth, by *Mary McKenna Siddals*

This picture book is the perfect educational tool to teach kids how to compost and encourage children to develop life-long habits to help protect the environment, as well as combat climate change.

The Lonely Polar Bear, by *Khoa Lee*

Climate change can be a tough and difficult subject to talk about with children. But with this picture book, it doesn't have to be. *The Lonely Polar Bear* is a sweet and moving story in which young readers can learn about how the changing climate is affecting wildlife.

DOCUMENTARIES:

Climate Change: The Facts, presented by *David Attenborough*

This film goes over the facts of climate change in an easy-to-understand way. Available on Amazon Prime Video.

Before the Flood, with *Leonardo DiCaprio*.

For three years, DiCaprio traveled the world as he filmed **this documentary**. He and his co-creator/producer visited regions around the globe to explore the impacts of climate change. Available on Disney +.

Our Planet, *Netflix Docuseries*

This docuseries focuses on the issues of conservation. Because of climate change, habitats have been damaged to the point that they have to be maintained or else they might go extinct.



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WEBSITES:

Truro Climate Action Committee

<https://www.truro-ma.gov/climate-action-committee>

The Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative (the 5 Cs)

<https://capecodclimate.org>

One Planet One Future

<https://oneplanetonefuture.org>