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*Storytelling for a Greener World* is a treasury of forty-three stories, creative activities, techniques, tips, and descriptions of inspiring practice to both empower newcomers and seasoned storytellers. The book provides a handy, unique, and authoritative resource for developing innovative story-work and will be a key sourcebook of lasting usefulness.

This handbook offers time-tested stories, creative activities, and methods that environmental educators and storytellers can use to encourage sound environmental behavior. Whether it is a brief mention of seeing a skein of geese flying in an evening sky or children from a rough area being inspired by kittiwakes, both adults and children can engage profoundly with nature through the imaginative power of story, with lasting personal and environmental changes.

*Storytelling for a Greener World* explores the links between storytelling and emotional literacy; place and environmental justice; connecting with alienated youngsters and encouraging children and adult curiosity about nature; building community and sustainability; indigenous peoples and local legends; human–animal communication and how to co-create a sustainable future together.

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"This book promises to give teachers and others a rare opportunity to meet many of their educational mandates in one resource." ?**Raney Bench**, Curator of Education, Abbe Museum, Bar Harbor, Maine

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