

LIST OF NONFICTION SCIENCE BOOKS

This list is not intended to be comprehensive, but can be used as a starting place when gathering nonfiction science books for the ReadWriteThink lesson plan, "Using Science Texts to Teach the Organizational Features of Nonfiction." These books provide good examples of the organizational features of nonfiction and offer attractive two-page spreads.

The lexile referenced for each book is from **The Lexile Framework for Reading** (<http://www.lexile.com/EntrancePageFlash.html>). You can use the Lexile Book Database on this site to match other nonfiction books to your students' reading levels.

The American Alligator
by Steve Potts
(Capstone Publisher, 1998)
Lexile: 660

Bats! Strange and Wonderful
by Laurence Pringle
(Boyd's Mills Press, 2000)
Lexile: 820

Animal Dads
by Sneed B. Collard III
(Houghton Mifflin, 1997)
Lexile: 790

Be a Friend to Trees
by Patricia Lauber
(HarperTrophy, 1994)
Lexile: 500

Animal Hide and Seek
by Barbara Taylor
(DK Publishing, 1998)
Lexile: 710

Boas, Pythons, and Anacondas
by Eric Ethan
(Gareth Stevens Publishing, 1995)
Lexile: 720

At the Zoo
by Amy Moses
(Child's World, Inc., 1998)
Lexile: 640

Deserts
by Peter Murray
(Child's World, Inc., 1997)
Lexile: 690

Forests
by Joshua Rutten
(Child's World, Inc., 1999)
Lexile: 670

How Animals Move
by Michael Barr
(Gareth Stevens Publishing, 1998)
Lexile: 930

Jellyfish
by Leighton Taylor
(Lerner Publishing, 1998)
Lexile: 460

*Salamander Rain:
A Lake and Pond Journal*
by Kristin Joy Pratt-Serafini
(Dawn Publications, 2000)
Lexile: 850

Slinky Scaly Snakes!
by Jennifer Dussling
(DK Publishing, 1998)
Lexile: 550

Snakes
by Lucille Recht Penner
(Random House, 1994)
Lexile: 510

Snakes, Salamanders, and Lizards
by Diane L. Burns
(Gareth Stevens Publishing, 1998)
Lexile: 740

Spectacular Spiders
by Linda Glaser
(Millbrook Press, 1998)
Lexile: 590

*Sting:
A Book About Dangerous Animals*
by Melvin and Gilda Berger
(Scholastic, 2003)
Lexile: 520

The Yucky Reptile Alphabet Book
by Jerry Pallotta
(Charlesbridge Publishing, 1989)
Lexile: 580