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Growing Green Minds with the release of *An Environmental Guide from A to Z*

At a time when fewer and fewer children experience nature directly, author and environmental educator Tim Magner invites young explorers to discover the outdoors and see how the world works *from A to Z*.

An Environmental Guide from A to Z uses people, places and concepts to reveal how the countless pieces and parts of nature weave, connect and link everything together. This 48-page book scans the globe—from the amazing Amazon rainforest to the peak of Kilimanjaro to the depths of the ocean with Jacques Cousteau—while pulling in nature nearby by asking questions tying us to our surroundings, e.g. *How many types of insects live in your backyard? Have you made a map of your local natural community? Ever grown a tree? Visited a farmer's market? Followed animal tracks in the snow? Caught a fish?*

To top it off, each letter contains a *Did You Know?* section explaining things like composting and where fossil fuels originate, or fascinating facts like *Queen Cleopatra declared worms to be sacred animals* and *thirsty camels can drink a bathtub of water in ten minutes!*

“Our objective was to create a reading experience to inspire young explorers to open their minds to the wonders of the world and to the amazing nature right out their backdoor,” says, Tim Magner. “If we can only get kids to unplug from their electronics long enough to give nature a chance. Nature provides all the answers we need.”

Basic enough for an eight-year-old and challenging enough for a twelve-year-old, *An Environmental Guide from A to Z* explodes with ideas surrounded by artist Aubri Vincent-Barwood's stunning illustrations.

Explaining the environment is an ambitious task, but—from the basics of energy, to growing food and how nature cycles everything—*An Environmental Guide* delivers. Bill McKibben, author, environmentalist and educator describes the book, “An important read. It's the world we need, letter by letter.” Not to be outdone, L. Hunter Lovins, President & Founder of Natural Capitalism, Inc raves, “It's perfect for opening eyes and minds to a better way of living—all possible when we engage with nature. Well done.”

Journalists: Tim Magner, also author of *N is for Nature: An Environmental Alphabet Book* and *Earl the Earthworm Digs for His Life*, is available for interviews.

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