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*"I take care of the earth because I know I can do little things every day to make a BIG difference..."*

With his signature blend of playfulness and sensitivity, Todd Parr explores the important, timely subject of environmental protection and conservation in this eco-friendly picture book. Featuring a circular die-cut Earth on the cover, and printed entirely with recycled materials and nontoxic soy inks, this book includes lots of easy, smart ideas on how we can all work together to make the Earth feel good - from planting a tree and using both sides of the paper, to saving energy and reusing old things in new ways.

Best of all, the book includes an interior gatefold with a poster with tips/reminders on how kids can "go green" everyday. Equally whimsical and heartfelt, this sweet homage to our beautiful planet is sure to inspire readers of all ages to do their part in keeping the Earth happy and healthy.

## The EARTH Book Details

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# **From Reader Review The EARTH Book for online ebook**

## **Kristen McBee says**

Easy, small behaviors from us lead to large benefits for the earth and its inhabitants. Good stuff!

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## **Brittany Houston says**

The Earth book introduces students to the concepts of "reduce, reuse, recycle" and ways to protect the Earth. Teachers can use this book to empower students to think critically and protect the Earth in their own daily activities.

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## **Kathleen says**

I experienced this book in its audio version. It's a creative and engaging resource to inform young children about what they can do to take care of the Earth. The sentences are simple and include activities that many children could relate to. I especially like that the author connects these activities with a reason to do them "I turn off the water while I brush my teeth because I love fish and I want the oceans to stay blue." The potential use for this book is awesome. It clearly can prompt discussions about conservation and ecology even among very young children. It certainly lends itself to all sorts of extension activities (e.g., writing, poster making, movie maker, service projects, etc.) The author is Todd Parr, and he has written several books with important messages that are aimed at young children. I must admit that I didn't like this audio version at all. Todd Parr is the reader of the story, and he reads it in a very monotone voice without any emotion or animation. The contents of the book so lend themselves to an animated reading, that its absence is a big miss. I would also have liked it better if he paused after reading each page, so we could enjoy the illustrations. However, I think the book is great, and therefore I don't want my opinion of the audio version to affect my rating of it. I highly recommend it for young children.

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## **Chance Lee says**

Cute book about being a good global citizen, but perpetuates the myth that we, as individuals can do anything to help the earth when it's corporate pollution that will kill us all and recycling your own plastic bottles ain't gonna do a thing.

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## **Dana says**

I love this book!, and all of Todd Parr's books that I have read. I love his simple, bright, colorful illustrations and the simple yet filled with meaning and importance text. In this book, he explains that we should recycle, use public transportation, use less water etc... because we want the world to be a wonderful place for everyone.

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**Lisa Bonack says**

I love Todd Parr's books and this is right at the top. For every two-page spread giving ideas of what to do to help the Earth, a second two-page spread explains how those actions help. It's told in simple language that's fun to read. All of Todd Parr's illustrations feature people of all different colors (as in orange, yellow, and blue). There is even a boy in a wheelchair. This book wins for its eco-friendliness and it's diversity. Highly recommended!

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**Mely says**

Such bright and bold pictures. Perfect to catch the attention of the little ones. Love the way this book explains all the ways we can make our home on Earth better.

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**Mary says**

A picture book introduction to everyday ecology. Parr's vibrant artwork and first-person narration work well to demonstrate that together we can all make a difference. An especially nice touch is the fact that the book is printed with recycled materials and nontoxic soy inks.

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**Marte Haugen says**

The EARTH Book is a very typical Todd Parr book. Through a simple language and colorful pictures he describes what young children can do to help the environment. Parr gives a lot of concrete examples on how to reduce waste and recycle, and at the end there is a poster to recap the message and inspire children and their families to remember to take care of the environment. Even though he sticks to the theme throughout the book I feel like some of the message gets a little lost behind the nice, colorful and happy pictures.

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**Sheila Moran says**

For years, I have been trying to teach my kids how to take care of the Earth. On walks, we pick up any trash we see along the way; when brushing teeth, I try to get my girls to not leave the water running; and when throwing things away, my girls ask me, "Is this for the recycle?" But all these things have been a struggle to get them to do. I am so thankful for this book, because it drilled home all these lessons and more. Now, when we brush our teeth, my girls turn off the water and say "We don't want to kill the fish". I LOVE Todd Parr books!

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## **H says**

Cute for toddlers but not for me. It reminds me of MS paint and environmental lessons which isn't actually a bad thing but not deep enough of a book for an adult like me. Read to 4 year old niece.

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## **Alison says**

My class enjoyed this book. They were excited by the title before I even began reading the story. The language is very simple and easy to understand for young minds. It gives many ideas of how to help our environment.

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## **Dodie says**

Great book to show kids how to take care of the earth. Simple language and illustration that the kids would like.

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## **Melanie Vacco says**

1. Green Earth Award 2011
  2. Grade level: pre-K to first grade.
  3. The earth book is about all the things that people could do everyday to save the earth. The book describes why those things are important and how they help protect things on earth that you may love and want to take care of.
  4. This book could really make an impact on the children because it shows the children that things they enjoy everyday can be protected and helped by doing things like recycling and preserving water. That was a good strategy to motivate the children in helping the planet.
  5. In class use: As a classroom they will discuss the ways in which we can all change our habits to help the planet. Once the topic of plants comes up in discussion, inform the children that they will each have their own indoor classroom plants that everyone will take care of for the rest of the school year. Spend the rest of the time teaching them how plants help the earth and how to care for them.
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## **LizzyBerry says**

Earth Day storytime

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