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# Trout Are Made Of Trees



## Synopsis

How can a leaf become a fish? Join two young children and their dads to find out, as they observe life in and around a stream. Energetic collage art and simple, lyrical text depict the ways plants and animals are connected in the food web. Back matter provides information about the trout life cycle as well as conservation efforts that kids can do themselves. It's a natural choice for Earth Day.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

A veteran science-book writer introduces the idea of the food chain in this attractive picture book. Sayre unfurls the process behind the intriguing title in a very simple text, explaining how leaves that fall from trees into a stream decompose to become food for aquatic creatures, which are eaten by trout, which eventually become a picnic meal for a man and three inquisitive children "who have observed the whole process and recorded findings in science notebooks. Although the time frame and Sayre's reference to bears at the close of the book ("Trout are made of trees, / So are the bears") are likely to require further explanation, kids will still get a sense of the interconnectedness of nature. Endle's collages are exceptional. Her minimalist figures (each with a similar round, smooth face and tiny dot eyes) are juxtaposed very effectively against crisp yet intricate, layered backgrounds of painted-and-

patterned cut-papers. Nature remains the focus of each spread, but people appear in most, investigating what's happening and enjoying every discovery they make. Grades K-2.  
--Stephanie Zvirin --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

April Pulley Sayre is the award-winning author of dozens of books, including MEET THE HOWLERS!; TURTLE, TURTLE, WATCH OUT!; and ONE IS A SNAIL, TEN IS A CRAB, an ALA Notable Book. She lives in South Bend, Indiana.

## AWESOME BOOK

This is a great book for all ages to simply make connections to living and nonliving things in a local food chain. It is also a great springboard for further discussions on our role as caretakers of the Earth through conservation and environmental stewardship.

Very cute book for children. Educational, interesting, and the illustrations are lovely.

Great book for the preschool crowd! In simple terms it explains how trees, water, insects, fish, animals (including us) are all connected.

I teach a Storm Drain Pollution Prevention Unit and we look at what lives in the creek to judge the creek's health. This book works perfectly to help connect!

Everything is connected. Great message, simply put. We use it in our Trout in the Classroom programs here in California.

Science nerds unite! I love this book because it doesn't dumb down the ecological connection between the land and water for little minds. The graphics are spot on, and concepts engage my 3 year old to think about what is happening under the water. Highly recommended.

This book is very engaging for young children. It explains the life cycle and interdependance of plants and animals. Love the collage art!

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