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* STORM ON THE DESERT

Author – Carolyn Lesser Illustrated by – Ted Rand New – from \$15.00

Reading level: Ages 4–8 Hardcover: 40 pages Poetic description of a southwest desert rainstorm — Lots of figurative language that children will be able to relate to — "Startled bats swoosh...Scorpions scuttle. Clouds roil, churn, tumble"; then, "Bony fingers of lightning streak...Rain shatters the earth...Pelting, piercing, slashing, screaming." Introduces plants and animals of the desert as they prepare for rain — When rain is over, the desert comes to life — Wonderful desert scenes in watercolor, chalk, and pencil



* HIP, HIP, HOORAY, IT'S MONSOON DAY!

(English/Spanish Edition)
Author – Roni Capin Rivera–Ashford
Illustrated by – Richard Johnsen
List Price – \$15.95

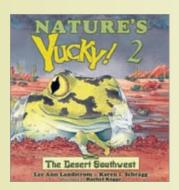
Reading level: Ages 9–12 Hardcover: 42 pages Written in both English and Spanish on each page

– Spanish words, mingled in the English text, are
pictured and defined in the glossary at the back of the
book – Map and additional information included
for further discussion – Story about a large extended
Mexican family preparing for the celebration of the
coming monsoon season on June 24 – San Juan's
Day. Gives history, culture, weather, and a little plant
and animal information – Full page, watercolor
paintings depict the information of the text.

A 2007 Southwest Books of the Year Children's Pick, 3 Stars from the AAAS Science Children's Book Award, and an Americas Award Commended title!



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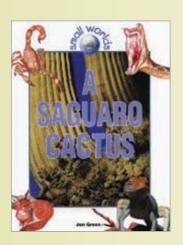


NATURE'S YUCKY - 2 THE DESERT SOUTHWEST

Authors – Lee Ann Lanstrom and Karen I Schragg Illustrated by – Rachel Rogge List Price – \$12.00

Reading level: Ages 4–8 Paperback: 48 pages Lots of YUCKY facts about numerous desert animals that most kids will enjoy – javelina, spade foot toad, white wing dove, kit fox and more.

The "Yucky" part is explained in terms of how it benefits the animal. At the end there is additional information about some of the animals mentioned.



A SAGUARO CACTUS (SMALL WORLDS)

Author – Jen Green List Price – \$25.27

Reading level: Ages 9–12 Library Binding: 32 pages First pages talk about deserts of the world. Saguaro
Facts – Info about wildflowers – Some of the animals
written about include cactus wren, elf owl, gila
woodpecker, scorpion, tarantula, woodrats, road runner,
jack rabbit, and rattle snake. Side bars with additional
interesting information. Photographs and sketches.
Includes index, glossary, and suggested activities.



* THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS: ALL DRIED UP: A BOOK ABOUT DESERTS

Authors – Joanna Cole and Bruce Degan

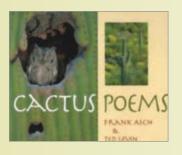
Illustrator - Nancy Stevens List Price - \$3.99

Reading level: Ages 4–8 Paperback: 32 pages

Mrs. Frizzle's class explores the weather, terrain and animals of the desert. The book discusses their defense mechanisms and adaptations, the rain shadow effect, and post-rain desert blooms. End of book has experiments to try. Many students will be familiar with this series of books from the TV show with the same name.



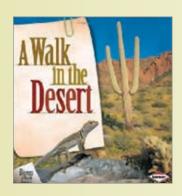
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CACTUS POEMS

Author – Frank Asch Photographer – Ted Levin

Reading level: Ages 4–8 Hardcover: 48 pages Nineteen poems about the desert – Bold printing – Full colored photographs – Poems about desert characteristics, plants, and animals – Free verse, rhyme, and shape poems – Appendix gives some background on the subject of each poem.



* A WALK IN THE DESERT – BIOMES OF NORTH AMERICA

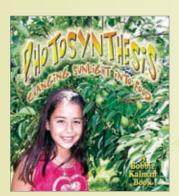
Author – Rebecca L. Johnson Illustrator – Phyllis V. Saroff List Price – \$23.93

Reading level: Ages 4–8 Hardcover: 48 pages Talks about North American deserts

- Limiting Factors –

Gives map – Many full color close up photos and black and white drawings – Defines biomes – Cacti adaptations: roots, spines, waxy coating, fleshy stem – Creosote bushes – Mesquite trees – Small leaves

Desert Animals – Nocturnal animals



PHOTOSYNTHESIS: CHANGING SUNLIGHT INTO FOOD

Author – Bobbie Kalman List Price – \$13.00

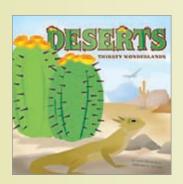
Reading level: Ages 6 – 10 Paperback: 32 pages Good general information on plants and photosynthesis

– Two pages about ways in which plants have
adapted to perform photosynthesis in deserts – The
basic parts of plants, including roots, stems, and
leaves and their jobs – How energy is passed through
the food chain – Nice pictures – Bold face words are
defined within the text – Also includes a glossary

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* DESERTS: THIRSTY WONDERLANDS (AMAZING SCIENCE: ECOSYSTEMS)

Author – Laura Purdie Salas Illustrated by – Jeff Yesh List price – \$7.95

Reading level: Ages 9–12 Paperback: 24 pages Colorful artist's paintings – Animal and plant adaptations in the desert "How does a barrel cactus find enough water to grow in the desert? How do snakes and fringe toed lizards beat the heat?"

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