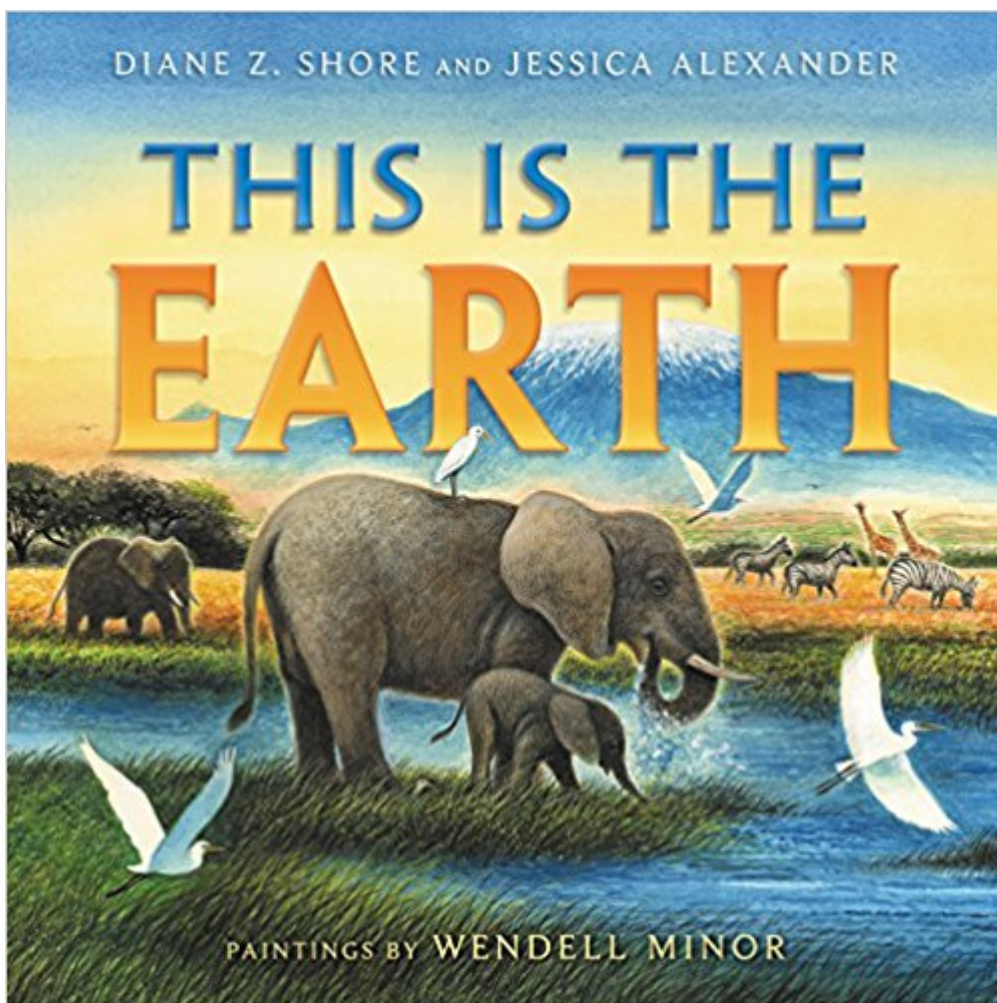


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# This Is The Earth



## Synopsis

Young readers learn how they can create a greener, healthier world in this powerful nonfiction picture book from authors Diane Z. Shore and Jessica Alexander, with art by award-winning illustrator Wendell Minor. *This Is the Earth* explores hundreds of years of changing landscapes and the positive and negative impacts humans have had on the environment. Even the smallest actions can help save the world, and this lyrical, rhyming read-aloud text shows how smart and simple everyday habits can protect the planet.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3 **•**This noteworthy picture book **•**a mix of verse, paintings, history, and environmental science **•**demonstrates the impact humans have had upon Earth. The book opens by describing land that is "fertile" and "alive" with rivers "streaming with fish." Soon, Earth begins to show the effects of industrialization. Roads and buildings cover the view of land and sky, garbage piles up in landfills, and pipes drain wastewater and muck into seas. Yet with a surprising page turn, readers learn of a brighter possibility **•**one in which acts of respect and caring for our planet help us live in harmony with nature. Simple actions such as recycling, using less water,

and turning off lights when they aren't needed are presented as choices children can make to help improve the situation. The text is written entirely in verse, making the book a solid option for a read-aloud or for children to present as readers' theater. Minor's detailed watercolor spreads strongly support the writing by emphasizing Earth's natural beauty, the effects of industrialization on the environment, and the bright outcomes of treating the natural world with respect. The endpapers, which depict an illustrated version of "Earthrise" (a photograph of Earth taken from space by Apollo 8 astronaut William Anders), reinforce the book's positive message. An authors' note and an illustrator's note highlight the simple steps kids can take to go green. VERDICT A fine selection for reading and sharing, with curriculum connections to science, social studies, and language arts. —Myra Zarnowski, City University of New York

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BEAUTIFUL book with a beautiful message for young children!

We went to the library recently, and I always let my son pick whichever books he wants. He ended up selecting This Is The Earth because he noticed the elephants on the cover. I am in love with elephants so he picked this out — "for me—I personally loved this book, my son lost interest about halfway through. This is the Earth explores and teaches about the Earth's ever changing landscapes. We begin when dinosaurs were around to what the Earth will soon look like. It was powerful to see Earth through its years and to see what could become of Earth if we don't take care of it. The illustrations were so beautiful and so eye-catching that I was captivated by the story from the beginning. Now if you are a teacher of young ones and are looking for a book to celebrate and teach about Earth Day this is the book you need in your classroom.

Perfect condition, amusing and effective You can't go wrong with these items..... It was perfect

for the occasion thank you Just as advertised. Good price and more than I expected I bought this for my family, it's really good, they really like it. They have the name of the label, and so on, I'm sure I'll order it again.

Got this book as a gift, and wow, how perfect for the times we are living in. A right-on message, beautiful illustrations and well, for sure today's kids will relate. We can all celebrate and protect our precious Earth. Knowledge is power! Three cheers for the authors and illustrator!

I had very high hopes for this book because it looked like it would be a fantastic tool to teach young children about our earth and caring for the environment, but the beauty lies only some of the illustrations and not in the story itself, especially since the target group is preschool children..The book is written in a way that reflects the Earth over hundreds of years and how what we humans do affects the planet. It begins with beautiful pictures of animals grazing on the land, rainbow trout swimming in the rivers, birds soaring, farmers farming. Next we see railroads, steamships and airplanes entering the mix, then garbage, landfills, sewage pipes draining into the ocean and factory smoke stacks polluting the air. We then see the resulting consequences for not respecting the environment: global warming: melting glaciers, the impact on polar bears and whats left of the once beautiful Earth. There are suggestions for doing our part and tips for going green, recycling, reusable bags etc.I guess the disturbing part of this book for me was the fact that it was targeted at the preschool age group and up, and yes, while we should learn to care about our environment at an early age, this one came on a bit strong, in my opinion.

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