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Experience the splendor of nature with fresh eyes! Featuring an inspiring portfolio from Clare Walker Leslie's nature journals, this guide offers easy-to-learn techniques for capturing the world around you in pictures and words. Encouraging you to make journaling a part of your daily routine, *Keeping a Nature Journal* is full of engaging exercises and stimulating prompts that will help you hone your powers of observation and appreciate new aspects of nature's endlessly varied beauty.

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Ronna says

Loved this book and it helped me to keep my own nature journal.

Susinok says

Fantastic book with tips on keeping a nature journal, and it has ideas on themes.

Dan says

It does a good enough job encouraging drawing in nature journals that I just might overcome my "art shyness" and try it. Leslie also provides lots of good ideas and pointers for journaling.

Rachel says

Vision casting for families and educators on how to observe nature through writing and drawing. This seems like a must have for carving out a homeschool philosophy on how to appreciate our natural world. Lovely drawings, inspiring quotes, and practical tips on how to get started.

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looking for new creative inspirations. thinking a new way of journaling may be the ticket.

Trace says

This idea intrigues me as a complement to our nature studies and nature walks.

UPDATE:

DONE! Gorgeous book. One that has given me much inspiration and one that I'll have to borrow from the library again.

Annelise says

A really helpful reference for anyone wanting to start keeping a natural journal. It also has helpful information for how to introduce the concept to children and keep them interested, as well as a good list of resources and suggested readings.

ladydusk says

Own. Birthday present from my in-laws (Thanks, again!)

This book, while annoying with its philosophy at times, is worth reading in order to learn about nature journaling. In some ways, it seemed they tried to make more of it than there is, but there were enough good ideas for planning, encouraging, and instructing drawing nature. "Outdoorsy" and "artistic" are not adjectives anyone would use for me, but this book made it seem like an achievable goal.

The several ideas of how to practice, how to see, how to draw what you want to draw. There are many drawings included in the book ... from professional artists to small children's drawings. This makes the book really quite beautiful.

Negatives include, the universalism and zen/Buddhist philosophies. It got annoying at times. The other negative is the repetitiveness of the book; to fill 200some pages, there was a lot of redundancy ... and often the redundancy was often how everything is nature, so you could journal about your children watching TV if you wanted. [shrug] Easy enough to skim over or ignore in order to get to the helpful parts and the lovely pictures.

sdw says

The information in this book is fairly basic. The tips in this book focus more on drawing than on writing. It would be a helpful book if you were looking to learn how to best sketch the natural world. I was expecting it to have more exercises I could use for my own classes.

Elizabeth says

Oh, how I love a nature journal book. Line drawings are my fav. Watching our #2 bring some piece of nature into the house and draw it at the kitchen table? Another fav. Drawing helps to focus the mind. BELIEVE IT.

Kimberlie says

Great book for anyone interested in nature Journaling

Kim Norton says

Want to own

Angela Boord says

Skimming this yet again for ideas. Seems like I return to it every year.

Judy says

Encouraging and gives great ideas for going outdoors observing and recording nature in drawing and words.

Kate says

I teach kids outdoors, and often lead activities that involve sketching, writing, and collecting information about nature. This gives me the chance to see plants and wildlife through their eyes, but until I read this book, I didn't realize how much of the picture was missing!

I have looked at these things most often through the filters of education, business, recreation, design.

Keeping a Nature Journal offered one more way, with hundreds of samples and activities, to cram more nature into my life. I saw no reason not to try it. But there was a catch: I had to slow down. Waaay down.

I left my husband vying for the top of the trail to watch a millipede clumsily making its way down the trail. I traded my triangulation for 10X magnification through a handheld lens. I even put down my camera on several occasions and challenged myself to look longer, tracing the lines of what I saw with my own hand on paper.

The result? I now know that reaching the top of the trail not only means that you've hiked a helluva hill, but also, if you hiked far enough, the species act differently up there. When I took the time to draw things, I noticed that flies and bumble bees were not only collecting pollen from the flowers- they were clinging on tightly when the wind picked up, and hiding from rain under the petals. And the reason why there were so many starlings on my client's lawn is that they were sharing a meal of grubs, who in turn reside underneath the grass and feed on its roots.

The result I hope for most from reading this book is, now that I've learned how challenging it can be to give complete focus to each living thing that I see when in nature, is that I'll be more understanding of those kids that are poised with hand lenses and notebooks, pencils and sample boxes. I want them to get the full picture too!
