Women Who Loved Nature

Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian

By Margarita Engle, Illustrated by Julie Paschkis

Maria was fascinated by the flowers and butterflies in her kitchen garden. She learned to paint so that she could illustrate her observations. Her paintings included some of the first illustrations of the butterfly life cycle.

The Tree Lady

By H. Joseph Hopkins, Illustrated by Jill McElmurry
Kate is a young woman who has a passion for trees. She
had a vision that would one day transform a city!

The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps

Bv Jeanette Winter

Jane always loved animals and decided to travel to Africa in order to study Chimpanzees. She watched them, listened to them, and in time became their friend.

Seeds of Change

By Jen Cullerton Johnson, Illustrated by Sonia Lynn Sadler As a young girl in Kenya, Wangari Maathai grew up loving land, plants, and animals around her. She used her knowledge of science to help save the land, one tree at a time.

Rachel Carson and Her Book that Changed the World

By Laurie Lawlor, Illustrated by Laura Beingessner
Rachel was a girl who loved exploring the woods and
later became a pioneering researcher. While investigating,
she exposed the harmful effects of pesticide overuse.

Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist

By Jess Keating, Illustrated by Marta Álvarez Miguéns Eugenie fell in love with sharks, even though many people believed sharks to be ugly and scary. She wanted to prove them wrong and taught the world to admire sharks.

The Leaf Detective: How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in the Rainforest

By Heather Lang, Illustrated by Jana Christy

Margaret was always fascinated with the rainforest. She decided to set out and investigate the rainforest tree canopies. She was the first scientist to ever do so.

Secrets of the Sea: The Story of Jeanne Power, Revolutionary Marine Scientist

By Evan Griffith, Illustrated by Joanie Stone

Jeanne wanted to learn about the creatures that swam deep in the ocean, so she created a new way to explore. She changed the way that we study life underwater forever!

Evelyn the Adventurous Entomologist: The True Story of a World-Traveling Bug Hunter

By Christine Evans, Illustrated by Yasmin Imamura
Evelyn was not like every other girl. While other girls
were taught to be clean and nicely dressed, Evelyn was
covered in dirt because she wanted to look at bugs.
Later in her life, when women were expected to stay
at home, she went on eight solo expeditions to collect
insect specimens.



