



Title:	The Children's Forest
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Key Points

- Engages children with nature through play and imagination in the forest.
- Forest know-how through eight seasons for Forest School leaders, teachers and parents of pre-school and primary aged children.
- Identify trees, plants and animals including tracking, foraging and wild plant recipes and crafts to make in the woods.
- Gaelic stories, folklore, songs and imaginary journeys to share in the trees

Description

A rich and abundant treasury in celebration of the forest, this book encourages children's natural fascination with the forest and its inhabitants. The authors have produced an enchanting book where imagination, story and play bring alive the world of the forest. Full of games, facts, celebrations, craft activities, recipes, foraging, stories and Forest School skills, **The Children's Forest** is much more than a manual: it is an invitation.

Ideal for ages 5-12 it will also be enjoyed by adults, families and younger children.

Contents

The book is organised into the eight Celtic seasons of Imbolc, Spring, Beltane, Summer, Lughnasa, Autumn, Samhain and Winter. Within each chapter are the following sections:

The life of the forest; Plant lore; Imaginary journey; Tree Lore; Activities, crafts and games; Animals; Celebration

There is a chapter at the end of the book all about skills, safety, and further resources.

Subjects

Forest School education, creative play, children and nature, crafts, learning outside the classroom.

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Authors

Dawn Casey is an author, mother and story-lover. She is inspired by the power and magic of tales of old, and the wonder of the natural world. Her collection of stories and activities, *The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales*, won the Gold Award from Nautilus for 'books of exceptional merit that promote spiritual growth, conscious living and positive social change'.

Helen d'Ascoli is a founder of *Talking Trees*, a company dedicated to connecting people to nature. She has been practising Forest School education with children, community groups and schools for over ten years. Her mission is to create the next generation of conservationists. She works as a Forest School teacher, tutor and mentor.

Anna Richardson is a musician and artist. Co-author of *Learning with Nature*, she has been working as a Forest School leader with Talking Trees and Cultivating Curiosity for many years. She has worked with many educational systems including State, Froebel and Steiner schools. She is a Forest School trainer with Circle of Life Rediscovery and specialises in plant lore. She collaboratively runs adult Nature Connection courses.

Readership

Forest school families, Forest School educators, early years and primary school teachers, parents who want to engage their children with nature through play.

Foreword

Jon Cree is one of the country's leading Forest School Trainers and former Chair of the national Forest School Association.

Endorsements

The Children's Forest is a superb resource chock-full of engaging activities, stories, and crafts that will delight and inspire young minds and hearts. The book shines with a loving attunement with the forest that is sure to enlighten children. I recommend it highly to everyone who wants to share the magic of the forest.

Joseph Bharat Cornell, Founder & President of Sharing Nature Worldwide, author of [Sharing Nature and Deep Nature Play](#)

What greater gift could you give to your children than to help them fall back in love with the forests and remember who they are? This book is a gateway, a gift and a homecoming that is humbly offered and powerfully written. Embrace it.

Clare Dubois - Founder [TreeSisters.org](#)

This delightful and deeply connecting book is an inspiration and call to all, to immerse ourselves in the forest, amongst the trees and the plants that have so many gifts to share with us. It speaks from the intelligence of Nature, which makes this important landmark book a profound breath of fresh forest air. Herein lies a rich treasure of beauty, creativity, and understanding that encourages true deep connection with the natural world of the forest. At this time when so many are hearing the call to return to a deeper relationship with Nature, this book has something for us all, children and adults alike. I highly recommend it.

Glennie Kindred, author of [Walking with Trees](#)

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