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Sharing Nature takes readers beyond their intellects and into their hearts, where

true understanding and appreciation take place. The wildly popular nature activities in this book arouse a sense of mystery, and engender quiet attention, observation, and the possibility of revelation.

New nature games?and old favorites?and Cornell's typically insightful commentary makes this new and quintessential version of this special classic even more valuable to nature enthusiasts worldwide. In page after page of innovative activities, Cornell's unique blend of knowledge and warmth creates a contagious atmosphere for learning. Enjoy the color interior with 250 photos offering comprehensive easy-to-follow instructions.

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Cornell also introduces his remarkable technique of Flow Learning, showing how to match nature activities to the interest and energy levels of participants and children, and to organize them in a way that works, placing them in thematic sequence to ensure a genuinely uplifting experience.



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#### **Editorial Review**

#### Review

Cornell has devised ingenious nature-based games that . . . celebrate mystery, quiet attention, observation, and the possibility of revelation. (Richard Louv, author of "The Nature Principle", Chairman Emeritus, Children & Nature Network)

This classic volume belongs on any short list of the most important environmental books—instead of dire warnings or policy prescriptions, it offers the gift of a more direct connection to the natural world. That connection, once made, is one of the things that can power the movement we need! (Bill McKibben, Founder of 350.org, author of Deep Economy)

One of the greatest gifts we can give children of any age is a deep kinship with the living world. And one of the best places to start is with this wonderful book. In *Sharing Nature*, Joseph Cornell offers a treasure trove of games and activities that tap into children's natural curiosity, imagination, and wonder. This is a delightful and indeed, essential guidebook for parents, teachers, and youth leaders. (Jean MacGregor, Environmental Educator, The Evergreen State College)

The Sharing Nature movement that Cornell pioneered has now expanded to countries all over the globe. Recommended by Boy Scouts of America, American Camping Association . . . and many others. (*Southern Maryland Parent Line*)

Cornell's long-standing work and vision have nourished the roots of the emerging worldwide movement to reconnect children and nature. (Cheryl Charles, Past President and Co-Founder, Children & Nature Network)

Joseph Cornell is one of the most highly regarded nature educators in the world today. (*Backpacker Magazine*)

Joseph Cornell brings to life his 'Flow Learning' teaching strategy in the 35th anniversary edition of *Sharing Nature*. This expanded volume reflects Cornell's years of experience and refinement in using his nature games to create highly enriching field trip learning experiences for the thousands of students we've taken outdoors to connect with the natural world. His keen insight into the dynamics of learning, no matter one's age, creates a more fruitful and lasting understanding of any nature topic. (Sue Eisaguirre, Founder & Executive Director NatureTrack Foundation)

The use of Flow Learning makes education about the environment a joy to teach. People's faces light up with sheer joy and inner understanding. (David Tribe, Environmental Education Consultant, Department of Education, New South Wales, Australia)

I have been using Joseph Cornell's 'Sharing Nature' activities with both children and adults for over thirty years. As a classroom teacher, environmental educator, and national park ranger, I often receive feedback, even years later, as to how important these experiences have been in people's lives. Now Joseph has combined his two books, *Sharing Nature with Children* and *Sharing the Joy of Nature*, along with additional activities, into one volume, with a fresh new format. This book should be an essential part of every teacher's, naturalist's, and parent's library. It is a treasure for those who strive to inspire children to enjoy and embrace the wonder of our natural world. (Frank Helling, U.S. National Park naturalist, storyteller, and educator)

The Sharing Nature approach and games not only reconnect us with nature, but also with the profound natural wisdom of our planetary ancestors. (Sky Lau, Founder, Gaia Association, Hong Kong)

With his brilliant and innovative style of storytelling, Joseph Cornell has made nature education fun for learners. This book will be loved by students, teachers, and nature enthusiasts alike, in every part of the globe. (S.P. Yadav, Indian Forest Service, Assistant Secretary General, Global Tiger Forum)

The book that infuses joy, direct experience, and love into environmental education. (Janet Carrier Ady, Senior Program and Policy Advisor, National Conservation Training Center, US Fish and Wildlife Service)

I use the activities in this book with my university students (preservice teachers and naturalists in training) every semester. Why? Because it's accessible, fun, engaging, thoughtfully designed, and an excellent introduction to inquiry-based, hands-on, cooperative learning. (Rocky Rohwedder, Ph.D., Professor, Environmental Science, Sonoma State University)

About the Author

**Joseph Cornell** is an internationally renowned author and founder of Sharing Nature Worldwide, one of the planet's most widely respected nature awareness programs. His first book, *Sharing Nature with Children*, "sparked a worldwide revolution in nature education" and has been published in twenty languages and sold half a million copies. He is the honorary president of Sharing Nature Association of Japan, which has 10,000 members and 35,000 trained leaders.

Mr. Cornell is the author of the *Sharing Nature Book Series*, used by millions of parents, educators, naturalists, and youth and religious leaders all over the world. Mr. Cornell's books, *Listening to Nature* and *The Sky and Earth Touched Me*, have inspired thousands of adults to deepen their relationship with nature.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service selected Mr. Cornell's *Sharing Nature with Children* as one of the fifteen most influential books published since 1890 for connecting children and families to nature. His highly effective outdoor learning strategy, Flow Learning<sup>TM</sup>, was featured by the U.S. National Park Service as one of five recommended learning theories, along with the works of Maria Montessori, Howard Gardner, John Dewey, and Jean Piaget.

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*The Sky and Earth Touched Me*:

Winner, Grand Prize for Non-Fiction, Next Generation Indie Book Awards Winner, for Science/Nature/Environment category, Indie Book Awards Gold Medal Winner for Best Environment/Ecology/Nature Book, IPPY Book Awards Winner, for Spiritual category, Green Book Festival

Listening to Nature:

#### Winner, Book of the Year Izaak Walton League Pewter- North American Publishing Co. Gold Ink Award

John Muir: My Life with Nature:

#### Winner, ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Award, Non-Fiction Humane Heroes

Mr. Cornell has received many international awards for his Sharing Nature books and work. He received the prestigious Countess Sonja-Bernadotte Prize in Germany for his vast influence on environmental education in Central Europe. In 2011 Cornell was selected as one of the world's "100 most influential opinion leaders committed to the Environment" by the French organization, Les Anges Gardiens de la Planète.

Along with Jane Goodall and David Attenborough, Joseph Bharat Cornell is an Honorary Member of the Hungarian Society of Environmental Education.

Known for his warmth and joyful enthusiasm, Cornell "has a genius for finding the essence of a subject, explaining it in clear and compelling ways, and then giving the reader creative exercises to gain an actual experience."

Joseph and his wife, Anandi, are senior ministers and residents of Ananda Village in Northern California.

For more information on Joseph Cornell's books and activities, please visit www.sharingnature.com.

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