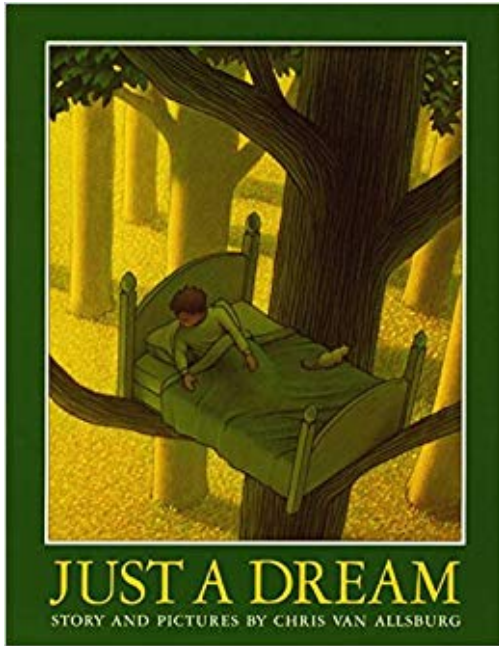


Just a Dream *by* Chris Van Allsburg



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Young Walter litters and refuses to sort trash for recycling, until he dreams of an overcrowded and polluted future which terrifies him into taking care of the earth.



Reviews of the *Just a Dream* *by* Chris Van Allsburg

Uauteowi

I teach third grade, and bought this for a science unit over conservation. This book is AMAZING and really makes you think. My whole team ended up ordering this book! It's a favorite in our classroom!

Bad Sunny

I love this book and ordered a copy as a present. Unfortunately it arrived with damage to the cover extending to the inner page bindings.

Ynap

Great book to use in the classroom for Earth Day. I am a huge fan of Chris Van Allsburg!

Xinetan

Fantastic for ecology or life science in a thought provoking style for youngsters.

Gavirim

Leads to great discussions.

Laitchai

Love his books. Needed this for a lesson and the class loved the book.

Amarin

I use this book to help teach inferring to my second graders and they love it!

I have used this book as an Earth Week lesson in my classroom, and it has hit the mark each time.

Followup lessons

included drawing a picture of what COULD happen if we don't take care of our earth, and what we SHOULD do to

prevent that from happening.

Van Allsburg takes a dreaming boy on a trip through time, showing him one catastrophic event after another. All of these were reversible by simple recycling, and caring for natural resources. The boy in the story awakens to find there is still time to become a part of the solution. No primary classroom should be without this book.

Read-aloud interest level is ages 5-8. Reading level is grade 2.

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