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"A compelling and paramount read for all mankind so that we value our ocean resource." --**Christine Anne Royce, Ed.D., Retiring President (19-20), National Science Teaching Association; Professor of Teacher Education and Co-Director of MAT in STEM Education, Shippensburg University**

"They nailed it! Ocean Annie and Patricia Newman have created a positive, action-oriented educational initiative that will inspire the next generation to be good stewards of our ocean planet!" — **Jill Heinerth, Underwater Explorer and Explorer in Residence, Royal Canadian Geographical Society**

"The book follows [Annie] Crawley, an underwater explorer and photographer, as a knowledgeable guide to three very different regions connected by ocean waters...Newman's text describes each place visited, while Crawley's many attractive photos introduce the people and animals affected by environmental changes there...For each region, illustrated features offer the viewpoints of individuals living there. Presenting a good deal of information within a well-organized framework, the book conveys a strong sense of urgency to clean the global ocean and restore the ecosystems it supports." —**Booklist**

"Readers who love the ocean and who are interested in diving will enjoy Crawley's descriptions of the equipment and skills needed in the sport. Libraries looking for newer titles on climate change will want to consider this one." —**School Library Journal**

"The range of nationalities represented and the inclusion of a variety of Indigenous voices make a particularly compelling argument that ocean health is a whole world problem...Worth exploring in depth." —**Kirkus**

Eavesdropping on Elephants

"An inviting introduction to biologists at work." —**Booklist**

"...this book does an excellent job of transporting readers and providing a clear, multifaceted picture of African forest elephants...The more you listen to wildlife, the more your mind opens up to new ideas about why the world is a place worth saving." VERDICT: A great pick for middle school nonfiction collections." —**School Library Journal**

“Fascinating for earnest conservationists.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

Neema’s Reason to Smile

“This is a lovely story about following your heart and working hard to achieve your goals. Neema’s journey is a compelling one that should engage even reluctant readers.” —*School Library Journal*

“Neema’s happy story is brought to life with lush multimedia illustrations that feature traditional fabric and weaving textures. Though fictional, this story is based on the author’s connections with the women at the Jambo Jipya School in the town of Mtwapa, Kenya.” —*Booklist*

Sea Otter Heroes

“A terrific book for use in elementary and middle school science classes, this is a book that “otter” be added to collections everywhere.” —*Booklist Reader*

“Fascinating.” –Rated OUTSTANDING by the **Association of Children’s Librarians**

“Not just an exploration of one particular discovery in marine biology, this is a comprehensive explanation of the scientific process as well.” —*Booklist*

“The step-by-step process of ascertaining that the sea otter was responsible for the thriving ecosystem provides a strong example of the value and excitement of primary research ... A very informative selection for environmental studies.” —*School Library Journal*

“This is a fascinating book that presents the story of a scientist who is attempting to answer a question through scientific research and experimentation... We see the clues unfold as the researcher discovers them. The reader feels as if he or she is experiencing them in real time, and it is very difficult to resist trying to piece together the evidence and come up with a possible solution as the story progresses.”
—**NSTA Recommends**

“Verdict: This is a great read on its own, but I can also see so many applications for it; it fits in well with our new curriculum requirements in the school district, would make a great book club choice, and also fit in with a science program or some of the garden programs we’re planning for the future. Highly recommended.” –Jennifer Wharton, Librarian at **Jean Little Library** and SLJ Nonfiction Notions columnist

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Plastic, Ahoy: Great Pacific Garbage Patch

“An engaging and worthwhile read, this will surely make young readers think twice about their trash.”
—*Booklist*

“A sobering introduction and solid demonstration of science research in action.” —*Kirkus*

“Newman makes all of this information readily understandable for young readers. She also drives home the notion that science is exciting and relevant, as she builds a strong case for cleaning up water ecosystems and getting personally invested in ecological responsibility.” —*American Scientist*

“Recommended for all general collections needing an attractive and informative look at the environmental effect of plastics that encourages young readers to take meaningful and doable action.”

—*School Library Journal*

Zoo Scientists to the Rescue

“Readers see the human side of animal science. Newman brings scientific research to life with her lively introduction to three scientists active today...With engaging photos, useful charts and maps, and practical conservation tips, this volume provides lots of encouragement for budding young scientists. Three experts, three species, three zoos: these elements add up to a fascinating story of how specialists make a real difference in conservation today.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“In this incredibly informative book, readers learn about three zoo scientists who are working to save three species (orangutans, black-footed ferrets, and wild black rhinos) using a variety of methods, from conservation education to breeding programs. Newman also includes ideas on how students can contribute to conservation efforts, such as reducing palm oil usage...The photographs show the animals as well as the scientists and effectively enhance the information presented. VERDICT A great book for research or for students interested in conservation.” —*School Library Journal*

“Many kids are familiar with zoos, but there’s much more to these attractions than an opportunity to see animals up close. Newman shines a light on the important work zoo scientists do to aid conservation and contribute important research, both at zoo labs and in the wild. This engagingly written book focuses on three scientists and their work protecting and researching orangutans, black-footed ferrets, and black rhinoceroses, respectively...Photos of the scientists in the field, as well as their animal research subjects, enlivens the already fascinating material.” —*Booklist*