

and would be a welcome addition to any biologist's bookshelf.

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YOUNG SCIENCE

Living with Deafness. By Emma Haughton. **Living with Cerebral Palsy.** By Paul Pimm. **Living with Leukemia.** By Patsy Westcott. **Living with Blindness.** By Patsy Westcott. (Ages 9-12). 2000. Raintree Steck-Vaughn Publishers (4515 Seton Center Pkwy, Austin, TX 75759). 32 pp. Hardback \$23.00 each.



Any illness, especially those that are serious or chronic, are difficult for children to understand. These excellent books are a part of a series dedicated to helping children understand such diseases. Other topics covered in individual volumes in this series include asthma, diabetes, Down syndrome, and epilepsy.

Each book introduces three or four individuals and describes their diagnoses, treatments, and how they live with their particular illness or disability. The basic biology is explained along with tests, treatments, and other information related to the condition. The information is accurate, realistic, and written in a concise manner to maintain a child's interest.

The illustrations are large and colorful and the text is interesting and informative. A glossary of technical and medical terms used in the book is provided. Other information, such as lists of addresses, books, magazines and web sites for further information, are located in the back of the book.

Written for children, these volumes would be an excellent addition to any elementary school or public library. They could also be recommended to any child facing such serious illness or disability.

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Grow Your Own Pizza: Gardening Plans and Recipes for Kids. By Constance Hardesty. 2000. (Ages 9-12). Fulcrum Publishing (16100 Table Mountain Pkwy, Ste. 300, Golden, CO 80403). 128 pp. Paperback \$16.95.



This delightful book on gardening encourages children and parents to share in the fun. The contents include 21 garden plans, orga-

nized by three levels of difficulty: easy, medium and advanced. Each garden plan includes recipes that kids and parents can cook together using the harvest from their garden.

The book gives detailed planting instructions, with clear illustrations, for both garden plots and container gardens. The author suggests the best varieties of seeds to plant, and gives planting and harvesting tips. There is also a "Green Thumb Guide" that goes over the basics of successful gardening: preparing the soil, planting, watering, feeding, weeding, pest control and composting. The author is also careful to point out safety tips in both the garden and kitchen, and encourages parent participation in the projects.

It's written in a style that is easy and engaging for kids. Gardens are creatively designed to appeal to children's imaginations. Garden names include, "Queen Margherita's Pizza Garden" (easy), the "Cake and Ice Cream Garden" (medium), and the "A-maze-ing, Never-Ending Salad Garden" (advanced). The recipes included will satisfy both child and adult palates.

I highly recommend this book to parents and children. It is a great outdoor activity to share together, and you will find enough creative garden

plans and recipes to keep you happily gardening for many years to come. Enjoy !

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CHILDREN'S SCIENCE

Nature's Paintbrush: The Patterns and Colors Around You. By Susan Stockdale. 1999. (Ages 3-8). Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division (1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020). 22 pp. Hardback \$15.00.



Nature's Paintbrush: The Patterns and Colors Around You is a beautifully illustrated children's book that explores patterns, colors and textures using animals. It discusses and displays warning colors, camouflaging, protective coloring, and attractive coloring. The author also includes the techniques used to make the illustrations. This a beautiful book written for children ages 3-8.

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