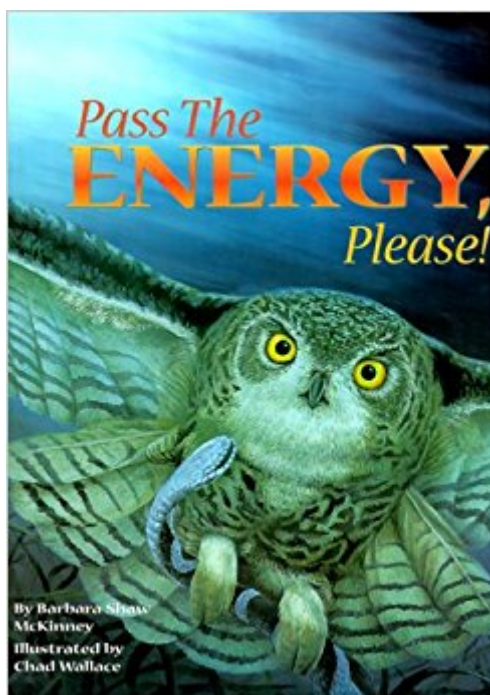


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# Pass The Energy, Please!



## Synopsis

Here is a favorite of elementary science teachers for the food chain. Each of the creatures passes the energy in its own unique way. In this upbeat rhyming story, the food chain connects herbivores, carnivores, insects and plants together in a fascinating circle of players. All beings on Earth--from the anchovy to the zooplankton--depend upon the green plant, which is the hero of the story. The special talent of the author shines again (see also *A Drop Around the World*) for being able to present the science curriculum so concisely, creatively, and cleverly. A 48-page Teacher Guide based on the book is also available (sold separately).

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-5-McKinney presents the ecological food chain in a rhyming story. Couplets are frequently sketchy or vague. For example, in describing an owl, she writes, "Her wide yellow eyes, designed for the night,/get their glow from the reptile, captured in flight." Some rhymes are forced ("The vulture is known as a great opportunist/that preys on the fallen if finding it soonest") making the explanation of the links in the food chain even more confusing. Wallace's illustrations done in oil paints are large and colorful, showing fine details of birds, mammals, insects, and plants in their natural surroundings. There is no glossary to explain words such as "phytoplankton" and

"zooplankton" and the rhymes that constitute the table of contents sacrifice understanding ("Link Number One-Born in the Sun"). Rice investigates the question of whether animals experience feelings such as compassion, loyalty, grief, deceitfulness, and love. Chapters are arranged by attribute. Although Calvert's illustrations are large and colorful, the text on each page is dense and daunting. Three out of 13 sources cited in the bibliography are old Reader's Digest articles (1964-79) with incomplete references. There is no table of contents, index, or glossary. All in all, there is not much coherent information in these titles. Blair Christolon, Prince William Public Library System, Manassas, VA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"...Full of beautiful, full color pictures, every child will enjoy reading or hearing this story read to them..." -- Education Clearinghouse, December 2002 Winner of the 2001 Skipping Stones Magazine Honor Award --

I thought the book was very good, but I bought this on a recommendation to use a fun way to engage and education my children on the subject. It didn't keep the children's attention and, if I recall correctly, we didn't even finished because they were getting so antsy. The concept is great, but it's definitely geared toward older children and adults.

This is a great book for kids who are interested in animals and life cycles. I have seen children witness vultures eating roadkill, a snake eating a frog by the creek, and other things that may seem hard to explain in a satisfying way for young children and this is the book that makes that discussion easy. My 5 year old daughter loves it and it is great for both boys and girls. Plus, beautiful illustrations. Sweet!

This is a beautiful book. The illustrations are vivid and detailed and the rhyming text is a pleasing way to frame scientific concepts. The best part about this book is that it uses the poetry and calming art to completely re-frame the food web concept all too often made into a good vs. evil battle by pop-culture. It is a wonderful way for children to learn about the reality and beauty of real life. My only two complaints are 1) the rhyming is stilted in areas, and 2) the age range seems off. I am reading it now with my five-year-old who has no problems enjoying and understanding it, and I can't imagine actually reading this kind of rhyme to a child older than eight without it being belittling.

This is the best science book on the food chain that I have ever found. I fell in love with it and bought

it for several people This book tells very gently, using very pleasing language in rhyme, what everything needs to live and why. The illustrations are beautiful and detailed. It has some repetitive language that is so pleasing to read. For example:"Passing the energy needed to live is a difficult gift for a creature to give.but a chain unbroken along the way links life in the meadow from day to day."This book would be wonderful in every classroom. A beautiful, must have book.

Great book for my ecosystem unit. Pictures were spectacular!

This book was great in introducing the subject of food chains in a fun and interesting way. I would recommend this to any parent or instructor when this topic is being covered.

Love how it is written like poetry but still has science non fiction focus with the chains in front of headings. I like the illustrations too.

Clever, engaging, informative and beautiful.

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