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2009 Wilderness Society Environment Award for Children's Literature announced

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This World Environment Day, the Wilderness Society is pleased to announce that *True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet* and *Tuart Dwellers* are the joint winners of the 2009 Environment Award for Children's Literature.

True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet by Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin (published by ABC Books) features 100 simple solutions to the environmental challenges facing kids today. The Wilderness Society commended the fun and easy ways the book shows kids how to make a difference to our environment such as planting an organic garden and calculating a family's/ school's carbon footprint.

Tuart Dwellers by Jan Ramage, with gorgeous illustrations Ellen Hickman, was published by the WA Department of Environment and Conservation. This thoughtful pictorial celebrates the diversity, colour and ingenuity of the natural world. Young readers will enjoy tales about how a Crab Spider goes shopping and a Jewel Beetle becomes a seedpod. *Tuart Dwellers* was also short listed for the Children's Book Council of Australia - Eve Pownall Award and listed as an "Honour Book" in the Picture Book of the year Notable Books category.

Both *True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet* and *Tuart Dwellers* promote environmental values and sense of caring and responsibility for the environment.

The Wilderness Society is a community based environmental protection organisation which many Australian families support. The Wilderness Society works to safeguard our sources of clean water and air, to tackle climate change, to create a safe future for life on Earth, and to give a better world to our children which is why it established these awards in 1993. To be eligible for the award a book must encourage caring for the natural environment.

The Wilderness Society's conservation work to protect and restore natural environments is also taken to schools around the country. Our Community Campaigners regularly conduct free, engaging presentations to school groups to explain such things as the role forests play in helping our climate and why habitat protection is crucial to halt Australia's spiralling extinction rate.

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