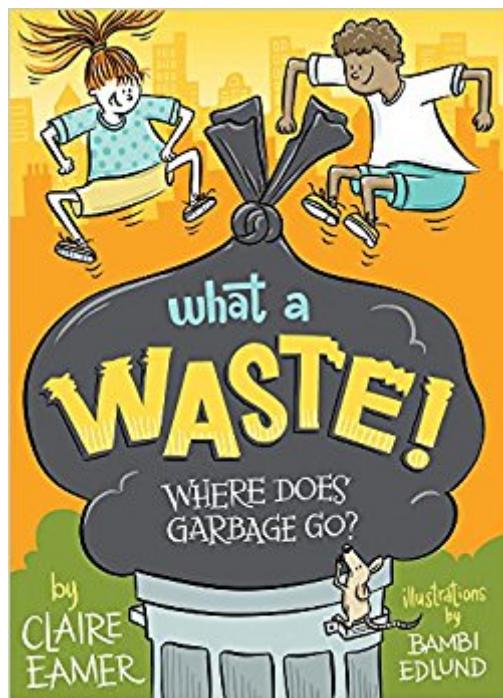


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What A Waste: Where Does Garbage Go?



Synopsis

What a Waste! answers the question: when we throw something away, where is it going? Ever since cave people cracked open seafood shells for dinner, humans have produced garbage, and we've had to figure out what to do with it. What a Waste! explores the history of garbage from earliest times to today, covering subjects including dumps, human waste, water pollution, problem garbage, and modern throwaway culture. From islands made out of 5,000-year-old garbage in the Florida Everglades and sophisticated waste-disposal systems in ancient Pakistan to fatbergs—the size of a city bus in sewers today, What a Waste! delves into the fascinating, weird, and often disgusting world of garbage, and shows why it's a growing problem. Creative solutions are showcased, like Repair Cafés to fix broken items, grocery stores that specialize in imperfect fruits and vegetables, and filtration systems in Kenya made from discarded water bottles. With an inviting presentation including hand-lettering and humorous illustrations, this book will both educate and entertain young readers.

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Claire Eamer has written many award-winning nonfiction books for children, including *Before the World Was Ready: Stories of Daring Genius in Science*; *The World in Your Lunch Box: The Wacky History and Weird Science of Everyday Foods*; and *Super Crocs & Monster Wings: Modern Animals*. Ancient Pasts. She lives on Gabriola Island in British Columbia. Bambi Edlund is an illustrator and designer living in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Every adult, child, legislator, business CEO, and educator must read this book and share it with everyone they know.

‘What a Waste: Where Does Garbage Go?’ by Claire Eamer with illustrations by Bambi Edlund is a book for young readers about garbage and the problems it creates. As long as humans have been around, there has been garbage. A history of garbage is given as well as the current problems, from

large greasy clots in sewers to plastic islands. There is plenty of gross out science and lots of awareness of the problems we face. Along with the problem are innovative people who are finding solutions, like the person who started a restaurant making meals out of food that others had thrown out, or places where electronics can get repaired rather than tossed. There is also a further reading list and a good sized bibliography. The art is fun, which might seem strange considering how serious the topic is, but I think that approach keeps the subject hopeful. I liked the history of garbage and the frank message of where we are. The book would make a good read for a young person who likes gross out science books, or wants to learn how they can change the world. I received a review copy of this ebook from Annick Press Ltd. and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this ebook.

Garbage has always been produced by humans - though the amount of it is definitely going up in modern times! Archaeologists look at the garbage left by prehistoric civilizations to better understand how they lived, and some day the same may be done by future scientists trying to understand more about our generation. Different sources of garbage are discussed in detail - including food waste, industrial waste, plastic waste, and the issue of old electronics. Issues with landfills and dumps are discussed, and also alternatives such as recycling and repairing. The book is engaging, with interesting stories and examples given. The illustrations are colorful and add a lot to the story. I'd recommend this to elementary and middle-school aged students, as a way to raise their awareness of the impact of trash on the planet. This would also be a great support book for a class project on reducing waste.

Informative and sometimes amusing book with great illustrations about the history of garbage and trash and such around the world. Huge bibliography at the end which would be useful for school essays. Great for middle school to old folks. And it includes solutions, not just reminding us we throw away too much. (One takeaway: blue recycling boxes are blue because blue plastics last longer!)

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