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## Award-Winning Children's Nature Book Publisher Dawn Publications Joins Sourcebooks Kids

(NAPERVILLE, IL, January 7, 2020) —Dawn Publications, an award-winning publisher of children's picture books that focus on nature, is joining Sourcebooks Kids, the children's division of Sourcebooks, a Chicago-based independent publisher.

"We're excited that Dawn Publications has found a new home with Sourcebooks, giving our books a broader audience and allowing our authors and illustrators to thrive," said Bruce Malnor, co-publisher of Dawn Publications.

Carol Malnor added, "The recent passing of our co-publisher and dear friend Richard Rodrigue signaled a time of change for Dawn Publications, and it was important to us that our mission to connect children with nature would continue. Sourcebooks has the leadership, resources, and commitment to carry that mission into the future."

Sourcebooks will acquire the majority of Dawn Publications titles as part of the deal, including *A Drop Around the World* by Barbara Shaw McKinney, a Benjamin Franklin Silver Award winner for Best Science/Environment Book, and *The Dandelion Seed* by Joseph Anthony, a Benjamin Franklin Silver Award winner for Children's Picture Book.

All 88 books acquired from Dawn Publications will be published as an imprint under the Sourcebooks eXplore juvenile nonfiction imprint, with several titles slated for publication in 2020.

"Our mission is to honor and continue the exceptional work that Dawn Publications has done in using storytelling to illuminate environmental issues for young readers," said Dominique Raccah, Sourcebooks CEO and publisher. "The addition of Dawn Publications to our already robust juvenile nonfiction list, including the bestselling *Baby University* series by Chris Ferrie and *Little Pickle Press*, will help cultivate a love for the planet in kids from an early age."

Dawn Publications, which was founded in 1979 with the publication of *Sharing Nature with Children* by Joseph Bharat Cornell, expanded into children's picture books in 1992 with *A Walk in the Rainforest* by Kristin Joy Pratt. Over the last 25 years, Dawn Publications has carved a niche of creative nonfiction titles for young readers that focus on nature appreciation.

"At Sourcebooks, we believe books change lives, and what better way to change the lives of all humans than by fostering a love of nature?" said Kelly Barrales-Saylor, editorial director for Sourcebooks eXplore. "Dawn Publications has inspired countless readers to embrace and protect the natural world around them, and we are honored to continue that mission for generations to come."



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Dawn Publications books have received numerous awards and recognition, including ABA Book Sense Selection, Bank Street College of Education Best Children’s Book of the Year Selection, CBC/NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book, ForeWord INDIES Book of the Year Award, Mom’s Choice Award, Moonbeam Children’s Book Award, Publishers Weekly Green Books for Kids Selection, and School Library Journal Best Books of the Year List.

Teachers have long appreciated the dual purpose that Dawn Publications books serve—meeting both literacy and science standards. Each book includes “Explore More” sections that extend learning with STEM lesson ideas, literacy suggestions, and more information on the topic.

Bruce Malnor and Carol Malnor will remain involved with Dawn Publications as consultants. The deal is effective January 1, 2020.

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