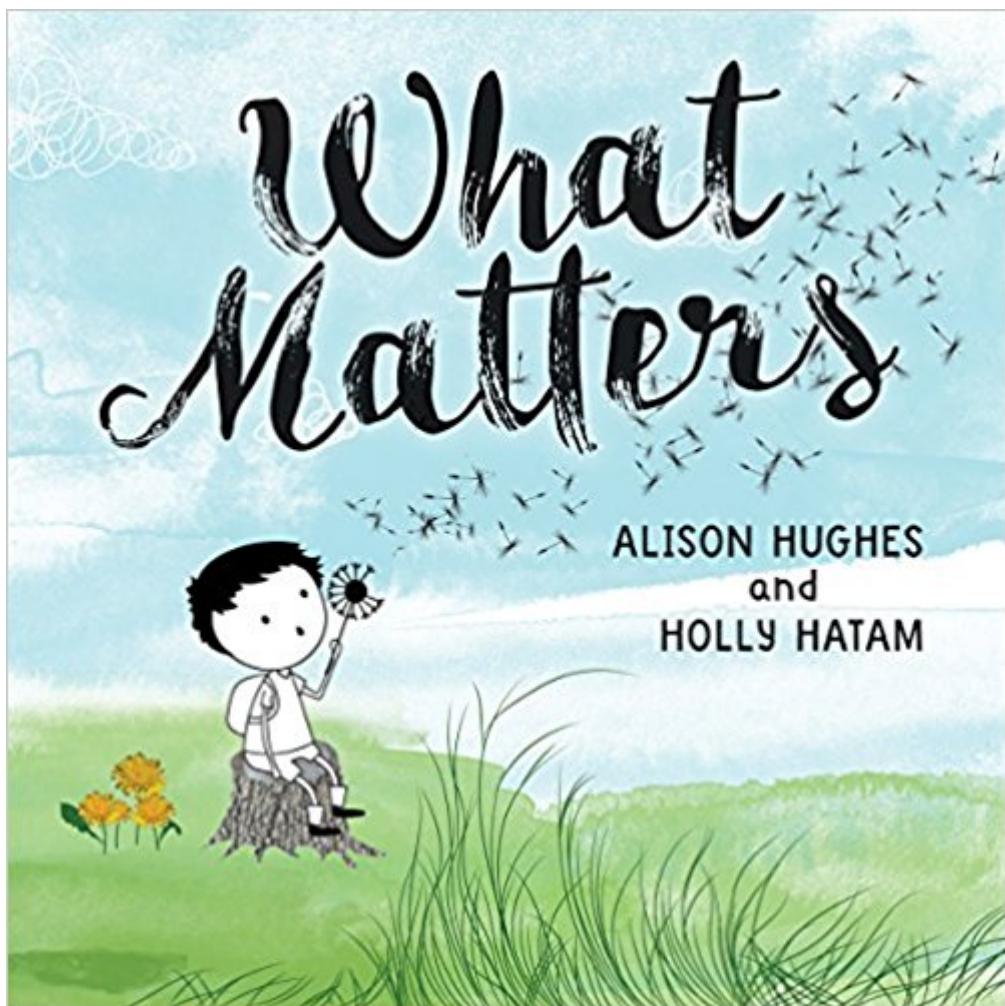


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# What Matters



## Synopsis

What happens when one small boy picks up one small piece of litter? He doesn't know it, but his tiny act has big consequences. From the minuscule to the universal, *What Matters* sensitively explores nature's connections and traces the ripple effects of one child's good deed to show how we can all make a big difference.

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PreS-Gr 1 •With childlike wonder, a boy discovers the benefits derived from recycling just one small, crumpled bright red aluminum soda can. Mixed-media illustrations depict parklike surroundings, a meandering pathway around grassy areas, trees, and flowers leading to the beach and vast seas. The child's kind act has a positive impact on a snail, an ant, a spider, a worm, a dog, a mouse, a bird, a dandelion, and 73 blades of grass, but even more than all this, the point is made that it is possible for all of us to have a beneficial influence on the world. Does the child understand the full impact of recycling the aluminum can appropriately? Not completely. Nonetheless, Hughes and Hatam make the powerful point that all children can help change the world and make "the earth just a little more blue, a smidgen more green." VERDICT A charming addition that teaches about the interrelationships in nature and the importance of recycling. •Nancy Call, Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Aptos, CA

"A beguiling, environmental musing on how one small act can have far-reaching consequences." (Kirkus Reviews 2016-07-02)"Hughes and Hatam make the powerful point that all children can help change the world...A charming addition that teaches about the interrelationships in nature and the importance of recycling." (School Library Journal 2016-09-25)"What Matters is brought to life perfectly with Holly Hatam's simple earth coloured drawings...and will be certain to appeal to readers of any age...A very small book with a very large message...providing excellent opportunities for discussion with young listeners in a read-aloud situation. Highly recommended." (CM Magazine 2016-10-10)"A perfect read-aloud picture book...In the simplest terms, Hughes and Hatam convey a positive and powerful message to young readers: you are not too young to make a difference." (Canadian Children's Book News 2017-01-06)

WHAT MATTERS is everything you can do to help the earth. This sweet picture book explores how one small kind gesture ripples on to bigger things. Would like to have seen more connection between the illustrations and text but it was still charming. Written by Alison Hughes, illustrated by Holly Hatam and published by Orca Book Publishers. #PB #environment #recycling

A little boy is walking in the park. He sees a crumpled soda can, picks it up and deposits it in the trash. The story goes on to illustrate all the good that comes from this one, small, simple action like ripples in a pond. It is not didactic nor moralistic, just very matter-of-fact.

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