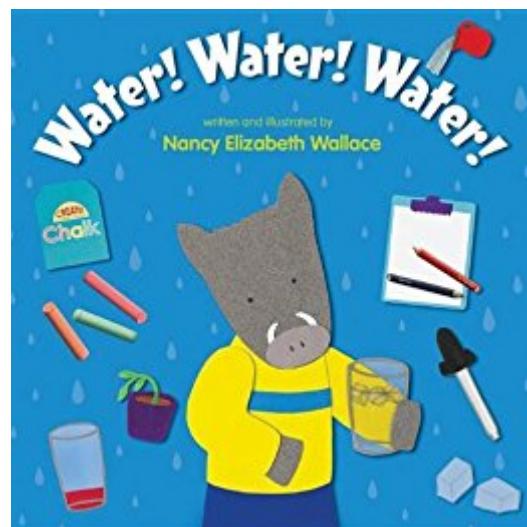


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# Water! Water! Water!



## **Synopsis**

Walter, a warthog, sees water everywhere: in the bathtub, from the garden hose, from the sky as rain. He writes down everything he notices about water in a special blue notebook. And then he shares what he learns with his friend Willa. As Walter and Willa do some science experiments, they find out cool things about water: water evaporates, ice floats, water can bring a dying plant back to life, and more. Tag along with Walter and Willa in this fun introduction to one of Earth's most important resources. Simple experiments you can do at home and a page full of fascinating facts about water are included.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Awesome as a water experiment group. An aide can run this group easily and the experiments are really rewarding and enjoyable to the students. Book explains everything so there is no need to coach your aide or parent volunteer.

Nicely informative and a good teaching tool for children.

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This book is a wonderful teaching blueprint. First, the story emphasizes the "W" sound, not only made by the letter "W", but also by words such as "one". The repetition/alliteration makes for a great read-aloud. But the real value of this book is the various experiments that Walter conducts. I can envision the teacher writing out the directions for each experiment (before reading the book) and assigning 1-3 students to conduct the experiment. The next day when class convenes, the students share their findings. At this point, teacher reads the book aloud. Or, this read aloud could serve as an introduction to a science lesson, illustrating a hypothesis, conducting experiment, gathering data, and reaching a conclusion. I especially liked the section on why we have to conserve this resource. This book uses critical thinking strategies and higher level thinking skills, and even throws in some corny jokes to keep up the interest. The origami illustrations complement the text beautifully. I loved this book!

Water! Water! Water! is a stunning book of collage featuring a wonderfully intelligent young warthog named Walter who makes fascinating water discoveries...He experiments, observes and records data of water properties (solid, liquid and gas). He then shares his findings with a sweetly bowed warthog friend, Willa. Willa helps Walter summarize this information (helping children with retention). They also list simple water conservation strategies. Water! Water! Water! not only teaches facts, but shows a child what basic experimentation looks like. There's also plenty of alliteration (rhyming "W" words) which I've found helpful for early readers. The word "experiment" is the most difficult word in the actual story. However, in the back you'll find a few more advanced terms/ concepts and definitions, along with three jokes. I love how this book focuses on the educational experience of discovering properties of water at home, and that the jokes don't detract from the story. I appreciate the water experiments being simple enough for me to do with very young children.

This book is a hands on book where you can do experiments and still has a story to follow. This is a really good educational book and the experiments are fun and easy to do for young minds. Such simple things as putting a chalk ring about a puddle of water and then coming back later on to see how much the puddle has evaporated. Very simple experiments like that to make inquisitive minds think more of their surroundings. It makes kids see what is around them every day in a different manner. My grandson tried all of the "experiments" and loved it! The illustrations are simple and

easy to follow. Walter is crazy about water and I am so glad he has shared his experiments with us. Lots of fun and lots of quality time spent with your little one.

I selected this book because Nancy Elizabeth Wallace has written my favorite go-to book about seashells for the very young, Shells! Shells! Shells! Her other intro science books are similar, but living as I do in Florida, I found her shell to be just about perfect: enough info, clear pictures for identification, and descriptions of what young kids find on the beaches. This book is a bit different. The science is not about simple identification, a pictorial aspect of science which lends itself to picture book format and the interests of the very young, who want to know what everything is. This book is about the nature of water and, more importantly, how Walter the Warthog made up simple experiments to investigate things like evaporation and absorption. I like the way Walter models setting up the simplest of experiments -- like making ice cubes stick together. I like the way Walter keeps a book of his findings. This book is a great jumping off point for teaching young children about how to translate their everyday curiosity into things into study and research. It's a great jumping off point for encouraging children to explore the world around them and stay excited about finding things out. I could wish that the felt illustrations were a bit more attractive and that Walter and his friend Willa weren't so...well...geeky, but this is still a very useful and appealing book.

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