Architecture and Education
What happens when architects and educators intersect? School buildings, from kindergartens to community colleges, are designed as inspired spaces for experiential learning.

Anne Taylor’s groundbreaking book Linking Architecture and Education: Sustainable Design for Learning Environments bridges the realms of architecture and education to show stunning examples of holistic school designs from around the world. Each chapter features case studies of green buildings and an analysis of their impact on the environment. For Taylor, a successful design must respond to the needs of its users, and thus she encourages the involvement of students and the community in shaping a plan. With contributions from many architects, educators, designers and school planners, this hefty book is idealistic in its vision, but includes practical design considerations for green classrooms, composting facilities, trails, school gardens and outdoor classrooms. In its hundreds of inspiring examples, architects, administrators, school boards and teachers will find much worth exploring in this beautiful, wide-ranging book. – (JH)


EcoTipping Points
The EcoTipping Points website features over 100 environmental success stories collected from around the world by a team of scientists and journalists. The stories address diverse topics, but what they have in common is a “leverage point” referred to as an “EcoTipping Point”—a community process that reverses environmental decline and establishes a course towards restoration and sustainability. Building upon insights from the science of human ecology, the website offers lessons based on the stories, while explaining how EcoTipping Points work and what it takes to create them.

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<www.ecotippingpoints.org>

The Man Who Planted Trees
Jean Giorno’s famous story The Man Who Planted Trees is an inspiring tale of a shepherd who spends his life planting hundreds of thousands of trees throughout his mountainous community in the foothills of the Alps. His tireless efforts repair a damaged environment and restore its life-giving systems. This story of how a barren landscape is transformed into a thriving ecosystem through the devoted efforts of a single man is beautifully illustrated by Michael McCurdy’s wood engravings. In the back of the book, a brief biography of Jean Giorno precedes a report by Andy Lipkus about how the tree-planting efforts of TreePeople had a positive impact on communities and individuals in the Los Angeles area. Suitable for 10- to 18-year-old readers, The Man Who Planted Trees is a highly motivational tale that reminds readers of the positive impact one person can have on the world. – (NS)


How to Turn Your Parents Green
James Russell’s humorous How to Turn Your Parents Green is a pocket-sized, non-fiction book designed to empower 9- to 15-year-olds (the Greens) to challenge their parents (the Groans) to join them in becoming eco-warriors. The Groans grumble and gripe and are responsible for global warming, but will leave the Greens with the mess. The book provides a charter for the Groans to sign, and suggests fines to impose on