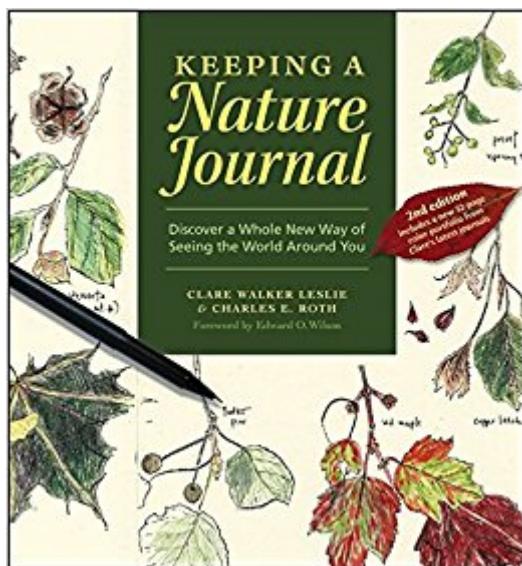


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# Keeping A Nature Journal: Discover A Whole New Way Of Seeing The World Around You



## **Synopsis**

Reconnect with nature through sketching and writing with these simple methods for capturing the living beauty of each season. Clare Walker Leslie and co-author Charles E. Roth offer easy techniques, exercises, and prompts for all ages.

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A wonderful book for young people, this book has also inspired this old gardener to go out and get one of those nice new sketchbooks ... The New York Times Leslie's approachable methods for recording the natural world have inspired many people. New Orleans Times-Picayune ... a step-by-step guide to getting started in a fascinating hobby of recording on paper what you see in nature. Cleveland Plain Dealer [C]oaches even beginners who think they cannot write or sketch but simply have a love of nature. San Jose Mercury News ... an excellent teaching tool on how to go about seeing the world in a new way. Indianapolis Star This book was very motivating for me personally and I am ready to begin a nature journal. It could be used as a classroom supplement or a tool for personal professional development for all ages ... a good resource for informal science organizations such as museums and camps. NSTA Recommends (National Science Teachers Association) Here's a good gift book for gardeners, but also for non-gardeners who nevertheless enjoy communing with the great outdoors. Nashville Tennessean Learn to observe nature closely, sketch with confidence, keep accurate records, narrate the changing seasons, and more. Highly recommended for those interested in art journals or nature studies. -----Somerset Studio magazine The best adult coloring-drawing book ever....The best way to record

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Like a string of beads - or pearls these little - or grand - episodes help us link to the larger strand. This stringing of images, thoughts, connections, helps us to have more understanding, reason, compassion, gratefulness. - Clare Walker Leslie, journal entry, September 3, 1997 You can experience a spirited yet tranquil exploration of the living world by creating your own nature journal. In any season, any weather, and any place, nature journaling compels us to slow down, observe, reflect, and once again embrace our connection to the living mosaic that is our environment. Using the methods Clare Walker Leslie and Chuck Roth have developed over years of journaling teaching, "Keeping a Nature Journal" guides you in creating ongoing journals for all seasons and purposes. You'll also learn techniques from other amateur and professional nature journalists. Simple methods for capturing what you see in sketches and words will inspire you to make journaling a part of your daily life and will help you create journals to enjoy for years to come.

Gorgeous book with MANY illustrations of what she is talking about. This will definitely start me on doing nature drawings in my sketchbooks. I discovered this book from a wonderful artist who was teaching a vacation sketching class. She said this book inspired her to teach the sketching class. I'll refer to it over and over for the rest of my life (Well, I'm old:-)

This is an amazing book with great text and drawings. Bought my first copy at a store a while ago and not only very much enjoyed it, but also started doing some nature journaling as a wonderful and relaxing hobby after reading it. Since then I've been purchasing it as a gift for friends and relatives, and they loved it too. I like re-reading it or just browsing through pages every now and then.

Fabulous book which teaches and guides the making of a journal -- of any kind -- with lots of inspiration. It helps to give you a kick start to get that first page down and to continue on. I am about half way through and it has kept my full attention. It is beautiful, highly detailed and well designed. I highly recommend this book for all future journalers and nature lovers.

The covers and pages are printed on very nice paper, the quality is excellent. If you are looking for a "how to book" this will be an excellent choice. It is full of drawings and information on how to keep a nature journal, including a wide variety of examples of drawings and things to write in your own journal. This book also teaches you how to draw and how to observe everything and anything

around you. It is all and more than what I had hoped for.

What a beautiful book. Perfect for my mission to add Science Writing into my 6th grade ELA classroom. Buying another for our Art/Science teacher! Colors are vibrant and many examples of various journaling styles, even for beginners, non-inhibiting examples. Part is organized by seasons which is highly effective. Very enjoyable book sure to become one of my favorites!

I had already started to keep a nature journal a few months ago when I came across this book and purchased it from . It's a lovely book and has encouraged me in my journal keeping. I'd begun with keeping track of the birds visiting my backyard feeder and have branched out to comments about the chipmunk who lives behind a step on our patio and the opossum which I've seen under the feeder and urged back to its habitation in an evergreen bordering our lot. I live in a suburban neighborhood and this book has reenforced my impressions that it's amazing what you can find in a small space if you really watch. Because of this book I now expect to at least be able to draw various types of leaves and will attempt to try a bird progressing from the basic egg shape the author recommends and the use of a basic skeleton to flesh out the wings etc. I've always been envious of what my kids were able to achieve in art class using new techniques which were unavailable to me when I was growing up.

This is a lovely book. Such an easy way to keep a journal!! I'm giving a copy to each of my grandchildren.

As I became more interested in taking up amateur naturalism as a hobby, I found this book while trying to read more about nature journaling. Now, wanting to get into a program for scientific illustration, I have found that this book is a great tool for the beginning naturalist- what tools you will need (scientifically and artistically), suggestions for what information to include, and what methods to employ. Everyone has a different way of doing things, but this book offers a great compilation of different ideas and techniques from different naturalists and artists. A fun learning experience in the natural world as well, this book is great for some of the younger folk to help bolster a love for nature and art while learning about it at the same time.

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