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10 questions with children's environmental book author: Dawn Wynne

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Dawn Wynne, award winning educator, author of "Earth Remembers When" and "I Remember When" answers 10 questions about the inspiration behind her writing and she discusses her passion for teaching [children](#) how to make a positive impact on their environment.

Can you tell us a little about yourself and how long you've been writing?

I am a mother, teacher, and former actress. I like to say I have been writing my whole life, but professionally for the past five years. My first "published" piece was a letter to Santa that appeared in our local newspaper when I was 8 years old. I went on to college and majored in theater where I wrote 24 papers in my first quarter. Upon graduating UCLA, I wrote a short film, followed by a screenplay. My career path brought me to teaching, which was a more stable job. Writing was always a huge focus of my teaching. Shortly, after having my daughter I had a dream and the idea for my first [book](#), "I Remember When," came to me. I decided to self-publish and am now just completing my third book.

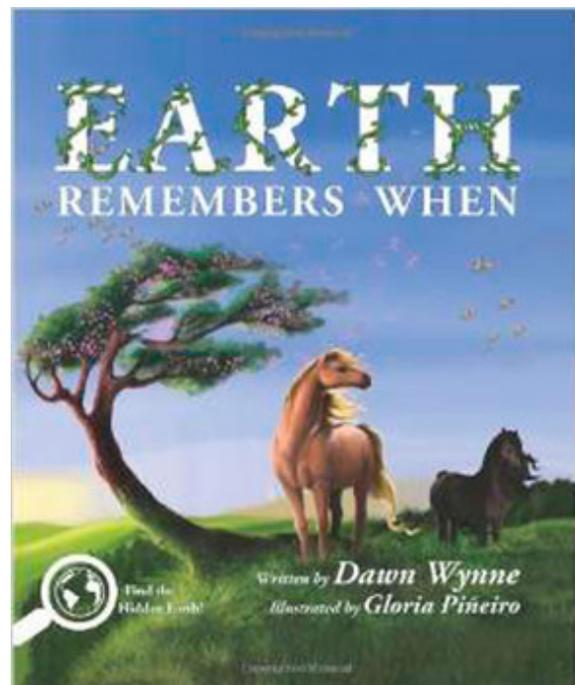


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What was the inspiration behind your writing and was there a life changing event?

When my daughter was born I started learning about so many things that are dangerous for babies and children, from BPA in bottles to chemicals in our cleaning products. The more I read the more frightened I became. I started making changes in our household, but wanted to

inform others. I thought the best way to create change is to educate children so they can create a healthy environment. Children immediately understand the importance of protecting the earth and have not developed an apathetic attitude. If we can instill these healthy habits in our children it will become part of their life.

What was your greatest challenge writing this book?

The greatest challenge was telling the truth without frightening children. I felt it important for children to really know what is happening on our planet, but present it in a way that would empower them to make changes.

Tell us the kind of research involved in writing this book.

I did a lot of reading and research about the environment. I read about plastics in the ocean, global warming, and farming practices. I even became a certified a health coach to increase my knowledge and level of expertise.

From your experience what is the best method of marketing your book to date?

In person visits have been the most successful way for me to market. When people hear your passion and see you bring the book to life it creates meaning and a connection for them.

Where are you born and where do you now live?

I was born in Petaluma, California. I now live in Palos Verdes Estates, California.

What's the most important message readers will get from reading your book?

Little changes can have a great impact on the environment. Even the youngest of children can begin to implement changes in their lives.

What age group would enjoy reading your book?

The book has a broad age range from 4 to 12.

The vibrant, detailed illustrations engage younger children and lead to discussions. The concepts and facts are appropriate for older children to grasp and implement. The book has also provided a starting point for students doing research or action projects about the environment. My books are selling on [Amazon](#) and other retailers.

Would special needs children enjoy this book?

The fold-out pages and search and find feature make it especially appealing to special needs children. The recipes and crafts at the back of the book provide great hands-on activities.

How do you provide the reader with tips on how to take care of our outside world?

Each scene in the book has a fact about the environment and practical tip children can implement immediately. For example, children can keep trash out of landfills by bringing reusable snack bags, cloth napkins, and stainless steel utensils to school.

Ask Dawn Wynne questions by visiting her website: <http://www.dawnwynne.com/>



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