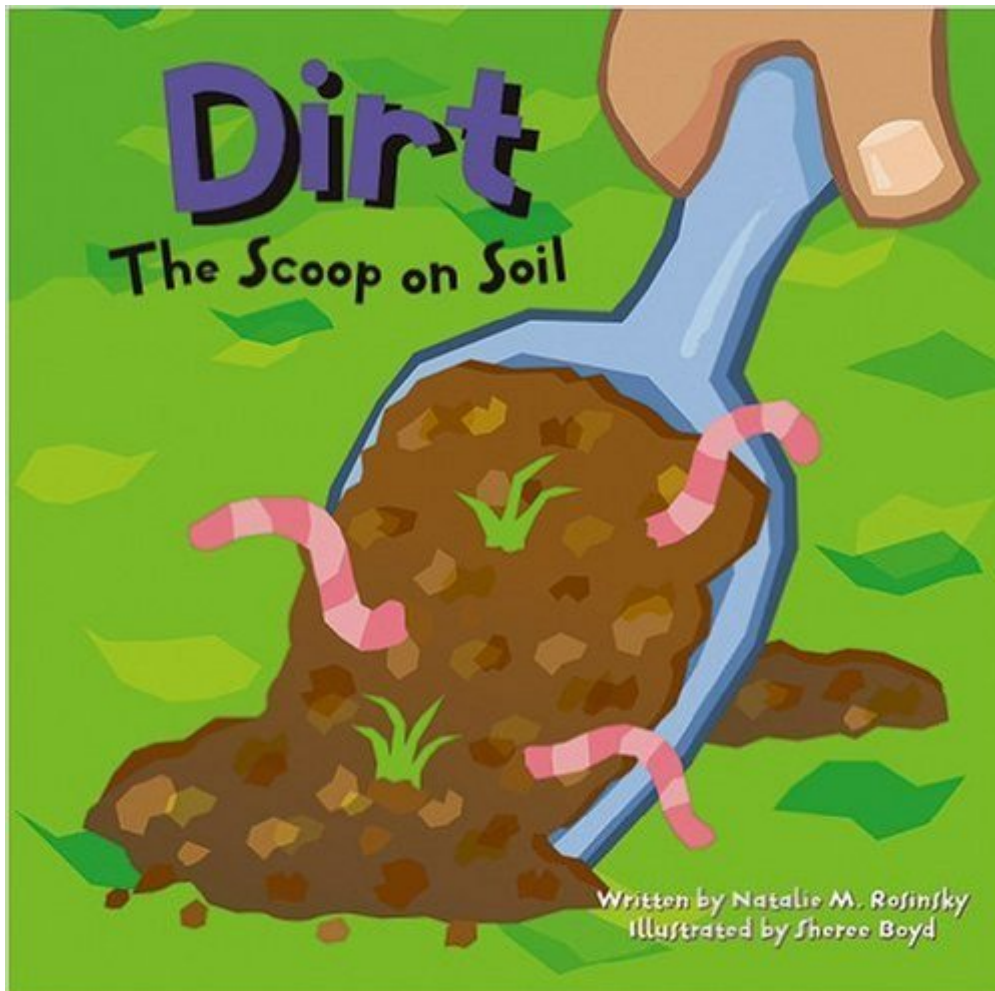


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# Dirt: The Scoop On Soil (Amazing Science)



## Synopsis

Discusses the nature, uses, and importance of soil and the many forms of life that it supports.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: IG 710L (What's this?)

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Age Range: 5 - 10 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

The approach of this book started out on the right track, by focusing on the parts of soil that can be observed after mixing it with water. But a major drawback of this title is that by oversimplifying, it perpetuates the misconception that plants eat soil, e.g. "Humus is rich with food that plants need to grow..." p.13 "As plants grow they use up the food in humus. Decomposers put more food back into the humus." p.15 "When plants use up the food in topsoil..." p.19 The inserted fun facts are distracting and/or of questionable worth. e.g. "Fun fact: Dirt is so interesting that soil scientists study it everyday." I would recommend *Dirt* by Steve Tomecek in place of this title. It has similar content that connects to kid's experiences with soil and has a more accurate approach to the soil/plant connection. Raymond Bial's *A Handful of Dirt* is another good title on soil.

My kids and niece love this book and I love the hands-on approach it uses. The book begins with a quick experiment that helps the kids visualize what the book will be talking about. It helps kids

understand why dirt is so important and explains how bugs and worms help too. The illustrations are wonderful and that is what usually engages children from the get-go. The book would be great for classroom use as well and a good introduction to table of contents, glossary, and index.

I used this to teach a Kindergarten class about soil. The book has some great images as well as good basic knowledge.

Book is very colorful, not too wordy, yet teaches about soil to the young learner. Will be in our school library.

Great book about soil and it's various layers. My preschoolers loved it.

My students enjoyed reading this book during our study of soil.

This is a great book to help show students about soil.

Great book for my kinder Earth science unit on soil.

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