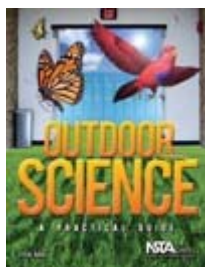


# NSTA'S BOOK BEAT

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NSTA Press, the book-publishing arm of NSTA, produces 20 new books each year for science teachers from kindergarten to college. We'll use this monthly bulletin to announce new resources and highlight tips and lesson ideas in our publications. If there are special offers or discounts active in NSTA's online Science Store, you'll find out about those here, too.

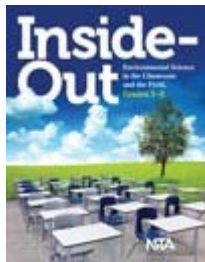
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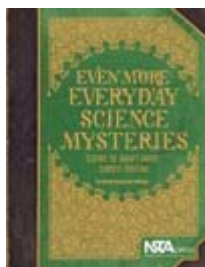
The Children & Nature Network has designated April "Children & Nature Awareness Month" and highlights [research](#) that points to the benefits, to children and adults, of spending time exploring natural settings—not the least of which is improved attention and focus. Why not give outdoor science a try in your schoolyard or neighborhood this spring? Two new NSTA Press books can help. In [Outdoor Science: A Practical Guide](#), author and state science specialist Steve Rich shows

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K–8 teachers how to create outdoor learning spaces that can be used from year to year—with little extra effort or resources. Visit the book's page in the Science Store to download the free sample chapter we've posted: "Birds, Bugs, and Butterflies: Science Lessons for Your Outdoor Classroom." Robert Blake Jr. and his coauthors also give grades 3–8 teachers ways to connect indoor and outdoor learning spaces through the new resource [Inside Out: Environmental Science in the Classroom and the Field, Grades 3-8](#). The free sample chapter from this book, "Water," is definitely worth a look.



## Everyday Science Mysteries



Author Richard Konicek-Moran has always been challenged and inspired by what he calls Everyday Science Mysteries, those events you stumble on that make you ponder "why on Earth..." or "what could that be?" Richard cleverly captures and shares in his books the wonderful ways K–12 teachers can turn those everyday mysteries into teaching opportunities. When he's not writing new books for NSTA Press, Richard travels between homes in Massachusetts and Florida, where he volunteers in the Everglades. [His blog](#)

offers readers personal insight into his experiences there. Preview Richard Konicek-Moran's newest volume in his series, [Even More Everyday Science Mysteries: Stories for Inquiry-Based Science Teaching](#). We've posted a free sample chapter from the new book: See "Here's the Crusher," an everyday mystery related to air pressure.

## Lecture-Free Teaching



A sample chapter from the new [Lecture-Free Teaching](#) was bound into a recent issue of the *Journal of College Science*

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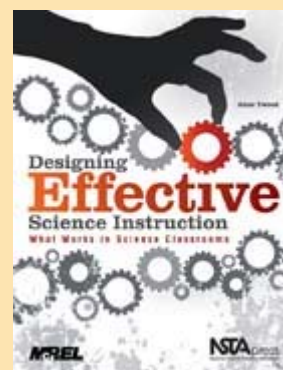
## Popular Books This Month

[Uncovering Student Ideas in Science, Volume 4](#)  
By Page Keeley and Joyce Tugel



[Designing Effective Science Instruction: What Works in Science Classrooms](#)

By Anne Tweed



[Brain-Powered Science: Teaching and Learning With Discrepant Events](#)

By Thomas O'Brien



*Teaching.* If you missed it, visit the NSTA Science Store to download your own free sample chapter, "The Chronology of Course Design," and learn new ways to move from all-lecture formats to more student-involved learning in your classes.

## Special Offers in April



This month's special offers in the Science Store include the featured book [Forestry Field Studies: A Manual for Science Teachers](#) at the special price of \$17.47 through April 30, 2010. You can also take advantage of the Spring 2010 NSTA Recommends catalog offer: The shipping is on us when you spend \$50 or more on any NSTA books or gear items from the [NSTA Science Store](#) through May 31, 2010. Be sure to use promo code SPFS10 at checkout to redeem this free-shipping offer.



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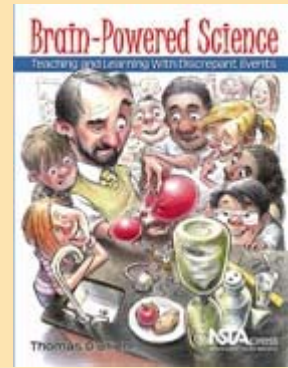
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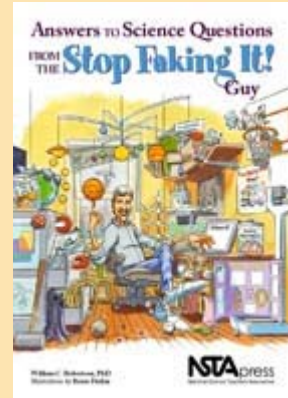
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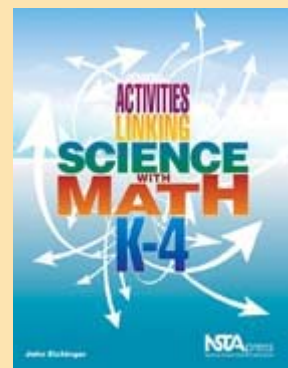
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