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through reading

New Picture Book Uses Stunning Collage Art and Simple Repetition to Teach Elementary Kids about the Food Chain

DC Publisher releases English and Spanish editions of “This Is the Sun,” a life science children’s book about energy, the circle of life, and at the center of it all—the Sun

Washington D.C., October 4, 2022: This is the Sun that makes the world go round! Science Naturally is excited to introduce *This Is the Sun*, Elizabeth Everett’s debut children’s book. It will be released simultaneously with the Spanish-language edition, *Este es el Sol*.

From the tiniest animal to the tallest tree, everything on Earth is connected through the circle of life. This beautiful picture book, which can be read-aloud with preschool-aged children, or used as an individual reading activity with elementary students, uses rhythmic repetition to introduce young children to the bright star that provides energy for all life on Earth.

In this charming story, readers follow along as a young tree uses light from the Sun to make its own food, then passes its energy along the food chain... until it circles all the way back to a brand new sprout growing toward the Sun! Have fun reading as each living thing in the food web provides energy to the next, over and over again.

“With vibrant illustrations, *This is the Sun* is a wonderful and whimsical introduction to the power of the sun as it feeds all life on earth,” says Alexandra Roosenburg, Founder and Director of the Capitol Learning Academy in Washington, DC. “This book expands the curious minds of young readers, animal lovers, and budding scientists alike. As an educator, I know children will be excited to ‘read’ the pictures while listening to the story.”

This Is the Sun is illustrated by Indonesian artist, Evelline Andrya, whose one-of-a-kind vibrant collage art grows along with the increasingly multilevel story. Through her illustrations, readers will be able to look for the bug, spider, lizard, fox, and more as they move through each of the pages and grow to build a full ecosystem.

This book gives readers a glimpse into how all the living things are connected through the circle of life—and the role the Sun plays in making it all possible. More than just a fun picture book that engages kids to get caught up in the repetitive pattern, *This Is the Sun* encourages curiosity about the plants and animals we see all around us.

The Spanish edition, *Este es el Sol*, will also be published in October along with the English edition. Science Naturally is committed to creating reading materials that are accessible and available to all readers. This title, like all world language editions Science Naturally publishes, aims to keep non-native English speakers, as well as





Spanish language learners, excited about nature topics and inspired to learn more.

An extensive **Teacher's Guide** will be available in English and can be downloaded at no charge from the publisher's website. This Guide provides discussion questions, hands-on activities, and experiments to expand the content of the book and provide opportunities for parents, educators, and librarians to engage kids.

Author **Elizabeth Everett** spent 16 years as a classroom teacher before venturing into writing. She lives in Colorado with her husband and son where they spend lots of time outdoors in the Western sun. This is her first book; her next books, *Twinkle*, *Twinkle*, *Daytime Star* and *Spheres All Year*, will be released in

2023. She can be reached at Elizabeth.Everett@ScienceNaturally.com.

Artist **Evelline Andrya** was born in Sumatra, Indonesia. She grew up with both Chinese and Javanese cultures. Her passion in illustration started at a very young age. She was influenced by vintage greeting cards that she found in her grandma's drawer, comic books, antique picture books, and animated movies. Her illustration style is a mix of traditional medium and digital collage. She lives in Jakarta with her husband and three children. Find her on Instagram [@evellineandrya](https://www.instagram.com/evellineandrya).

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