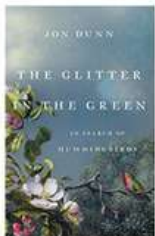


Learn of hummingbirds, kissing bugs,
tree lovers in these

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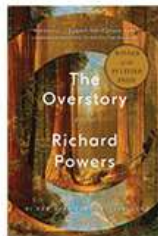
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Temperatures are slowly rising, and people are heading outdoors again. If you're one of those people, why not supplement your outdoor adventures with some books that will help you appreciate nature a little more?



'The Glitter in the Green' by Jon Dunn

You don't have to be a birder to recognize the beauty of hummingbirds — the tiny creatures that dart around our gardens gathering nectar from our flowers. Did you know that there are more than 300 species of hummingbirds across the world? Follow Dunn on an international journey where he documents hummingbirds on the brink of extinction, while simultaneously painting a beautiful picture of the birds, their habitats and the threats to their continued existence.



'The Overstory' by Richard Powers

If nonfiction isn't your thing, here's a fantastic novel about nine people brought together by trees. Each character loves trees for a different reason, and each displays it differently, whether it be through scholarship, activism, art or violence. The book is formatted like a tree as well, introducing us to the characters in "roots," and bringing them together for "trunk," "crown" and "seeds." So, if you like books with large casts of characters and a feel-good plot, this one is for you!



'The Kissing Bug' by Daisy Hernández

Sometimes to properly appreciate nature, we have to accept that it can be dangerous. "The Kissing Bug" might not sound very dangerous, but it is responsible for as many as 300,000 infections of Chagas disease every year in the United States, which can be fatal. This was the case for Hernández's aunt in the 1980s. After her aunt's death, Hernández started digging and discovered just how prevalent Chagas — or the kissing bug disease — really is, and began to question why it doesn't receive more media or medical attention. This book mixes memoir with nature and politics to produce an amazing read. —places



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