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BY SUSAN HOOD   ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTIANE ENGEL  
Seventeen poems introduce readers to the activists and science working hard to combat our problems with plastic. From jellyfish snot to a call to arms, you don’t want to miss this smart read. Best for ages 4-8.

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BY MERRIE-ELLEN WILCOX  
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THE RESCUE OF TINY CREATURES  
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HOW ADVENTURERS, SCIENTISTS, ARTISTS - AND YOU- CAN PROTECT EARTH’S HABITATS  
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