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This book by Stone Soup Leadership Institute founder Marianne Larned is a collection of 100 true stories about young environmental innovators from all corners of the globe. Each story describes a different youth growing up to contribute to their environment, whether it be through creating sustainable businesses or standing up to social injustices. It's an inspiring read that displays the determination and initiative of young people.

Its format and timely themes also make it versatile, so anyone can pull value from it. Teens can read it and feel inspired, though adults will likely get the most out of this resource. The book begins with a dedication to young people: "Imagine what it must be like to be a young person in 2021."

Some stories specifically address youths' sense of isolation as a result of feeling as though they are part of the only age group taking issues like climate change seriously. Understanding this, high school teachers could read this book to strengthen their empathy for their students. After all, gaining a better understanding of learners is crucial for educators to create impactful, tailored learning experiences that can help teens think critically about environmental challenges. – (RD)