



Fungi Lessons

Websites

[Microbe Zoo](http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/dlc-me/zoo/)

This site features the following attractions: DirtLand, Animal Pavilion, Snack Bar, Space Adventure, and Water World. Each provides examples of microbes (bacteria and fungi) that thrive in the particular environment described.

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[Tom Volk's Fungi](http://botit.botany.wisc.edu/toms_fungi/)

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Books

Good Mushrooms, Bad Toadstools (Rookie Read-About Science)

By Allan Fowler. (1998, Children's Press)

An easy-to-read book about the differences between mushrooms and toadstools, both of which are fungi.

The Home (Discover Hidden Worlds)

Heather Amery and Jane Songi. (1995, Golden Books)

From bacteria on sponges to mold on cheese, an exploration of the home that features magnified pictures, easy-to-read text, and a "Guess What?" page.

Lots of Rot

By Vicki Cobb; illustrated by Brian Schatell. (1987, HarperCollins Publishers)

Discusses what causes rot and the role it plays in the cycle of living things; presents facts about mold, bacteria, and mildew.

The Magic School Bus Meets the Rot Squad

By Joanna Cole; illustrated by Carolyn Bracken and Bruce Degan. (1995, Scholastic)

Ms. Frizzle's class learns there's more to rot than first meets the nose when they shrink the bus down for a closer look at a "dead" log teeming with life.

Yuck!: A Big Book of Little Horrors

By Robert Snedden. (1996, Simon and Schuster)

Reveals the microscopic view of fungi and other very common household organisms that exist in that "invisible" realm. Appropriate for reading out loud or advanced independent readers.