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Based on the non-fiction **Weird & Wacky Planet book series** for kids 8 to 12, the **Nature Just Got Real** podcast brings the wonder of nature into your home or classroom in a humorous, relatable, and empowering way.

Nature Just Got Real

> Host and Author K.B Carr and friends bring you the REAL skinny on what's REALLY going on in the Natural World.

Tune in every 3rd Monday of the month where new episodes can be enjoyed as audio only or viewed as videos on YouTube.

Join K.B. and company as they explore weird animals, places, and things they discover on our ever-changing, everfascinating Weird & Wacky Planet!

ALL ABOUT K.B. CARR

K.B. Carr writes the non-fiction nature Weird & Wacky Planet book series for kids 8 to 12 and hosts the Nature Just Got Real podcast for kids.

She is an animal enthusiast, not an animal expert. They both start with the letter "e", but one clearly involves much bigger student loans. She lives in West Michigan with her dog Captain Jack, who is a girl dog with a boy's name, and an assortment of revolving other

TARGET AUDIENCE

Kids 8 to 12 who love learning about the natural world around them. It's "Edutainment" for kids or the kid inside you:)

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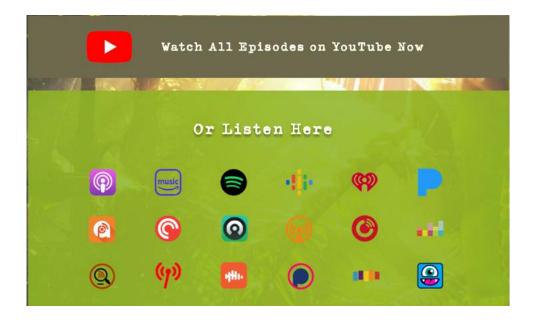


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Social Media links for the Nature Just Got Real podcast for kids.

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The podcast can be found on the following directories:



Suggested Interview Questions

1. What is the "Nature Just Got Real" podcast about and who is it for?

2. Why did you start the podcast and how did you come up with the name?

3. Where did your co-hosts come from?

4. Why are podcasts for kids becoming popular?

5. What are the benefits of podcasts for kids?

6. Where do you see the Nature Just Got Real podcast going in the future?

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Suggested Interview Questions & Answers

1. What is the "Nature Just Got Real" podcast about and who is it for?

A- It's a podcast for kids 8 to 12, although yonger kids listen, too. It's based on the Weird & Wacky Planet non-fiction nature book series I write for that age group, so 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. It's about all things nature-realated. It's one of my favorite topics!

2. Why did you start the podcast and how did you come up with the name?

A - I wanted to reach a bigger audience for my books, of course, but to also be able to talk about a wider range of topics than I felt the books could address. We go into all kinds of topics that are relevent and are happening right now. The books take many months to write, but on the podcast, we can talk about current nature news. I really like that aspect of podcasting. The name "Nature Just Got Real" came about from the focus of those current topics, because we talk about what's REALLY happening in the natural world right now!

3. Where did your co-hosts come from?

A - My daughter was supposed to be my co-host originally, but she had to back out of the time commitment for personal reasons. I almost quit then, because I didn't want it to be the "K.B. show" all by myself. A fellow author suggested that I make up a co-host as a character so it wouldn't feel like just me. I invented 3 co-hosts to handle the segments I wanted to be in the show. It's actually worked out really well! Chuck Darwin is a chimpanzie that handles the scientific work of the week, Tito the Treefrog loves animal facts, and my dog Captain Jack answers any burning questions that come up about the episode topic.I write and record the voices for their segments, but they are way more popular than I am!They continue to devolope their own personalities and it's become much easier to write and record using "their" voices. It's weird how they've become their own separate people!

4. Why are podcasts for kids becoming popular?

A - I think that whatever type of media is popular for adults eventually becomes popular for kids. Look at the eBook explosion. It used to be that books for kids were only physical, but that is changing to go along with the adult demand for eBooks. It's the same for pocasts. While there are many more podcasts for adults, the demand for podcasts for kids continues to grow and the market expands to accomodate it. It's also easy to listen to podcasts on commutes to and from school, or listen to story podcasts before bedtime.

5. What are the benefits of podcasts for kids?

A - Podcasts give kids a break from "too much screen time", speaking of eBooks, but they are still comsuming information in a way that also engages them in **active listening**. This is important because studies have shown that active listening through audio can increase focus, concentration, and comprehension, expands vocabulary, and builds critical thinking skills. So many benefits from such a small thing!

6. Where do you see the Nature Just Got Real podcast going in the future?

A - I just uploaded an episode to TeachersPayTeachers.com as a free resource for classrooms with a lesson plan and supplimental learning PDF. I see the podcast becoming more of an educational tool for teachers and students alike. I have plans to produce supplimental video resources, do virtual or in-person school visits, and be looking for and finding new ways to reach a wider audience. There are a growing number of science podcasts, but very few that focus just on nature. I want to step in and fill that gap to the best of my ability!



K.B. Carr Bios





Short-

K. B. Carr is the author of the Weird & Wacky Planet non-fiction book series for kids 8 to 12 and host of the Nature Just Got Real podcast for kids.

Medium-

An avid nature enthusiast, K.B. Carr writes the non-fiction nature Weird & Wacky Planet series for kids 8 to 12 and hosts the Nature Just Got Real podcast for kids. She believes encouraging and inspiring the next generation of Conservationists is her jam.

Long 1-

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Long 2-

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K. B. lives in West Michigan with an assortment of animals, none of which wear clothing, except for K.B.

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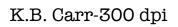
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