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Let me take you on a journey into the natural world. Dont be fooled ~ we are not hiking through mountains, trekking across deserts, or sailing the high seas. In fact, most of our adventures actually play out in and around my Midwestern suburban home. Even though my young children and I rarely stray far you will be amazed by all of the magic and beauty we have discovered, sometimes right in our own backyard. This visual field guide is a sweet collection of

nature art and explorations documented through the eyes of a Parent who also happens to have the heart of an Artist. I use the basic concepts of collecting, making, and exploring to connect myself and my children to the great outdoors. This book will give you the confidence and inspiration to begin your own journey or give you a renewed sense of optimism and a shift in perception if you are already well on your way. Read on to view simple yet beautiful ways to create a more natural lifestyle for you and your family. Somewhere something incredible is waiting to be known. - Carl Sagan And chances are youve probably already been there but just forgot to open your eyes. So lets get started and explore what we thought we already knew, again for the first time

About the Author Jessica Wascak was born in 1978 and is a full-time artist, part-time blogger, former art professor, and author. She earned her MFA in Digital Arts from Bowling Green State University. Her artwork has been shown internationally and is a part of numerous public and private collections. She is a featured artist in the book, *Digital Art Revolution*, was an Artist in Residence at the Santa Fe Art Institute, and has received numerous awards, grants, and fellowships in her field. Her artwork is derived from original photographs and centers around the push and pull between the ethereal and corporeal worlds. She launched her blog, *Digital Handmade*, in 2015 to express the importance of authenticity and the touch of the human hand in the professional art world. She re-designed and ran the Digital Art program at Ashland University for ten years and is currently a professional artist, writer, and mother of two beautiful children. In a previous lifetime (before children) Jessica called several places home and traveled extensively, gleaning bits of information from the heart of each person and place she came in contact with. Florence, Venice, Tucson, Santa Fe, Juneau, Savannah, Newfoundland, and many other points on the map have all become a part of her. Each place offered up unique perspectives on the earth, new views on how to live sustainably, and infinite amounts of artistic inspiration. Her portfolio along with her blog can both be found on, www.spiritinthemachine.com. You can follow her on Instagram (@spirit_in_the_machine) or on Facebook (@WascakArt).