Nature In A Nutshell For Kids: Over 100 Activities You Can Do In Ten Minutes Or Less
Nature in a Nutshell is a handy book for parents who want to inject some educational experiences in their child’s daily learning routine. The book contains one-hundred and twelve total activities relating to nature and education and most of them can be performed quickly and easily, using items...
available inside or immediately outside of most homes. The activities offered in the book are mostly simple and there are few materials necessary. Some activities are more complex, but most are basic and can be completed in a matter of minutes. The activities are divided up based on season and while this is a good way to organize, I think it would be better to organize based on difficulty level: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. This way, parents could slowly build up, from the easy to the more challenging, and increase their child’s learning and confidence in the process. The book is recommended for children between the ages of eight and twelve, but I don’t see why parents would want to wait this long to introduce their children to these learning activities. Younger children, in the four to eight age group, will enjoy the activities also. I admit that the explanations offered for the outcomes of these activities are likely going to be too complicated for children in these younger age categories, but children will still enjoy them and even if they retain only a small amount of information, they will have a head start over other children their age when they eventually enter school. I like that this book includes a reference section in the back, but one fact that puzzled me at first is that the list of important nature-oriented organizations doesn’t include any web site addresses.