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*Eco-Adventures* takes an optimistic approach to a serious subject. Using humorous illustrations and enjoyable activities, the series focusses on practical things children can do to help save the environment. *Stories about Garbage* starts with the Dimitriou family at home, engaged in harmless leisure pursuits that actually consume more energy and produce more waste than is necessary. When their garbage stages a minor revolt, insisting on being sorted and recycled, the Dimitriou's learn how various substances are produced and which ones can be reused. In *A Dolphin in our Living Room*, a group of animals take the children on a trip which teaches them about biodiversity and demonstrates how thoughtless use of resources endangers habitats and contributes to climate change. *Electrical Stories* explains the risk of relying on non-renewable sources of energy, while *Back to My Forest* shows the importance of forests for the global ecosystem. The books encourage environmental awareness without preaching.