

Book spotlight

The library at The Herb Society of America headquarters has some great books for children and youth that are available for members to check-out. Try out these books for a great learning experience with your children.

Morganelli, Adrianna. 2007. *The biography of coffee*. Crabtree Publishing Company: New York.

Reading levels: Ages 9-14

Uses: general learning, source for research and reports

Summary of contents: Coffee is one of the world's most traded commodities; second only to oil. This book covers the world of coffee and its importance in our world today. Information on the cultivation and production of coffee from the field into a cup is presented. Fun facts on the coffee plantations, coffee houses, and even equipment used for making coffee are included. The role that coffee has played through the ages is also covered. This book is loaded with everything that you ever wanted to know about coffee.

Rodger, Ellen. 2006. *The biography of spices*. Crabtree Publishing Company: New York.

Reading levels: Ages 9-14

Uses: general learning, source for research and reports

Summary of contents: Spices are used to flavor almost everything that we eat today. This book covers the fascinating spice industry and its role in our past and present. Text and colorful photos help children learn how spices were used for fragrance, to cure illness, and to flavor foods. The book presents information on where spices originated and how they are cultivated and harvested. Great historical information is also included. This book is fascinating reading for youth and adults.

Other books in the HSA library in the same series:

Gleason, Carrie. 2007. *The biography of tea*. Crabtree Publishing Company: New York.

Karner, Julie. 2007. *The biography of vanilla*. Crabtree Publishing Company: New York.