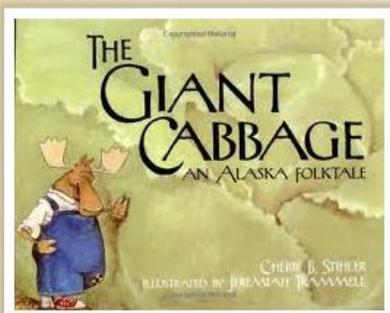


Fruit/vegetable themed list of books from www.growing-minds.org

By [Stihler, Cherie](#)

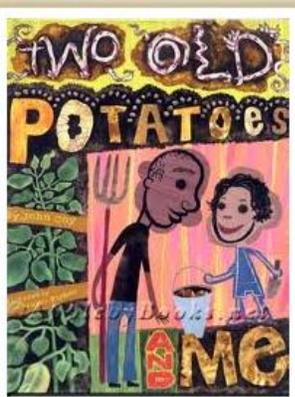


Moose chooses his largest cabbage to enter into the Giant Cabbage Contest, but he's going to need some help from his friends!

Tagged as: [Cabbage](#), [October](#)

TWO OLD POTATOES AND ME

By [Coy, John](#)

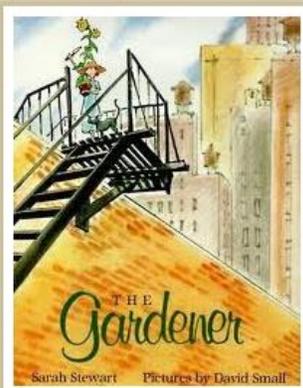


In this book, a girl discovers two old potatoes that have begun to sprout at the back of the cupboard. She goes to throw them away, but her dad suggests instead that they try to grow new potatoes from the old ones. The story details how they prepare the soil, care for the plants, and protect the plants from potato beetles. Their patience and hard work are rewarded with a brimming bucket of new potatoes.

Tagged as: [Family](#), [Field Trip](#), [November](#), [Persistence](#), [Potatoes](#), [Recipe Books](#)

THE GARDENER

By [Stewart, Sarah](#)

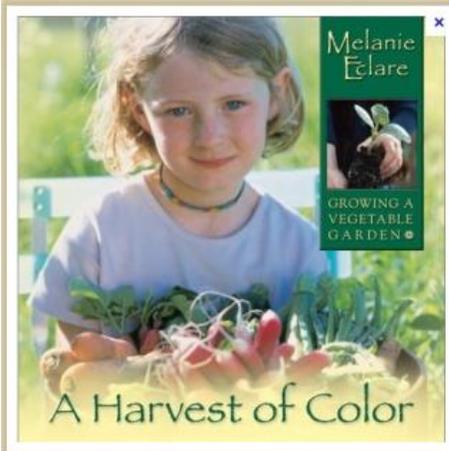


An intriguing, illustrating story told through a series of correspondence written by a girl who loves gardening. Lydia Grace writes to her family in the country after she is sent to live with her Uncle in the city during the Depression.

Tagged as: [City Life](#), [Family](#), [Flowers](#), [Gardens](#), [Grandparents](#)

a HARVEST OF COLOR – GROWING A VEGETABLE GARDEN

By [Eclare, Melanie](#)

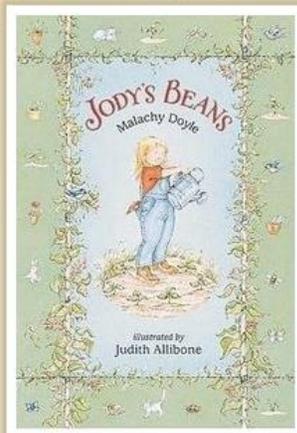


Sophie and her friends work together to grow a neighborhood vegetable garden. From zucchini to potatoes to carrots, the kids grow it all. Page by page, vegetable by vegetable *A Harvest of Color* gives great gardening advice in the voice of the children, and offers hints that are helpful to any gardener, old or young. You'll love the book's realistic photographs of Sophie and her friends gardening.

Tagged as: [Field Trip](#), [Gardens](#), [March](#), [This Week in the Garden](#), [Vegetables](#)

JODY'S BEANS

By [Doyle, Malachy](#)

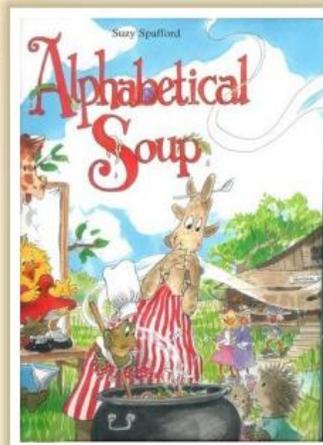


Jody and her grandfather plant some beans and watch them grow.

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ALPHABETICAL SOUP

By [Spafford, Suzy](#)

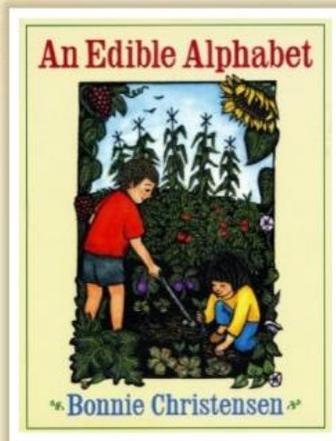


Down the river is Dooley's Diner, where a pot of Alphabetical Soup is brewing. What will happen if you mix alphabetical ingredients out of order? Read this tale of A-Z foods to find out!

Tagged as: [Alphabet](#), [Soup](#)

AN EDIBLE ALPHABET

By [Christensen, Bonnie](#)

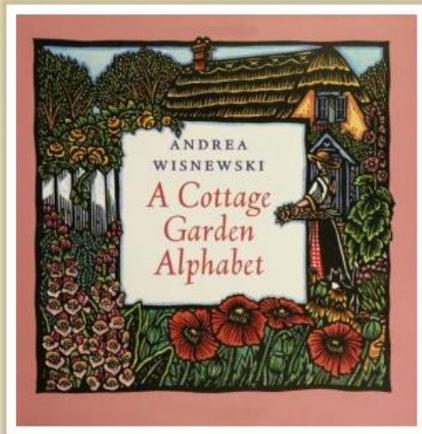


Unique woodcut illustrations take you on an edible journey through the alphabet.

Tagged as: [Alphabet](#), [Gardens](#)

COTTAGE GARDEN ALPHABET

By [Wisniewski, Andrea](#)

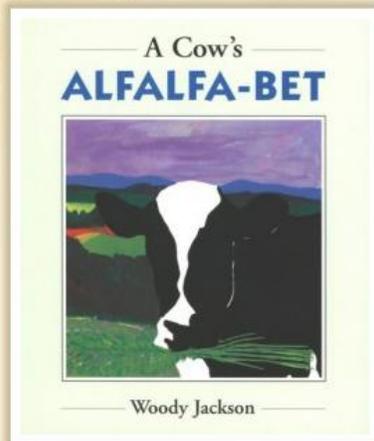


Nonfiction about gardens illustrated with paper cuts.

Tagged as: [Alphabet](#), [Country Life](#), [Gardens](#), [Nonfiction](#)

COW'S ALFALFA-BET

By [Jackson, Woody](#)

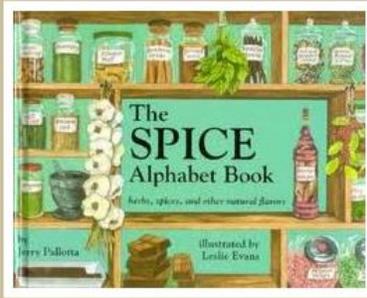


Nonfiction about farm life.

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SPICE ALPHABET BOOK

By [Pallotta, Jerry](#)

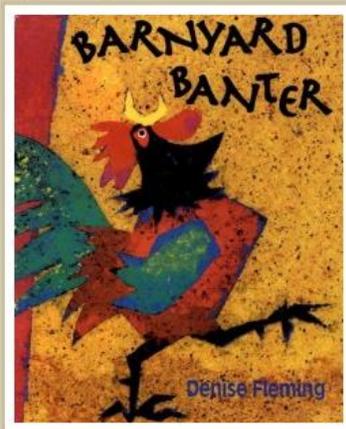


Nonfiction about herbs, spices, and food.

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BARNYARD BANTER

By [Fleming, Denise](#)

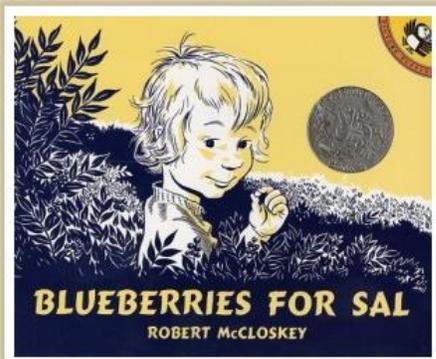


A fun rhyming story full of farm animal onomatopoeia, this book is a terrific introduction to animals and the sounds they make.

Tagged as: [Farming](#), [Rhyming](#)

BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL

By [McCloskey, Robert](#)

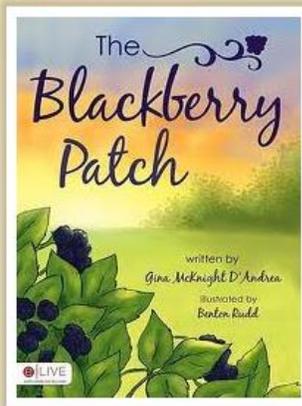


This perennial favorite tells the story of Sal and her mother, who go to pick blueberries and encounter a mother bear and her cub. Both pairs plan to store up food for the winter and are surprised to encounter the other.

Tagged as: [Bears](#), [Blueberries](#), [Fiction](#), [This Week in the Garden](#)

THE BLACKBERRY PATCH

By [D'Andrea, Gina](#)

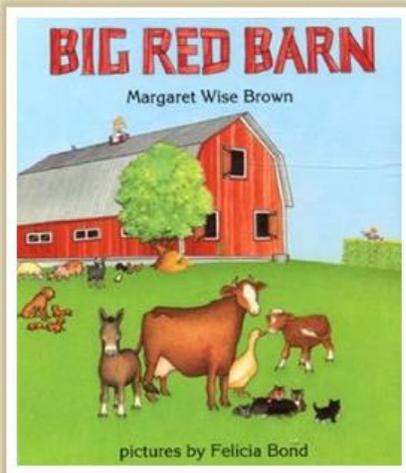


A visit to a blackberry patch, involving all 5 senses.

Tagged as: [Blackberries](#), [Fiction](#), [Senses](#)

BIG RED BARN

By [Brown, Margaret](#)

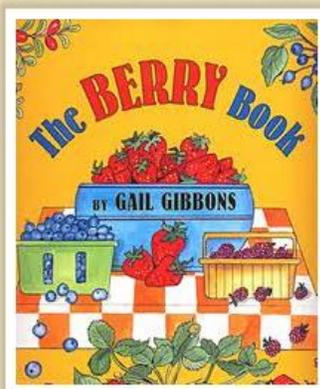


A great book for young readers. Follow the animals' day on the farm from sunrise to sunset.

Tagged as: [Farming](#), [Fiction](#)

THE BERRY BOOK

By [Gibbons, Gail](#)

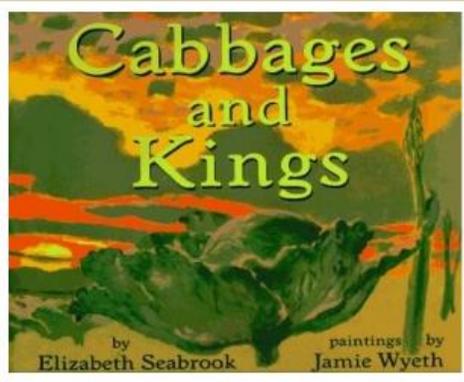


From wild berries to cultivated berries, berries growing in the summer and berries growing in the winter, turn the pages to find out more about the berries we commonly eat.

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CABBAGES AND KINGS

By [Seabrook, Elizabeth](#)

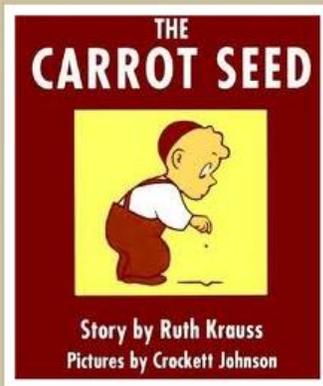


It's the first day of spring and Albert, a young asparagus, notices his new neighbor... a cabbage named Herman. At first Albert and Herman are nervous because of their differences, but as time goes on they become friends and realize that they have more in common than they originally thought.

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THE CARROT SEED

By [Krauss, Ruth](#)

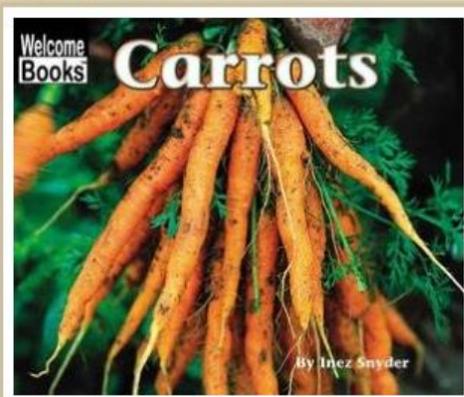


A little boy planted a carrot seed, but no one believes a carrot will actually grow. See what happens with a little persistence and steady gardening!

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By [Snyder, Inez](#)

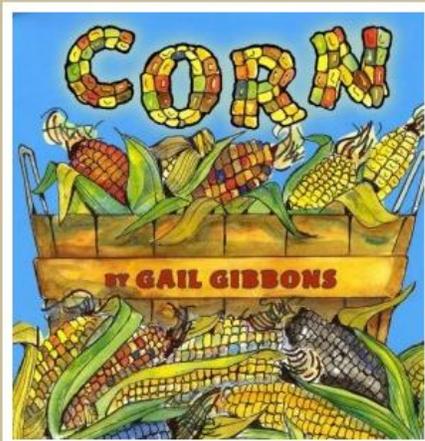


An introduction to carrots for young readers, following them from seed to plant to harvest to store.

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CORN

By [Gibbons, Gail](#)

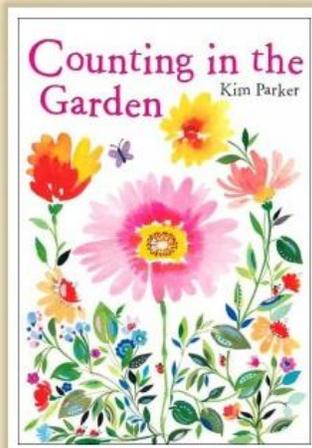


An introduction to the history of corn production, its many beautiful varieties, and the life cycle of the plant. You are sure to be captured by the colorful images of this book!

Tagged as: [Corn](#), [Nonfiction](#), [Popcorn](#)

COUNTING IN THE GARDEN

By [Parker, Kim](#)

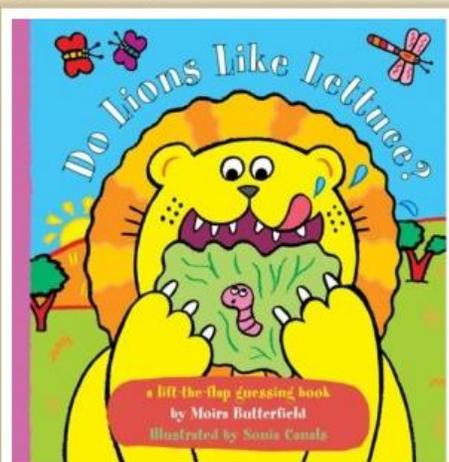


With its elaborately painted garden scenes, this simple counting book will stand out among the rest!

Tagged as: [Counting](#), [Gardens](#)

DO LIONS LIKE LETTUCE?

By [Butterfield, Moira](#)

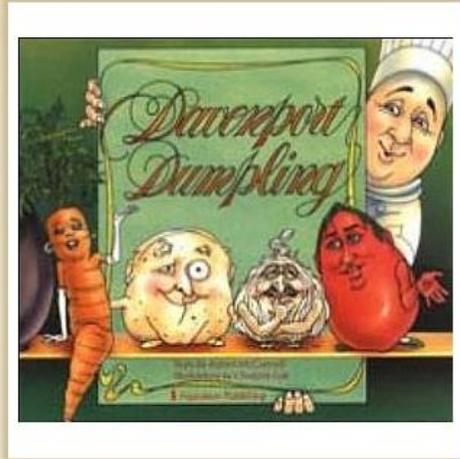


Find out who eats lettuce, fish, bananas and more in this fun lift-the-flap guessing book!

Tagged as: [Alliteration](#), [Fiction](#), [Vegetables](#)

DAVENPORT DUMPLING

By [McConnell, Robert](#)

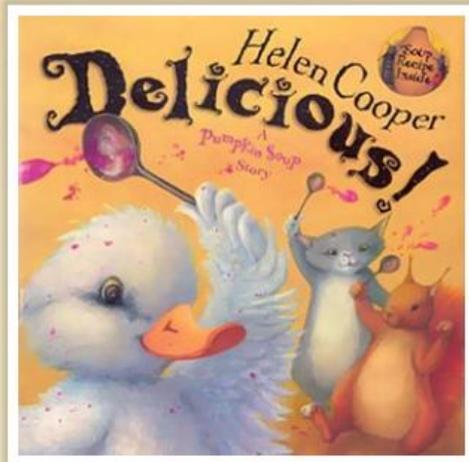


Chef Henri sets out to make the perfect vegetable stew, and winds up with a melting pot of different vegetable personalities and cultures. Each vegetable finds that they are even more delicious with the help of their friends. The story is told in rhyme and teaches the importance of acceptance and cooperation.

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DELICIOUS! A PUMPKIN SOUP STORY

By [Cooper, Helen](#)

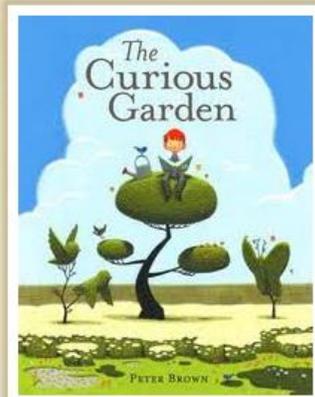


The only kind of soup that the duck, squirrel, and cat eat and enjoy is pumpkin soup, but when they can't find a ripe pumpkin they are forced to try something new! This book includes a recipe for pink beet soup.

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THE CURIOUS GARDEN

By [Brown, Peter](#)

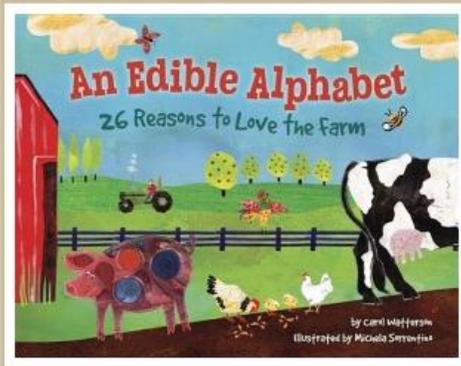


The story of one boy's dream, and how one person's efforts can change the world! This story is based on the High Line railroad in New York City, which has been converted into a city park.

Tagged as: [Gardening](#), [Persistence](#)

AN EDIBLE ALPHABET: 26 REASONS TO LOVE THE FARM

By [Watterson, Carol](#)

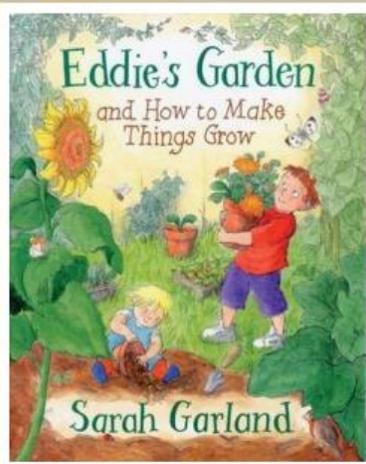


A book that follows the 26 letters of the alphabet to give young readers a glimpse into farm life.

Tagged as: [Alphabet](#), [Farming](#), [Nonfiction](#)

EDDIE'S GARDEN AND HOW TO MAKE THINGS GROW

By [Garland, Sarah](#)

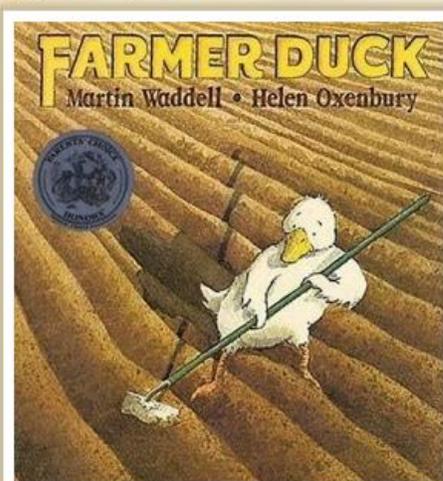


Eddie decides he wants a garden and gets to work, with just a bit of help from his mom and younger sister. He learns about all of the elements that help his garden to grow!

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FARMER DUCK

By [Waddell, Martin](#)

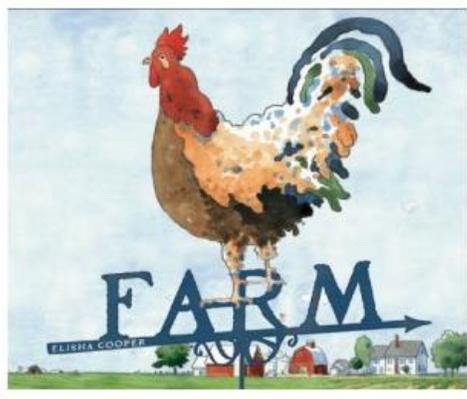


A hard working duck rebels against the lazy farmer who expects the duck to take care of the farm.

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FARM

By [Cooper, Elisha](#)

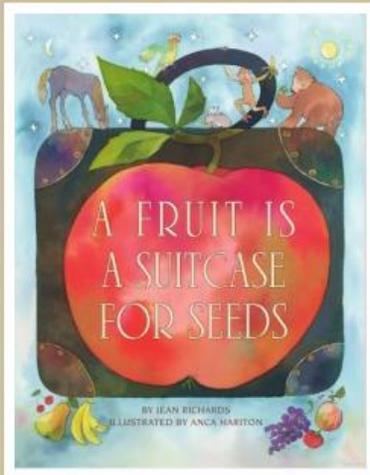


This beautifully written and illustrated book depicts a year on a farm. It introduces the animals, equipment, and crops in a way that captures the life of a farm.

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a FRUIT IS A SUITCASE FOR SEEDS

By [Richards, Jean](#)

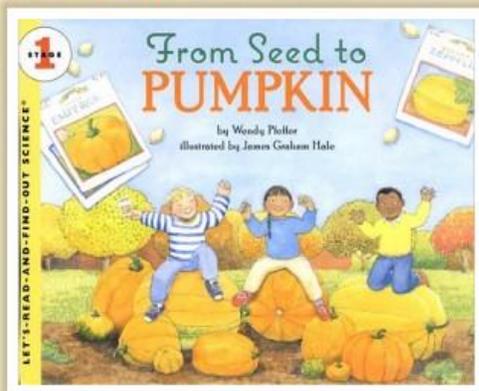


Ever wonder why a tomato is actually a fruit? This book explains exactly what a fruit is in simple terms that young children can understand.

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FROM SEED TO PUMPKIN

By [Pfeffer, Wendy](#)

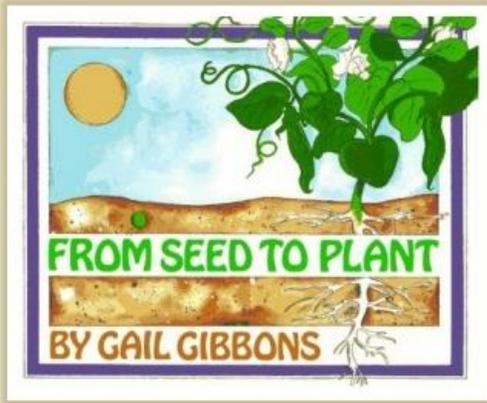


A year in the life of a pumpkin.

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FROM SEED TO PLANT

By [Gibbons, Gail](#)

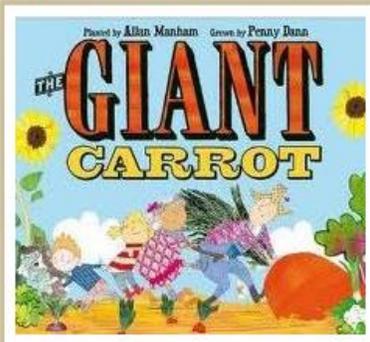


The complete journey of a seed.

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THE GIANT CARROT

By [Manham, Allan](#)

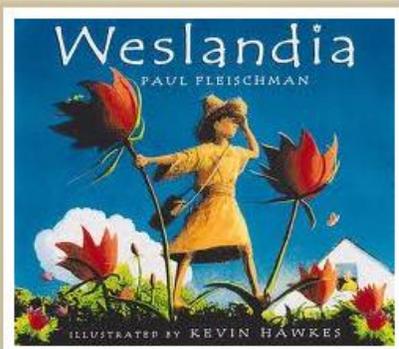


When gardener Jack craves carrot soup, he tries to pick his biggest carrot from the ground.

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WESLANDIA

By [Fleischman, Paul](#)

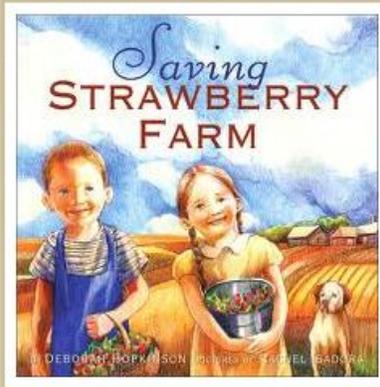


Wesley, an outcast amongst his classmates, takes on an ambitious summer project of growing his own staple crop and founding a civilization! He tills up a bit of land in his back yard and wind blows the seeds of a crop into his garden. Tall plants quickly grow and he uses every part of the plant to create clothes, food, and even ink for his own world. Sharing his innovations makes him the most popular kid in school, showing children that being different is cool after all.

Tagged as: [Community](#), [Friendship](#), [Gardening](#)

SAVING STRAWBERRY FARM

By [Hopkinson, Deborah](#)

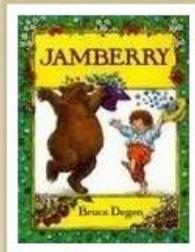


In the hot summer of 1933, a young boy helps to rally his town to save the local strawberry farm from a bank auction. Set in the Depression, the book focuses on simple pleasures like homemade lemonade and the importance of community. It also features a description of the Depression era in the back of the book.

Tagged as: [Country Life](#), [Farming](#), [May](#), [Strawberries](#)

JAMBERRY

By [Degen, Bruce](#)

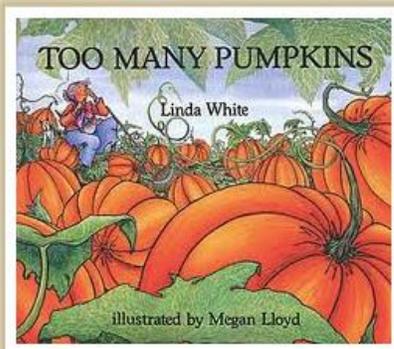


Take your students on a rollicking ramble through the berry brambles! A ton of fun to read aloud, Jamberry features a boy and a friendly bear joyously romping through a fantastic berry world, and introduces a wide variety of berries that grow in our region. Read this book before a snack of local berries.

Tagged as: [Berries](#), [Blackberries](#), [July](#), [May](#), [Strawberries](#)

TOO MANY PUMPKINS

By [White, Linda](#)

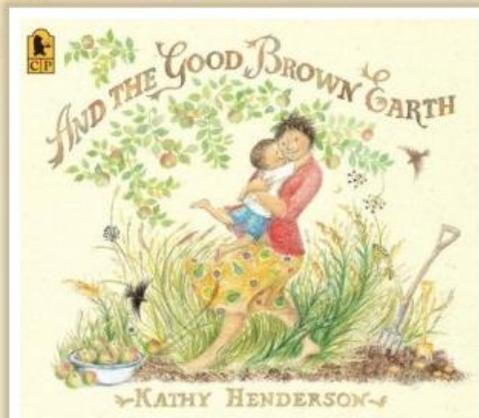


Rebecca Estelle hates pumpkins, so one day when she finds a vine growing in her garden, she decides to ignore it. When fall comes around, she discovers hundreds of pumpkins growing all over the yard! This story portrays the unpredictable aspects of gardening, and encourages sharing and community in a simple and powerful way.

Tagged as: [Community](#), [Gardening](#), [Pumpkins](#), [Seasons](#)

AND THE GOOD BROWN EARTH

By [Henderson, Kathy](#)

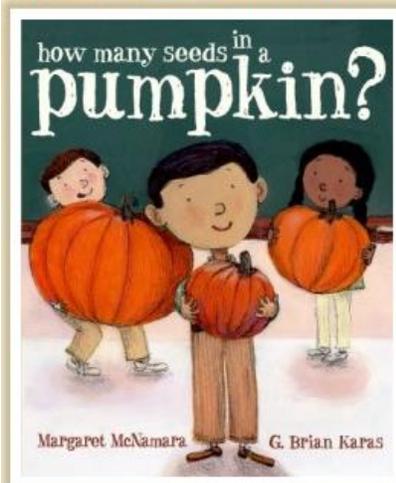


Joe and Gram plant a garden together, but they each have their own special way of doing things. Together, this grandma and grandson pair complete tasks during each of the four seasons, and then wait as the good brown earth takes care of the rest. Children will relate to Joe's creative way of gardening. They will appreciate the magic that happens when the earth turns a seed into a plant.

Tagged as: [Gardening](#), [Grandparents](#), [November](#), [Persistence](#), [Seasons](#), [This Week in the Garden](#)

HOW MANY SEEDS IN A PUMPKIN

By [Karas, G.](#); [McNamara, Margaret](#)

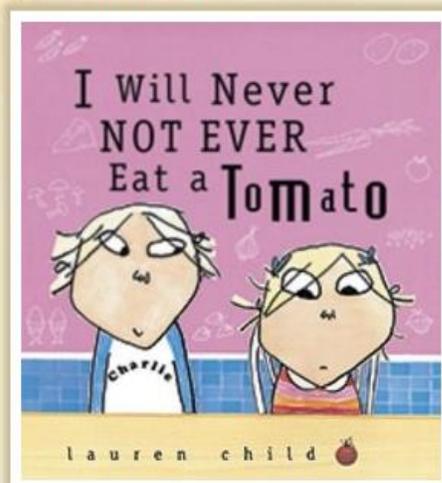


Mr. Tiffin's class is on a mission to see how many seeds are in three different sized pumpkins. They pull out all the seeds and count by twos, fives and tens to see which pumpkin has the most, and are surprised by what they discover. This book is a fun way to introduce kids to estimation; they too can count how many seeds are in a pumpkin!

Tagged as: [October](#), [Pumpkins](#), [This Week in the Garden](#)

I WILL NEVER NOT EVER EAT A TOMATO

By [Child, Lauren](#)

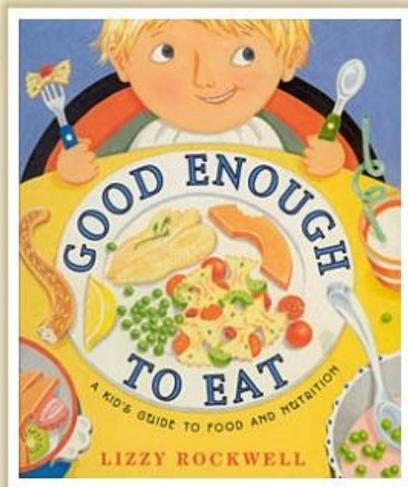


Lola is a VERY picky eater, and she definitely will not ever eat a tomato. One night her brother Charlie has to make Lola dinner and comes up with creative ways to get her to eat all the things she thinks she doesn't like.

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GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

By [Rockwell, Lizzy](#)

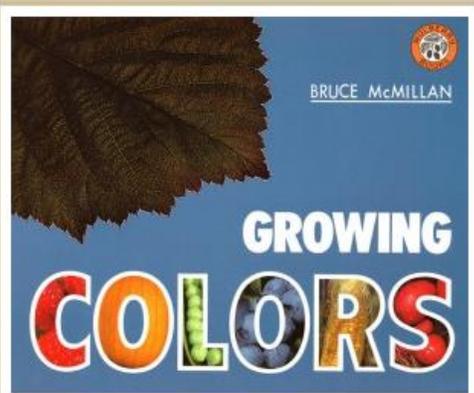


A detailed guide to food and nutrition, perfect for a young audience.

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GROWING COLORS

By [McMillan, Bruce](#)

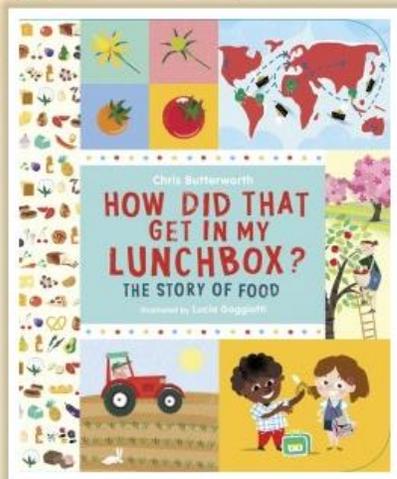


An up close look at fruits and vegetables of all colors!

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HOW DID THAT GET INTO MY LUNCHBOX?

By [Butterworth, Chris](#)

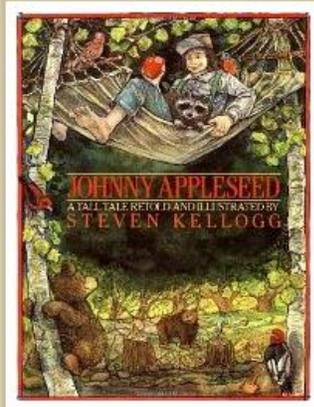


This book traces the origins of common foods like bread, cheese, apple juice, and chocolate chip cookies from the farm to the factory to the lunchbox. Brightly colored illustrations depict every step along the way.

Tagged as: [Food](#), [Fruit](#), [Nonfiction](#), [Vegetables](#)

JOHNNY APPLESEED

By [Kellogg, Steven](#)

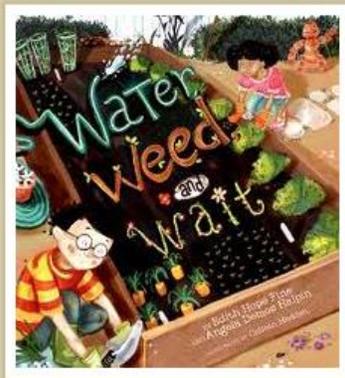


The “true” story of Johnny Appleseed and how he brought apple trees to all of America.

Tagged as: [Apples](#), [December](#), [Fable](#), [February](#), [January](#)

Water, Weed, and Wait

By [Fine, Edith](#)

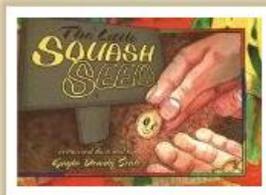


The students at Pepper Lane Elementary need a place to plant their seeds. Miss Marigold has the perfect suggestion, why not start a school garden? The kids get to work preparing the soil and planting their seeds. Then all they need to do is water, weed, and wait.

Tagged as: [Community](#), [Gardening](#), [Gardens](#)

THE LITTLE SQUASH SEED

By [Scale, Gayla](#)

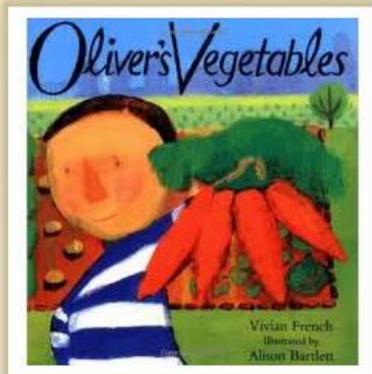


This rhyming story tells the story of a squash from seed to edible vegetable.

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OLIVER'S VEGETABLES

By [French, Vivian](#)

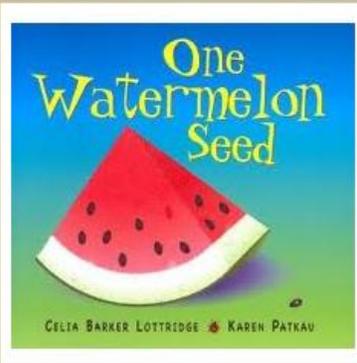


Oliver is visiting his grandfather and all he wants to eat is fried potatoes from the garden. But grandfather has an idea – Oliver needs to find the potatoes, and eat any vegetable that he finds first.

Tagged as: [Carrots](#), [Gardening](#), [Grandparents](#), [November](#), [Potatoes](#), [Spinach](#), [Vegetables](#)

ONE WATERMELON SEED

By [Lotttridge, Celia](#); [Patkau, Karen](#)

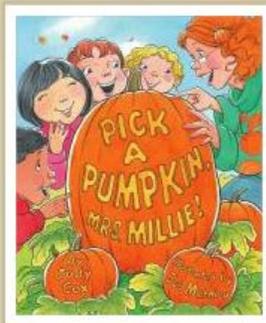


Max and Josephine plant seeds and enjoy their harvest in this colorful counting book.

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PICK A PUMPKIN MRS. MILLIE!

By [Cox, Judy](#)

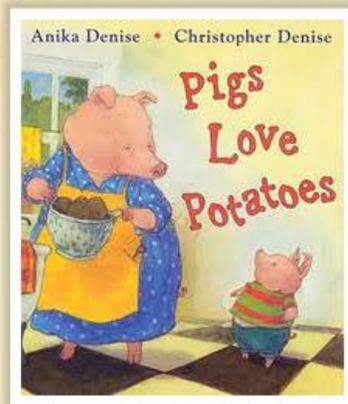


Mrs. Millie has a silly way with words that keeps her kindergartners on their toes during a farm field trip to a pumpkin patch.

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PIGS LOVE POTATOES

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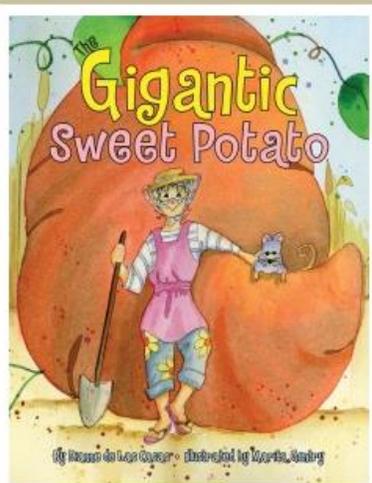


When one pig wants potatoes, it quickly grows to include the whole family!

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THE GIGANTIC SWEET POTATO

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After weeks of hard work and tending to her garden, it was finally time for Ma Farmer to harvest her sweet potato and make some sweet potato pie; but when she tried to pull the tasty vegetable from the ground, it wouldn't budge. With the help of her husband and some friendly farm animals, they finally pull a gigantic sweet potato from the ground and then all enjoy the sweet potato pie Ma Farmer prepares. This story teaches the importance of team work, patience, and eating healthy, local food!

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