



Up We Grow!

Gardening Books for Children



School & Community Gardens

It's Our Garden: From Seeds to Harvest in a School Garden by George Ancona, 2013.

Presents a portrait of a Santa Fe community garden. (Kindergarten - Grade 3)

Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman, 1997.

One-by-one, a number of people of varying ages and backgrounds transform a trash-filled inner-city lot into a productive and beautiful garden, and in doing so, the gardeners are themselves transformed. (Grades 3 - 6)

Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, 2013.

The story of former basketball star and current urban farmer and activist, Will Allen, whose vision of gardening from abandoned urban sites led to a grassroots feeding craze. (Kindergarten - Grade 2)

Thank You, Garden by Liz Garton Scanlon, 2020.

Illustrations and rhyming text explore a community garden and what grows there, from flowers and fruit to friendships. (Preschool - Grade 2)

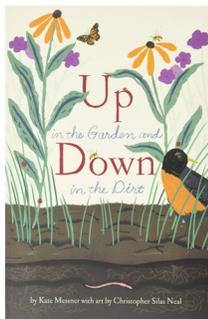
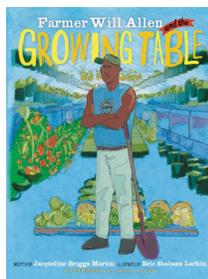
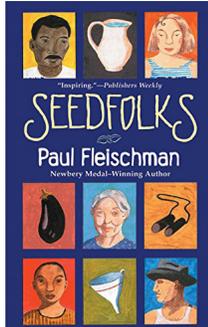
Dirt & Compost

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner, 2015.

Shows both the green, leafy, and blooming world above ground - and the busy world of animals underground. (Kindergarten - Grade 3)

Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for Earth by Mary McKenna Siddals, 2014.

A rhyming recipe explains how to make the dark, crumbly, rich, earth-friendly food called compost. (Toddler - Grade 2)



Underground by Denise Fleming, 2012.

Pulp paintings and rhyming text spotlight the underground world of burrowing, tunneling, and digging animals. Includes "Creature Identification" page. (Toddler - Grade 2)

Garden Projects

The Nitty-Gritty Gardening Book: Fun Projects for All Seasons by Kari Cornell, 2015.

Become a gardener in any season with these fun and easy projects. You don't even need a garden space--many of these activities can be done by planting in containers to set on a porch or a patio or even in a window. (Grades 4 - 8)

Rock by Rock: The Fantastical Garden of Nek Chand by Jennifer Bradbury, 2021.

The true story of artist Nek Chand and how his secret--and illegal--art project became one of India's most treasured wonders. (Preschool - Grade 3)

Fruits, Flowers, and Veggies Rah, Rah, Radishes!: A Vegetable Chant by April Pulley Sayre, 2011.

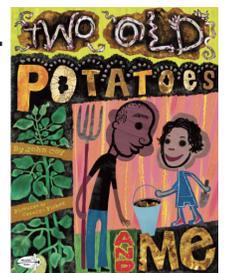
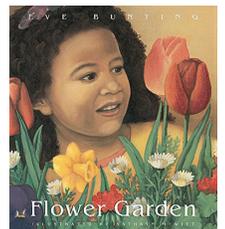
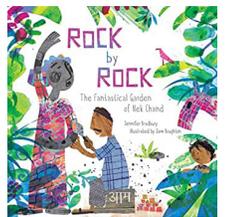
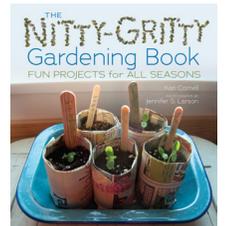
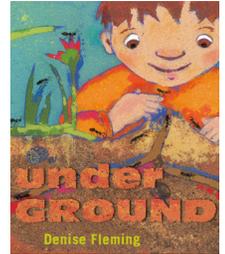
Photographs of vegetables and rhyming text celebrate vegetables in all their colorful and tasty variety. (Preschool - Grade 3)

Flower Garden by Eve Bunting, 1994.

Helped by her father, a young girl prepares a flower garden as a birthday surprise for her mother. (Toddler - Kindergarten)

Two Old Potatoes and Me by John Coy, 2003.

After a young girl finds two old potatoes at her father's house, they plant and tend them to see if they will have new potatoes in September. (Preschool - Grade 2)





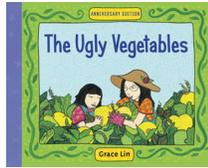
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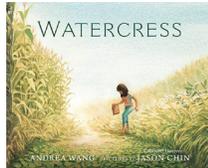
The Ugly Vegetables by Grace Lin, 1999.

A little girl thinks her mother's garden is the ugliest in the neighborhood until she discovers that flowers might look and smell pretty but Chinese vegetable soup smells best of all. (Kindergarten - Grade 3)



Watercress by Andrea Wang, 2021.

Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents. (Preschool - Grade 3)

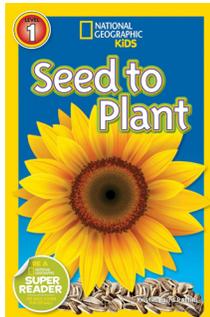


Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert



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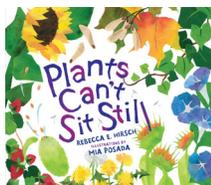
A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden. (Toddler - Grade 1)



Plants: How They Grow **Seed to Plant**

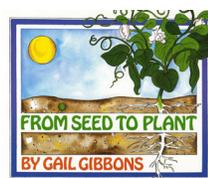
by Kristin Baird Rattini, 2014.

Introduces a plant's life cycle, explaining how seeds grow into flowers and trees. (Preschool - Grade 1)



Plants Can't Sit Still by Rebecca E. Hirsch, 2016.

Describes some ways in which plants can move, from sunflowers turning towards sunlight and vines creeping up a fence, to tulips folding in at night and maple seeds whirling like helicopters in the wind. (Kindergarten - Grade 3)



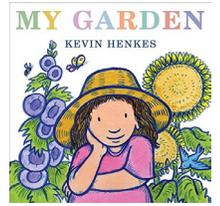
From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons, 1991.

Explores the intricate relationship between seeds and the plants which they produce. (Kindergarten - Grade 2)

Garden Stories

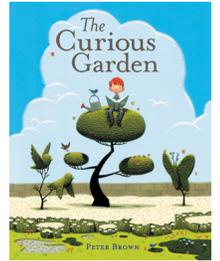
My Garden by Kevin Henkes, 2010.

After helping her mother weed, water, and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls. (Toddler - Grade 2)



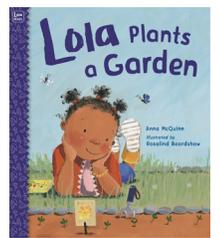
The Curious Garden by Peter Brown, 2009.

Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city. (Preschool - Grade 3)



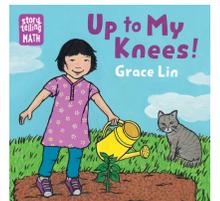
Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn, 2014.

Lola plants a flower garden with her parent's help, and watches it grow. (Toddler - Kindergarten)



Up to My Knees! by Grace Lin, 2020.

Mei plants a seed and watches it grow up to her toes, then her knees, then her waist. How tall will it get? This book is part of the "Storytelling Math" series and engages young children in exploring the concept of measurement. (Baby - Preschool)



The Extraordinary Gardener by Sam Boughton, 2018.

Joe lives in a very grey world. Nothing special ever happens to him, but he does have a wild and wondrous imagination. Then, one day, Joe has the seed of an idea that will take his world from ordinary to extraordinary! (Preschool - Kindergarten)



Wonderful Pollinators

The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter by Shabbaz Larkin, 2019.

A love poem from a father to his two sons, and a tribute to the bees that pollinate the foods we love to eat. (Preschool - Grade 2)