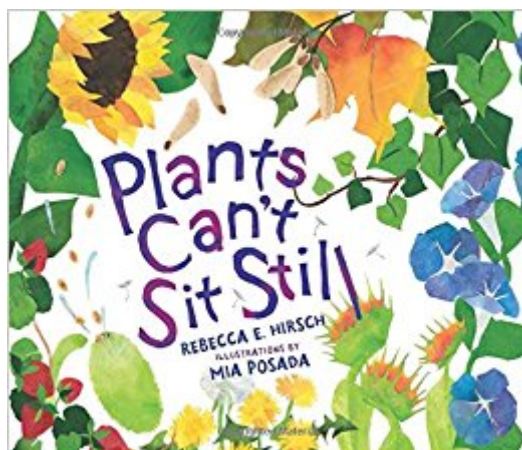


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# Plants Can't Sit Still (Millbrook Picture Books)



## Synopsis

Do plants really move? Absolutely! You might be surprised by all ways plants can move. Plants might not pick up their roots and walk away, but they definitely don't sit still! Discover the many ways plants (and their seeds) move. Whether it's a sunflower, a Venus flytrap, or an exotic plant like an exploding cucumber, this fascinating picture book shows just how excitingly active plants really are.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3 **4.8** out of 5 stars • Focusing on an aspect of plant life that not many consider, this title examines the ways in which plants move: sunflowers turning toward the sun, a snapping Venus flytrap, and seeds hitching a ride downriver. Hirsch uses simple verbs (e.g., wiggle, reach, unfold) to explore a characteristic or trait of plants (specifically their need to seek out "water, sunshine, and room to grow"), leading up to the refrain "plants can't sit still." Each verb is given a different color from the main text, adding the benefit of text awareness and vocabulary to the title. Illustrator Posada artfully uses cut-paper collage and watercolor to depict, for instance, roots searching underground for water, flowers growing upward on a trellis, winged seeds gliding in the air, and tulips closing up at night. Back matter identifies and provides further information on the flora found throughout.

VERDICT The bright illustrations and the simple but moving text make this a solid addition to any collection looking to inspire interest in the natural world. — Laura Stanfield, Campbell County Public Library, Fort Thomas, KY

"Colorful, exuberant illustrations work impressively with the text. ... Excellent collaboration produced a winner: graceful, informative, and entertaining."--starred, Kirkus Reviews  
"With a doctorate in biology, Hirsch understands her subject, but equally important is her ability to communicate with well-chosen words that make the ideas fun and memorable for children. ... A new way to see the plants around us."--starred, Booklist  
"This wonderful book teaches about all the ways that plants move. ... Indeed, plants fly, swim, hide, eat bugs, ride inside bears, and more!" --American Scientist  
"The bright illustrations and the simple but moving text make this a solid addition to any collection looking to inspire interest in the natural world."--School Library Journal

Adorable book explaining plant functions in easy to understand language. Great pictures!

Lively and interesting science for kids

I appreciated Hirsch's clever perspective on plants. Certainly, this book is packed with some interesting learning for kids and my daughter and I enjoyed reading this together. We even looked up the squirting cucumber and watched slow motion films of the seeds exploding out of the cucumber-like pod! I highly recommend that fun! Hirsch's endnotes which give a little blurb about the plants featured in the book was super helpful and definitely added to the learning. I need to also mention the beauty of this book. Posada's illustrations are truly fabulous and bring this nonfiction book to life! We enjoyed reading this but I think it is definitely aimed best at the preschool and perhaps kindergarten set.

Plants Can't Sit Still is a playful exploration of an often overlooked characteristic of plants...their movement. Plants don't have feet or fins or wings, yet they can move in many ways. Blossoms grow toward the sun. Roots snake along the ground. Many plants react to their environment. Some flowers fold up for the night. Some fold up when touched. The author also highlights plants which move in more unusual ways, like the tumbleweed and the squirting cucumber. Lastly, the text explores how plants travel: their seeds floating, flying, hitchhiking, and whirling through the air. From cockleburs to coconuts, seeds are designed to travel to new places where conditions are good for

growing new plants. The back matter contains a more detailed summary of plant behavior. Along with a glossary, descriptions of each species, and an author's note explaining how she researched the plants in the book, Rebecca Hirsch includes recommended reading, and links to venus fly trap videos and accelerated growth footage. *Plants Can't Sit Still* is beautifully written, using active verbs and energetic fonts. The text is lyrical and the author avoids rhyme in favor of vigorous prose, inviting readers themselves to move, through the pages and back again. The ending circles back to wording from the beginning, mimicking the plant life cycle. Mia Posada's art is perfectly suited to the text. The illustrated plants climb, slither, and squirm their way across the pages in earthy watercolored collage.

A truly outstanding book that the author has written for ages 5 - 8 and grades K - 3. The illustrations by Mia Posada are bright, colorful and accompany the text perfectly. The hard cover book itself is large enough (9" X 11") to be held by the teacher and the entire class will be able to see it. The text goes into great detail about the manner in which plants grow and the young readers will be able to grasp the fact that plants do indeed reach for the light, climb a fence, walk up a wall and tumble in a breeze. The portion concerning the seedlings growing is fascinating, as well. All plants need water, sunshine and room to grow. I thought it was fascinating to read about the manner in which the seeds 'hitchhike' which explains the reasons that plants are built for travel. Another outstanding teaching example occurs in the text when speaking about the seeds it says 'They take a ride inside a bear' and the illustration shows a bear chewing on a berry bush. I could envision a young child asking about that statement which will lead to an educational moment for the youngster. At the end of the story, the author has a portion entitled 'More About Plants'. This goes into greater detail as to the reasons some plants are more active during the day or night time hours. It also explains photosynthesis and pollinators. Every plant that makes an illustrated appearance in this book is listed with the name and more information about the plant. A glossary at the end explains words that the little ones may have questions about while reading. All in all, an outstanding educational book for the little ones. It is also entertaining with beautiful illustrations which will hold the attention of the children. Most highly recommended. Please note that the author sent me this book for a possible review.

What a beautiful nonfiction book. This is a delightful exploration of the various reasons and methods plants move. From seeking sunlight to evading predators to propagating, all the basics are covered. And the language is fabulous! "Plants can creep. They slither underground or crawl through tall

grass..." Wonderful! Who wouldn't want to keep reading? All the verbs are in red, making it an awesome mentor text for using active verbs in your writing. And the art is luscious and lively. I saw this book in manuscript form, and I am so happy to see it emerge into the world as this lovely book!

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