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Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds On The Move



Synopsis

Fans of *From Seed to Plant*, a perennial seller by Gail Gibbons, will want this lushly illustrated picture book. A gust of wind lifts a maple seed, sending it spinning like a shiny green helicopter through the sky. Where will it land? From splashing away in a raindrop to scurrying with scampering squirrels to hitching rides on your sleeves and socks, seeds have many ingenious ways to traveling to new places, growing roots, and beginning the cycle again.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 3-4 • Macken's crisp text reveals burdocks sticking to a kid's socks and to a rabbit's fur, touch-me-not seeds exploding from their pods, and acorns being interred energetically by provident squirrels. A final segment explores several kinds of seed "containers" (pods, fruit, nutshells) and the varying shapes of a number of seeds (peach pits, corn kernels, peas), and explains the stages of growth from seed to flowering plant. All the while, in careful step, Paparone's bright, realistic acrylics present clear pictures of the featured seeds in their natural dispersals, from tumbleweeds rolling across a Western landscape to coconuts dropping into a tropical sea. Many of the double-page illustrations contain a circular "bubble" with close-ups of leaves, flowers, pods, etc. Team this inviting introduction with Ken Robbins's elegant *Seeds* (S & S, 2005) and/or Helene J.

Jordan's simple *How a Seed Grows* (HarperTrophy, 1992), or perhaps Sam Godwin's even simpler *A Seed in Need* (Picture Window, 2004) for a seed-full good time. —Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Maple seeds twirling in the wind, tumbleweeds rolling across the prairie, burdock seeds sticking to socks, coconuts drifting across the ocean, fig seeds falling to the ground in bat droppings, and acorns buried by forgetful squirrels are some of the examples used here to introduce methods of seed distribution. Each is introduced on a double-page spread, in which a few lines of poetic text provide information succinctly, while the occasional use of internal rhyme or onomatopoeic words gives verbal punch to the presentation. The plants' varied habitats give broad scope to artist Papparone, who offers a series of acrylic paintings that show seeds traveling within distinctive locales. Pleasing in their colors, compositions, and decorative elements, the pictures clearly show points made in the text. The final pages offer an illustrated glossary of words relevant to the topic. Satisfying and well designed for both classroom sharing and individual reading. Grades K-3. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Beautiful illustrations and understandable text for my second graders!

Excellent book about how seeds are distributed. My students loved this book!

I bought this book to use in teaching how seeds travel. it was perfect for younger children preK to 2nd grade maybe.

My husband uses this to teach students about seed travel. It describes very well how a seed travels to get planted.

Nice illustrations and nice text talking about all the ways seeds move through the world: maple seeds fly like shiny green helicopters, tumbleweeds scatter their seeds as they roll, roll, roll; locust tree pods skitter and skate on slippery ice. In our kids' science class, we play a group game at circle time where the kids pretend to be each of these kinds of seeds. (Learn about our other activities and other great plant books on my blog *Inventors of Tomorrow*.)

This book is quite wonderful in the way it describes and articulates the many ways seeds grow into so many wonderful things. It is very poetic and richly describes the ways with vibrant verbs. The beautiful drawings add another level to the already interesting and dynamic story. I love that there is a glossary that includes illustrations because it adds another layer to the educational and fun story. A must for anyone wanted to help children understand the importance and wonder of seeds in nature. I received this book free for my honest review.

Everyone at one time or another, has held a fuzzy dandelion in their hand and PUFF . . . the seeds burst away from the stem and float up into the sky. There are many different kinds of seeds that don't wait for a human hand to plant them in the ground. Many float through the air, flow through water or are carried by animals until they find just the right spot to begin their life cycle. But as we all know, there are many people who can't wait until spring to plant their flowers or vegetables. "Tumbleweed plants grow as round as globes. In autumn their stems snap off. On the flat, open prairie, they ROLL, Roll, ROLL, sprinkling their seeds as they tumble." This is a bright, cheerful book with very appealing artwork. The delightful poetic text makes the reading especially engaging. If you want to introduce your child or students to the life cycle of plants (seed growth, parts of a plant and seed dispersal) this would be the perfect introduction. In the back of the book there is an illustration of seed growth and a bit more information in the notes section. This book was checked for accuracy by the director of the New York Botanical Garden.

I used this book during my seed unit in my Montessori classroom for 3-5 year olds. It is simply written with complimentary pictures. They learn that seeds are not just planted by people but by animals and people too; in many different climates and in many different places. I highly recommend it!! I bought it through a few years ago...not sure why it is listed at over \$500.

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