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Pumpkin Circle: The Story Of A Garden



Synopsis

We can be sure of this: It's a circle without end. It's pumpkin seeds to pumpkins To pumpkin seeds again! This treat of a picture book comes cloaked in the colors of fall. Bouncy verse and glowing photographs show a backyard pumpkin patch move through its natural cycle -- a bug's eye and a bird's high view of seeds sprouting, flowers blooming, bees buzzing, pumpkins growing . . .and then going back to earth. An author's note explains how to grow your own pumpkin. Educators, please visit our Resources section, above, for teaching guides and curricula. Awards1999 Parent's Guide AwardReviews"If you weren't a pumpkin lover before, you will be after checking this neat book out." -Fast Forward magazine "Eye-catching full-color photography and rhyming text. . . . An excellent choice for fall pumpkin studies."-Public Schools of North Carolina's Infotech"Your books will help us put an emphasis on early reading and help improve the stereotypes and misconceptions surrounding farmers and agriculture."-American Farm Bureau Foundation for AgricultureFrom the Hardcover edition.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

A wonderful, graphic book about the circle of life. Why are kids so fascinated by pumpkins? Take a look at this visually intense book and see why. The photographs are definitely the feature here, but the text is not bad either, and keeps it at just about the right pace for a 3-5 year old audience.

i think pumpkin circle:...is wonderful! the diverse photographs are lovely and artful.they are robust in color yet delicate in detail.it is a great book to share with the family. the thought and care that must have gone into the creation of this book is quite evident.

This is a wonderful book with great photos and is very enjoyable to read aloud to children. Both children and adults can learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin and can appreciate the wonders of nature.

Great book. Good condition. This book has great photos and is good for the life cycle of a pumpkin, as well as the uses for a pumpkin such as the food (seeds and pie) it provides and traditions (fall decor, Halloween carvings, et cetera.

Where does life begin? How does life evolve? When does life begin again? These are questions that children and adults seek answers to. In Pumpkin Circle by George Levenson and Shmuel Thaler, the circle of life is showcased through vividly detailed photos that are punctuated by the well-chosen words that dance across the pages.The book begins with a cascade of pumpkins tumbling across a two page spread. The stage has now been set. Immediately following this introduction, Levenson and Thaler lead the reader on a guided tour of a pumpkin patch that progresses from the long lazy days of summer to the crisp and fleeting days of fall. Leaves grow. Blossoms bloom. Pumpkins swell. Vines fade. Pumpkins are harvested. Yet, that is not the end of the story. Whether you are a curious child or an inquisitive adult, read this story to discover how the circle of life begins again.As an added bonus, Levenson's and Shmuel's photographs cleverly obscure the identity of the pumpkin farmer. By doing so, the reader is invited to place himself in the role of the gardener. So, go aheadâ€”carve into that freshly harvested pumpkin. But don't forget to save some of the seeds to start your own Pumpkin Circle next spring.THE DETAILS:Word count: 459 (excluding fact page at the end of the story)Average words per page: 12Extra value: breathtaking photography, rich vocabulary, fun subject material.

I bought this book for my 2yr old and he loves it! My 4yr old loves it too. It does a great job teaching kids the cycle of life. The photos are wonderful and the story is simple enough to keep little ones interested, yet gives a great explanation about the circle of life.

This book has such beautiful pictures. I love the writing as well....very poetic. I recommended to use to teach kindergarten writing....but it goes above their heads. This is a beautiful story, however!

Got this book because I just happened upon it in the library. I had to buy it after reading it to my kindergarteners. It is perfect for introducing pumpkins and their life cycle. A MUST HAVE! Has lots of good pictures too.

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