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Inch By Inch (Turtleback School & Library Binding Edition) (Trophy Picture Books (Pb))



Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. Inch by inch, row by row, a child grows a garden with the help of the rain and the earth.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Musician and songwriter Mallett presents a peppy rendition of a familiar folksong, the music to which is printed on the book's final spread. Rake over his shoulder and brimmed straw hat pulled down to his eyes, a grinning young gardener struts down the path as the refrain begins: "Inch by inch, row by row,/ gonna make this garden grow./ All it takes is a rake and a hoe,/ and a piece of fertile ground." After planting seeds, the diligent protagonist-hands folded and gazing at the sky-asks that "someone bless these seeds I sow." Though its flat, somewhat muddy palette seems at odds with the effervescence of the song, Eitan's (Sun Is Falling, Night Is Calling) accomplished art exerts a strong pull; her style is at once simple and sophisticated, by turns representational and abstract. Heartwarming. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 1?In this picture-book version of the song first published in 1975 (Cherry Lane

Music Publishing Co.), a young child plants seeds, prays that God will bless them, weeds and tends them, and, finally, gleans a bountiful harvest. The rhyming text, which is at times ambiguous ("Feel the need to grow my own/'cause the time is close at hand"), takes second place to the delightful illustrations. The young gardener, wearing a shirt, vest, and pants, with an oversized hat that covers facial features, could be male or female. Accompanied by a playful dog, the child works, slides down rainbows, defends the garden against a hungry crow, and gathers the produce. The paintings are large with some objects spilling over into the ample white space that makes up the borders.

Employing a variety of media including cut paper, Eitan uses color and space to create a striking effect. For example, orange tones are picked up in the child's vest, the tree bark, fruits, roof tops, and the earth. Musical notation appears at the end of the book. Use this with Lois Ehlert's *Growing Vegetable Soup* (Harcourt, 1987) and Douglas Florian's *Vegetable Garden* (Harcourt, 1991) for a celebration of gardening in story and song. ?Marianne Saccardi, Norwalk Community-Technical College, CT Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

One of my favorite spring gardening song/books! Children are made aware of the miracle of plants, gardening and what it requires to make it happen.

Fabulous illustrations to classic song.

Dave Mallett is one of my favorite songwriters, and I absolutely loved this book. The bright, simple pictures are an excellent accompaniment to the sentiment of the song, and inclusion of the sheet music at the end of the book is a real bonus!

The song that provides the text for this book was an instant classic. Its beautiful and simple melody is easily learned by folks of all ages. The illustrations perfectly invoke the joy of spring with an exuberant little character. My boys loved this one and learned every word so they could sing along - even when they got old enough to be "too cool" for picture books. If you want to have a lot of fun singing with your little one, this book is great.

Love love. Great deal

I reconnected with this song after hearing John Denver sing it on a recently released 'Muppet Show'

DVD. It's a song that I have enjoyed sharing with my 2 year old daughter and the book brings the lyrics to life. The illustrations are beautiful and well reflect the lyrics. The book is a staple must-read for us throughout the day and is essential at bedtime (Mom, sing the garden song again!). Several children's cds have this recording by other artists, but my favorite by far is the John Denver.

I sing this song to my infant grandson every day!!!! He loves it, and I am buying him a CD with this song on it!!!!

Found this at the library and read/sang it with my daughter, then had to buy it for my sister to learn on the ukulele. The illustrations are cute, though not the best I've seen. Beautiful song.

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