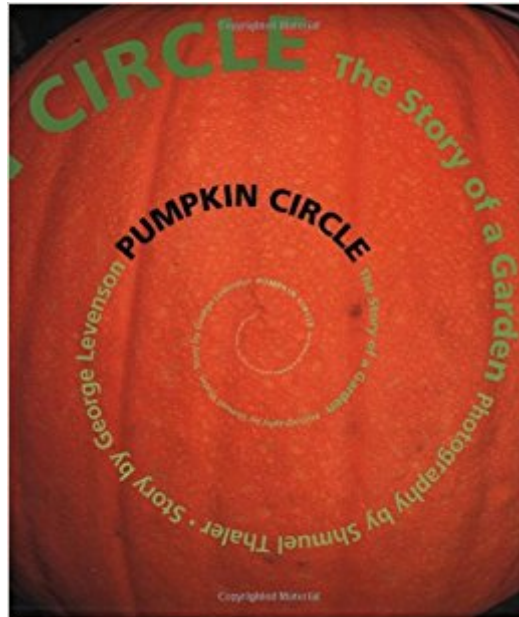




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# Pumpkin Circle: The Story Of A Garden



## 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.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2-The development of a pumpkin seed into a plant, pumpkin, jack-o'-lantern, and, completing the circle, back to seed again, is the subject of this colorful book. Photos show a child sitting on a huge mound of pumpkins, a magnified view of the inside of the fruit with its pulp

and seeds, tendrils of a plant stretching across two pages, a Georgia O'Keeffe-like view into the center of a blossom, and the lighted grin of a beautiful jack-o'-lantern. Unfortunately, the text is written in badly rhyming verse: "One big pumpkin family, five varieties,/each one started from/different pumpkin seeds." Straightforward directions for growing pumpkins appear on the last page. Jeanne Titherington's *Pumpkin, Pumpkin* (Greenwillow, 1986) is less flashy, more artistic, and more appealing to young listeners. Carolyn Jenks, First Parish Unitarian Church, Portland, ME  
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For those who have seen the charming video of the same name, this will be an unhappy example of what happens when one medium is translated into another. Those who come to this without preconceived notions, however, will find glorious full-color photographs that capture pumpkin marvels, from the mountain of golden orange delights with a girl perched on them to the gorgeous close-ups of green sprouts, feathery buds, and full yellow flowers. The singsong text is often clumsy, rhyming "seeds" with "leaves," "hair" with "appear," and "vine" with "time." The fascinating story of the growth of the pumpkin (and the pumpkin patch), from seed to jack-o-lantern, and then back, decaying, into the earth, is more fully conveyed in the pictures. (Picture book. 4-8) -- Copyright ©1999, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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 ahead and "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.

Great educational book! We used this for our school's "Pumpkin Patch Party" and was educational and entertaining for elementary students. Great realistic photos.

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.

Cute book. One of the Common Core standards is to compare two similar texts. I used this with Jack the Pumpkin with my first grade and then did an activity with it. Awesome!

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.

This book is a great resource for teaching the life cycle of a pumpkin and the photographs are gorgeous.

The story is wonderful. Just disappointed the book took over 6 weeks to arrive.

Great book. Very informative and perfect for younger children.

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