
Growing Things

Cherry, Lynne. **HOW GROUNDHOG'S GARDEN GREW**. Blue Sky Press, 2003. (Easy Fiction)

Caught eating the produce out of another animal's garden, groundhog admits he doesn't know how to grow a garden of his own. Squirrel patiently details the entire year's gardening cycle, gathering seeds in the fall, storing them in the winter, planting in spring, watering and weeding in the summer. Cherry introduces the concept of pollination and the value of organic gardening by taking advantage of insects and birds. When groundhog has an abundance of produce, squirrel encourages him to share with others, resulting in an annual Thanksgiving feast.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **WHO'S GARDEN IS IT?** Harcourt, 2004. (Easy Fiction)

When Mrs. McGee goes out for a walk with her baby, she notices a beautiful garden and asks, "Whose garden is it?" The gardener quickly claims all responsibility, but is challenged in rhyming verse by a rabbit, woodchuck, bird, worm and various insects as well as the soil, sun and the rain who explain their roles in making the garden grow.

Schaefer, Lola M. **PICK, PULL, SNAP! WHERE ONCE A FLOWER BLOOMED**. Greenwillow Books, 2003. (571.8)

With the idea that every fruit or seed begins in a flower, Schaefer focuses on peas, raspberry bushes, corn, peach trees, peanuts and pumpkins. Schaefer illustrates the process by which plants flower, create seeds, and has the page fold out to show the final product "where once a flower bloomed". Addendum gives directions for planting directions for each plant.

Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. **SEEDS! SEEDS! SEEDS!** Marshall Cavendish, 2004. (Easy Fiction)

Buddy Bear's Grandpa sends a package that contains five bags of different activities with seeds. Opening one a day, he learns how seeds grow, plants some, glues down and labels some others in a collection, decorates a picture frame with beans, and feeds the birds. The art design is made up of cut-paper collages and life-sized photos of real seeds.

Wellington, Monica. **ZINNIA'S FLOWER GARDEN**. Dutton Children's Books, 2005. (Easy Fiction)

Zinnia plants her own flower garden, clearing the soil, making rows, planting seeds, watering, and watching for growth. Photographs of actual seeds, plants, and flowers are part of the collages shown alongside bright gouache cartoons. Labeled flower parts and diagrams of the butterfly life cycle and growing seedlings are incorporated into the margins.