

Celebrating Farm to Table with a Bibliography ...**Multicultural Farm Early Childhood Books**

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Brayles, Anne - **Arturo and the Bienvenido Feast** Arturo and his grandmother return in this charming bilingual sequel. Abue Rosa and Arturo are making a welcome dinner for Tia Ines' new fiancé using plaintains, pollo, and pastel. With a bit of creativity, Arturo takes charge and creates a welcome feast like no other. Charming illustrations infused with the colors of the Southwest bring this touching story to life. A glossary at the end provides explanations and pronunciation for key words.

Lamba, Marie - **Green Green: A Community Gardening Story** Green grass is wide and fresh and clean for a family to play in, and brown dirt is perfect for digging a garden. But when gray buildings start to rise up and a whole city builds, can there be any room for green space? The neighborhood children think so, and they inspire the community to join together and build a garden for everyone to share in the middle of the city.

Ghigna, Charles - **Little Seeds (My Little Planet)** In this poem, children discover that planting seeds is an exciting adventure that is good for the Earth, too!

Berkes, Marianne - What's In The Garden? Good food doesn't begin on a store shelf with a box. It comes from a garden bursting with life, color, sounds, smells, sunshine, moisture, birds, and bees! Healthy food becomes much more interesting when children know where they come from. So what's in the garden? Kids will find a variety fruits and vegetables, and a tasty, kid-friendly recipe for each one to start a lifetime of good eating. A *food for thought* section presents interesting facts about each fruit and vegetable, and a *how does your garden grow?* section explains facts about gardening and the parts of plants.

Hester, Denia Lewis Grandma Lena's Big Ol' Turnip Grandma Lena takes good care of the turnips she plants in her garden. One turnip grows so big that Grandma can't pull it out of the ground! Even when Grandpa, Uncle Izzy, and the dog help Grandma yank and tug, the big ol' turnip doesn't budge.

McQuinn, Anna - Lola Plants A Garden How does your garden grow? Book-loving Lola is inspired by a collection of garden poems that she reads with her mommy. She wants to plant her own garden of beautiful flowers, so she and Mommy go to the library to check out books about gardening. They choose their flowers and buy their seeds. They dig and plant. And then they wait. Lola finds it hard to wait for her flowers to grow, but she spends the time creating her own flower book. Soon she has a garden full of sunflowers and invites all of her friends for cakes and punch and a story amongst the flowers.

DiSalvo-Ryan, DyAnne - City Green Right in the middle of Marcy's city block is a littered vacant lot. Then one day she has a wonderful idea that not only improves the useless lot but her entire neighborhood as well.

Lin, Grace - The Ugly Vegetables in this charming story about celebrating differences a Chinese-American girl wishes for a garden of bright flowers instead of one full of bumpy, ugly, vegetables. The neighbors' gardens look so much prettier and so much more inviting to the young gardener than the garden of "black-purple-green vines, fuzzy wrinkled leaves, prickly stems, and a few little yellow flowers" that she and her mother grow. Nevertheless, mother assures her that "these are better than flowers." Come harvest time, everyone agrees as those ugly Chinese vegetables become the tastiest, most aromatic soup they have ever known. As the neighborhood comes together to share flowers and ugly vegetable soup, the young gardener learns that regardless of appearances, everything has its own beauty and purpose.

Christensen, Bonnie - Plant A Little Seed - With a little help from a watering can, bright sunlight, and a lot of patience, two friends plant seeds in their community garden and watch how they grow. Slowly, the *seeds turn into sprouts, which grow into stems, followed by leaves and buds! The garden will soon be teeming with life and ready for a harvest season celebration. But until then, the children water and wait and dream . . .*

Rockwell, Lizzy - Plants Feed Me Detailed illustrations help teach new readers about the edible parts of different plants, including leaves, flowers, stems, roots, and seeds.

Greenfield, Roseanne - Green Is A Chile Pepper: A Book Of Colors In this lively picture book that Booklist described as "a cheerful color-concept book that presents a slice of Latino culture through food and fun," children discover a world of colors all around them: red is spices and swirling skirts, yellow is masa, tortillas, and sweet corn cake. Many of the featured objects are Latino in

origin, and all are universal in appeal. With rich, boisterous illustrations, fun-to-read rhyming text, and an informative glossary, this playful concept book will reinforce the colors found in every child's day!

Bardaus, Anna - At The Farmers Market / En El Mercado (Spanish and English)
Board Book

Roth, Susan - The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees To Feed Families For a long time, the people of Hargigo, a village in the tiny African country of Eritrea, were living without enough food for themselves and their animals. The families were hungry, and their goats and sheep were hungry too. Then along came a scientist, Dr. Gordon Sato, who helped change their lives for the better. And it all started with some special trees.

Williams, Laura - On Our Farm / En nuestra granja

Lin, Grace - Dim Sum for Everyone

Brisson, Pat - Before We Eat Before we eat, many people must work very hard—planting grain, catching fish, tending animals, and filling crates. In this book, vibrantly illustrated by Caldecott Medalist Mary Azarian, readers find out what must happen before food can get to our table to nourish our bodies and spirits.

Wilson-Max, Ken - Lenny in the Garden Lenny in the Garden vividly and simply portrays a charming relationship between a child and his parent. While Lenny's mother digs the soil and plants and waters some young flower plants, Lenny goes on a search for wildlife. He finds an ant, a caterpillar, a butterfly, a ladybird, a spider, and other insects — and all the time their dog Wilbur is trying to join in. It's a situation that will be very familiar, but the charming depiction of Lenny and his mother engaged in these ordinary activities is brought to life by Ken Wilson Max's bright colors and strong simple lines. Its portrayal of a mixed race family is refreshing, as is the depiction of a delightful and characterful black child at the heart of the book. With its short and evocative text, this book will provide young children and their parents and carers with much to discuss.

Buchanan, Jane - Seed Magic Rose and her brothers mock the crazy old Birdman, who sits in his wheelchair surrounded by ugly gray pigeons. The birdman thinks his pigeons are beautiful, but the only things Rose thinks are beautiful are gardens full of red and yellow and blue flowers. The Birdman fills Rose's hand with seeds and tells her they are magic if she plants them outside her window they will grow a garden. Her brothers don't believe, but Rose sets the seeds out and waits. Soon, just as the Birdman promised, a garden appears before her eyes a musical flurry of blue and red and yellow birds, drawn to Rose's window by seed magic.

Falwell, Cathryn - Mystery Vine As the seasons go by, the mystery vine grows and grows and grows. Now, finally, it is autumn, and the mystery vine is no longer a mystery. Hello, pumpkins! This is the season for jack-o'-lanterns, pumpkin pie, pumpkin bread, and pumpkin seeds—ready for toasting and munching, and for saving and planting come spring.

Dobbins, Jan - A Farmer's Life for Me A busy family and their friends spend a day working and playing on the farm. From milking the cows in the morning to closing the gate at night, learn about a day in the life of a farming family. Enhanced CD includes video animation and audio singalong.

Milway, Katie Smith - The Good Garden / Na Roça Aqui Plantando Tudo Dá! From the best-selling author of *One Hen* comes the inspiring story of one struggling farming family in Honduras and their journey to growing enough food to meet their needs. Based on the real story of farm transformation underway in Honduras and many other countries, this book offers children ways they can be part of the movement to grow "good gardens" and foster food security. Eleven-year-old María Luz and her family live on a small farm. This year their crop is poor, and they may not have enough to eat or to sell for other essentials, such as health care, school uniforms and books.

Jordan, Helene - How a Seed Grows Once, a long time ago, the oak tree in your backyard could have fit your pocket! How can a little acorn grow so big? This book shares the secret of seeds. With the right combination of water, sun, and soil a seed will send roots down into the ground and shoot leaves up into the sunlight. Seeds can grow into flowers or vegetables or even trees. Look inside to learn the simple steps for turning a packet of seeds into a garden.

Schaub, Michelle - Fresh-picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmers' Market This collection of poems takes young readers to a day at an urban farmers' market. Who to see, what to eat, and how produce is grown—it's all so exciting, fresh, and delicious. Readers are invited to peruse the stands and inspect vendors' wares with poems like "Farmer Greg's Free-Range Eggs," "Summer Checklist," and "Necessary Mess." Bright and vibrant, this is the perfect guide for little ones to take with them on marketing day to inspire literacy and healthy eating.

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