



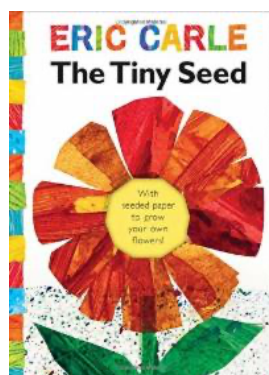
## GIFTS TO INSPIRE GARDENERS OF TOMORROW

By Helen Huber

December 2021

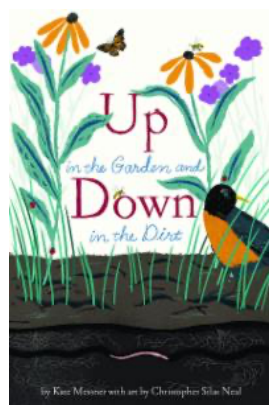
The Orcas Island Garden Club promotes a love of nature and gardening. These gift books and activities are recommended for all the young gardeners of tomorrow. We encourage you to support our local independent bookstore, Darvills, which can special order any title not in their inventory. Local libraries are another way to share and enjoy gardening goodness while promoting a lifelong love of reading. This list was created by Helen Huber, former librarian, current literacy educator, and Communications Chair for the Garden Club.

### PICTURE BOOKS



#### **The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle

The hardcover version has seeded paper to grow your own flowers. The story shows the life cycle of a seed done in the classic collage style that has captivated countless children.



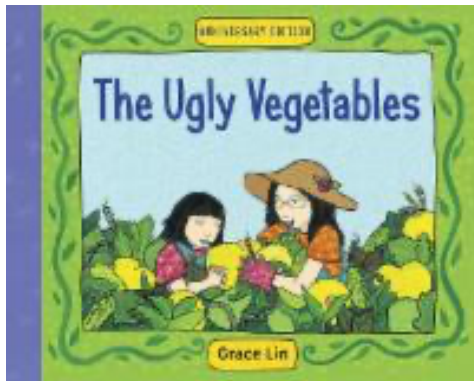
#### **Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt** by Kate Messner

A young girl and her Nana prepare, plant, tend, and harvest their garden, learning about how a healthy garden is packed with living things, all working together with human gardeners to nurture healthy plants.



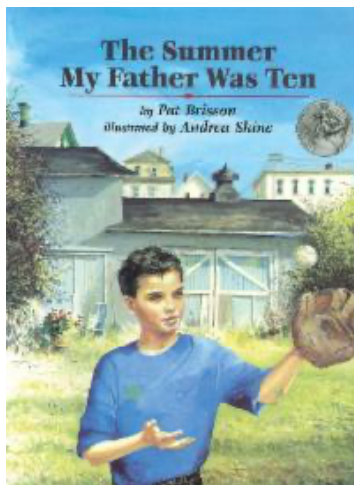
### **Miss Rumphius** by Barbara Cooney

A woman fulfills her life's goals including finding a way to make the world more beautiful. Include a package of lupine seeds for a gift that helps your young person make the world more beautiful.



### **The Ugly Vegetables** by Grace Lin

As a young girl helps her mother plant their garden in the spring, she compares their plants to the beautiful flowers their neighbors are growing. Her mother assures her that "these are better than flowers," and when harvest time comes — and her mother starts cooking up a huge pot of vegetable soup — those ugly Chinese vegetables bring the neighborhood together. The book has a picture and pronunciation guide for Chinese vegetables and a recipe for Ugly Vegetable Soup.



### **The Summer My Father Was Ten** by Pat Brisson

A girl remembers the story her father told her about when he and other neighborhood boys allowed their play to get out of hand, destroying a neighbor's garden. The boy makes amends with the garden's owner and learns the joys of gardening which he passes on to his daughter. A poignant picture book for older readers.