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A Fruit Is A Suitcase For Seeds (Exceptional Nonfiction Titles For Primary Grades)



Synopsis

"Many seeds travel inside fruits. The fruit is like a suitcase for the seeds. It protects them on their trip." Readers will learn how fruits are designed to protect a plant's seeds and also to help the plant spread its seeds to new places.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Although beautifully illustrated and well written, the book is full of misconceptions. Seeds, for example, only require the proper temperature and moisture to germinate and not soil and sunlight. The explanation as to why seeds do not grow in our stomachs is ludicrous! Teachers and students alike have germinated seeds in plastic bags, closets, and drawers with great success. There is also no sunlight beneath the surface of the soil, where most seeds germinate. The author needs to concentrate on fiction and acting and not try to educate young learners in scientific content.

I bought *A Fruit Is A Suitcase for Seeds* as a gift for my son's preschool classroom during their spring study of plants, seeds, and gardening. It makes a great read-a-loud for ages two to six. The narrative is well worded, kid-friendly, and not too verbose. They served apples as the snack that day

and the kids saved their seeds and planted them in handmade pots of recycled newspaper- several apple trees have sprouted!

This book has exquisite illustrations which enable young readers to understand about seeds in their own world of experience.

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