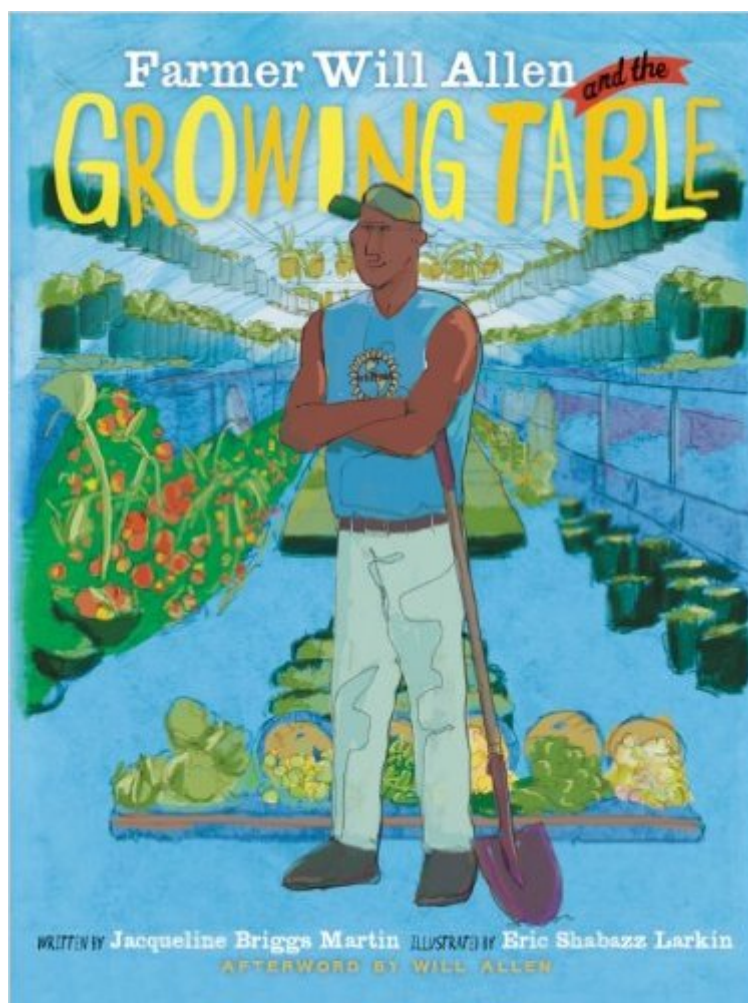


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Farmer Will Allen And The Growing Table



Synopsis

Will Allen is no ordinary farmer. A former basketball star, he's as tall as his truck, and he can hold a cabbage--or a basketball--in one hand. But what is most special about Farmer Will is that he can see what others can't see. When he looked at an abandoned city lot in Milwaukee he saw a huge table, big enough to feed the whole world. No space, no problem. Poor soil, there's a solution. Need help, found it. Farmer Will is a genius in solving problems. In 2008, the MacArthur Foundation named him one for his innovative urban farming methods, which include aquaponics and hydroponics. Jacqueline Briggs Martin, author of the Caldecott Medal winner, *Snowflake Bentley*, and Alice Waters and the *Trip to Delicious*, along with debut artist Eric-Shabazz Larkin's striking artwork, tells the inspiring story of the African American innovator, educator, and community builder. *Farmer Will Allen* was named a 2014 American Library Association Notable Children's Book, *School Library Journal's* "Best Non-Fiction Book," and *Booklist's* "Top Sustainability Title." In 2015, the book was selected by Points of Light Foundation to set a new Guinness World Record for the most children reading the same book across the globe.

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It shouldn't be this hard. You walk to a biography section of a children's room, any children's room, and you start searching for biographies of living people who are not sports stars, actors, musicians

or politicians. And you search. And you search. And after a while your eyes kind of droop and you feel a bit sleepy, so you tell yourself you'll continue to search on another day. Don't bother. I can tell you right off that finding biographies of contemporary people who don't fall into the worlds of sports, entertainment, or politics is a fool's errand. Average extraordinary people tend to be lumped in group biographies if anywhere at all. That's part of what makes Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table such a rarity. Part biography, part paean to urban gardens and gardeners everywhere. The book is a beautiful tribute not just to its hero Will Allen but also to the right of every child to have access to good, healthy, cheap food. The ultimate picture book about muncha muncha muncha. Actually, I'll level with you. Will Allen really was a basketball player. At first anyway. Though he grew up in a family that grew most of its own food, he wasn't a fan of the work. As soon as he could he left those Maryland fields for college and became a professional basketball player in Belgium. While over there a friend asked for some help digging potatoes and the next thing Will knew he was hooked. After moving back to the States he adopted six empty, abandoned greenhouses in Milwaukee. What followed was years of trial and error as Will worked to turn his lots into working gardens. With the help of the community (and more than a few red wigglers) Will didn't just get those greenhouses working, but city garden plots around the country too.

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