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Plants Can't Sit Still (Millbrook Picture Books)



Synopsis

Do plants really move? Absolutely! You might be surprised by all ways plants can move. Plants might not pick up their roots and walk away, but they definitely don't sit still! Discover the many ways plants (and their seeds) move. Whether it's a sunflower, a Venus flytrap, or an exotic plant like an exploding cucumber, this fascinating picture book shows just how excitingly active plants really are.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

A truly outstanding book that the author has written for ages 5 - 8 and grades K - 3. The illustrations by Mia Posada are bright, colorful and accompany the text perfectly. The hard cover book itself is large enough (9" X 11") to be held by the teacher and the entire class will be able to see it. The text goes into great detail about the manner in which plants grow and the young readers will be able to grasp the fact that plants do indeed reach for the light, climb a fence, walk up a wall and tumble in a breeze. The portion concerning the seedlings growing is fascinating, as well. All plants need water, sunshine and room to grow. I thought it was fascinating to read about the manner in which the seeds 'hitchhike' which explains the reasons that plants are built for travel. Another outstanding teaching example occurs in the text when speaking about the seeds it says 'They take a ride inside a bear' and the illustration shows a bear chewing on a berry bush. I could envision a young child

asking about that statement which will lead to an educational moment for the youngster. At the end of the story, the author has a portion entitled 'More About Plants'. This goes into greater detail as to the reasons some plants are more active during the day or night time hours. It also explains photosynthesis and pollinators. Every plant that makes an illustrated appearance in this book is listed with the name and more information about the plant. A glossary at the end explains words that the little ones may have questions about while reading. All in all, an outstanding educational book for the little ones. It is also entertaining with beautiful illustrations which will hold the attention of the children. Most highly recommended. Please note that the author sent me this book for review purposes.

Plants can't walk or run or even fly, but they don't stay still either! This jaunty picture book captures the many ways that plants manage to move, even though they are rooted to the ground. They squirm out of the soil. They turn towards the sun. They creep underground and spring up in new places. They can climb walls and even eat bugs. Some fold shut at night while others open only in the moonlight. Then there are the seeds that use all sorts of tricks to move to new places to grow. That's where they start to move all over again. As a person with a native garden that overtakes the entire front of house this time of year, I am very aware of plants being able to move! I love the dynamic quality of this book as well as the surprise factor where children will wonder about how plants in their lives are moving since they don't appear to be doing much at all. Hirsch selects plants that children will experience in their normal lives: milkweed, strawberries, tulips, morning glories, and maple trees. She uses simple language to explain how the plants move and grow, making this a science book that preschoolers will enjoy. Those looking for more detail can turn to a section in the back of the book. Posada's illustrations beautifully enhance this picture book and its fresh look at plants. The illustrations are done with cut paper collage and watercolor. They fill the pages with bursts of color, zings of green and plenty of earthiness too. The colors are perfectly chosen to evoke the real nature of the plants like the changing colors of the maple leaves and the burst of fuzz from a dandelion. A great new book on plants and the surprising ways they move, this is a fascinating read. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

I really enjoy children's books that help explain the natural world. This book is just that type! Rebecca E. Hirsch weaves together an almost lyrical story of all the ways that plants move. When I read the title of this book, it seemed like a mistake. Plants can't walk around like people and animals can, but this book proves that that does not mean they sit still. Plants wiggle as they grow, they turn

to face the sun, they spread their seeds in many creative ways, and they can even snap closed to catch a fly. This book discussed so many types of plants and thankfully includes a section at the back with additional information for parents and teachers. Several of the plant actions mentioned were things I was not familiar with - did you know that tumbleweed tumbles intentionally to spread seeds? I certainly did not. I really enjoy learning something myself when reading with my son (even if he doesn't always want me to read the facts out loud to him when we finish the story). A wide range of ages would enjoy this book. Younger children (ages 2-4) will enjoy the simplistic story and the beautiful illustrations, older children (ages 4-6) will enjoy asking questions about the plants and perhaps attending to dispute the movements made by some plants, and even older kids or adults will learn something from the information at the end of the book. This is a great read.[...]

Such a unique and beautiful book. Would that all science was like this!

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