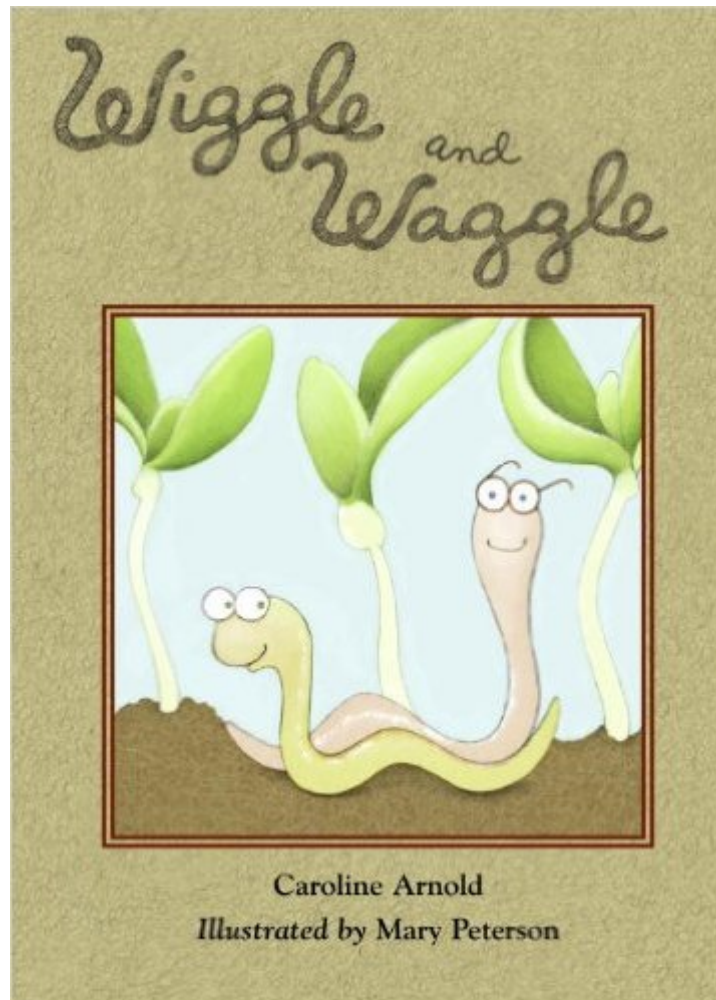


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# Wiggle And Waggle



## Synopsis

"We wiggle and waggle, squiggle and squirm, Digging in the dirt is the life of a worm. We dig and we sing all day long, Our wiggly, waggly, gardening song." Follow Wiggle and Waggle, two wormy best friends, through five wormy chapters as they dig in the dirt, work hard, and have fun swimming and singing. Beginning readers will dig the simple science facts included at the end of this charming book.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Wiggle and Waggle live in a garden and work all day long making loops around the plants. They decided to sing to make their work easier because making tunnels in the ground was very hard work. One day Wiggle was digging away and forgot, as usual, to look where he was going and BUMP! He crashed into a rock. With his friend Waggle's help they worked and worked and worked and got that rock out of the way. The two of them had many adventures together. There was the picnic under the bucket on a rainy day (including mud pie), swimming in the mud puddle (SPLASH!), slipping and sliding through the tunnel to write their names and promising to do it all again next year!"We wiggle and waggle, squiggle and squirm. Digging in dirt is the life of a worm. We dig and we sing all day long, Our wiggly, waggly, gardening song." This is a fun book for the beginning, but

confident reader and will keep him smiling and singing along with Wiggle and Waggle, enjoying their fun adventures right along with them. This book has five chapters and could be a read aloud book in a classroom or homeschool setting. In the back of the book is a short discussion on how "worms help plants grow" and some fun worm facts. Now one worm fact is that singing did make things easier for Wiggle and Waggle!

This 48-page book--sized for small hands-- contains five simple but fun stories about worm pals, Wiggle and Waggle. The stories, gently told and illustrated, deal with classic situations faced by toddlers (and, I imagine, toddler worms): Singing to make you work go faster (a variation on "whistle while you work"), the importance of teamwork (moving a big rock in the garden they tend), making the best of a bad situation (holding their picnic under a pail when the weather turns rainy), and a celebration of friendship (with a great surprise conclusion). Mary Peterson's high/low tech illustrations (pencil and paper, but painted via computer) combine to give us the intimacy of the former, with the clarity of the latter. There's a lot of white space around text and picture, and the repetition of words reduces the cognitive load, and truly makes this a fun read. Each of Caroline Arnold's stories has a little extra something including contrasts {"Wiggle sang the high notes. Wiggle sang the high notes," and lots of adjectives} as in the following: Waggle sang the low notes, and lots of adjectives as in the following: ("They dug long tunnels, short tunnels, fat tunnels, and thin tunnels.") Each worm is lovable on his/her own terms, but these two adorable worms (and how often can one say that?) but Arnold and Peterson show how two are often better than one. Wiggle and Waggle's teamwork, shared laughter, and acceptance of the unexpected provide a safe environment in which a friendship can flourish, as surely as worms help sustain and nurture garden plants. With its soft colors this is a soothing and softly humorous book for infants and toddlers ready to face the challenges of social life. The last page has two interesting sections: "How Do Worms Help Plants Grow?" and "Fun Worm Facts" that nicely complement the stories. Highly recommended.

Just read this book to my 3 year old son. He loves it and asked me to read it again and again. It is easy reading, love the illustrations and what a great way for kids to learn about what worms do.

We just received "Wiggle and Waggle" and have already read it five times in one morning! My preschooler loves all five stories, but he especially enjoys "A Big Rock," "A Day Off," and "A Good Job." The writing is wonderful (we especially love the alliteration) and the illustrations are just fantastic. Mary Peterson does a phenomenal job of creating worms with personality. My son laughs

each time he sees Waggle with his glasses slightly knocked off his head from using all his wormly-might to push a rock. It's a delightful book and we're now ordering four more as gifts for my son's friends, who are also beginning readers. I highly recommend this book.

We borrowed this book from the library, and now I'll have to buy it. My 4 1/2 year old and 7 year old love it! This is a fun story that teaches about what worms do in the garden, as well as how to be a helpful friend. It will be good to pair with this some Spring/Summer gardening activities.

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