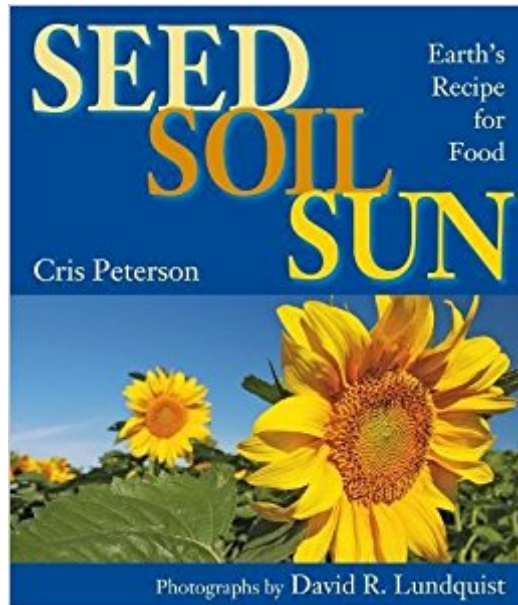




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Seed, Soil, Sun: Earth's Recipe For Food



Synopsis

Seed, Soil, Sun. With these simple ingredients, nature creates our food. Once again, noted author Cris Peterson brings both wonder and clarity to the subject of agriculture, celebrating the cycle of growth, harvest, and renewal. Using the corn plant as an example, she takes the reader through the story of germination and growth of a tiny corn seed into a giant plant reaching high into the air, with roots extending over six feet into the ground. This American Farm Bureau Foundation's Agriculture Book of the Year also discusses the make-up of soil and the amazing creatures who live there—from microscopic one-celled bacteria to moles, amoebas, and earthworms. David Lundquist's stunning photographs bring an immediacy and vibrancy to the seemingly miraculous process.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 1-3—This introduction to how seeds become food is a standout in a widely covered field. Clearly written in simple language, the narrative is often poetic as the growth of seeds planted in soil, watered by rain, and powered by the sun is explained. The photographs throughout are crisp and vibrant. The close-ups are stunning, from the fragile-looking leaf breaking through impenetrable-looking dirt clods to the fuzzy hairs of brand-new leaves, backlit by the sun. The

transformation of a corn seed that can be held between a child's fingers into a mature plant that the child needs to stand on a step ladder to reach is succinctly accomplished in one paragraph and three photographs. The partnership of farmers and seeds, soil and sun is highlighted in this accessible explanation of this agricultural cycle. — Frances E. Millhouser, formerly at Chantilly Regional Library, Fairfax County, VA (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

After establishing that most of our food comes from seeds that grow with the help of soil and sunlight, this straightforward book talks a little about each element in the title, how it relates to the growing plant, and how photosynthesis allows the plant to make energy. The last few pages tell how we consume the plants' stored energy as food: "When you eat lettuce, you are eating a leaf. When you eat celery, you are eating a stem, and so on. The book concludes with a short source bibliography and a good recommended-reading list. The simple, direct text is well matched with the clear color photos that illustrate the book. Posed photos of children holding plants, earthworms, soil, and foods are interspersed with equally well-composed, well-lit pictures of growing plants and other scenes of farm life. A good starting place for learning about the process by which seeds grow into the foods we eat. Grades K-3. --Carolyn Phelan

I bought this book for my little great grandson very nice. thank you

Excellent teaching tool for kids

The photographs are beautiful, but I was thinking there would be more information in this book to use as a teaching tool.

This book provides an interesting presentation of the cycle of plant growth that provides the basis for our food sources. The text includes description of the importance of good soil, good weather, and the power of photosynthesis to produce plants (including leaves, stems, flowers, fruit, roots and seeds) that we eat everyday. It is told in straightforward concise text that is age-level appropriate (ages 4-7) while not being patronizing. I believe this text would provide an excellent basis for a science lesson on photosynthesis at the early elementary grades (K-2). It contains bold, colorful pictures that allow the children to see the points discussed in the text. It also provides suggestions for further reading at the end of the book that are also age appropriate (such as Gail

Gibbons' "From Seed to Plant"). This book would allow the student to learn about the production of food but also to find other appropriate books to extend learning about the miracle of food production.

This book belongs on your child's bookshelf, next to Aiki's "Corn is Maize." "Corn Is Maize (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)" The Aiki book has been my go-to book for how seeds grow for a long time, but look out -- "Seed Soil Sun" is going to knock your socks off. With photographs of kids on a Nebraska farms doing things like holding seedlings and showing off worms, the large format book is great for visual kids. BIG photographs on every page.

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