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Welcome to the Children's Garden--a beautiful place to connect with nature and the food cycle! Illustrated with colorful paintings, this charming picture book features a diverse group of children connecting to food through hands-on outdoor activity.

Down the road from Woodlawn Avenue, on a street called Sunnyside, there's a garden patch grown by children who live in the neighborhood. A sign on the garden's gate says: Children's Garden, WELCOME! That means: Come in, please. Listen, see, smell, touch--even taste!

In rich prose and lush illustrations, this charming picture book shows children as urban farmers, exploring the sights, smells, sensations, and tastes of growing their own food in a community garden. The story invites young readers to enjoy summer's bounty and the hands-on experience of tending and harvesting it, while the colorful illustrations depict a multicultural community of children learning about and enjoying a sustainable, local food system.

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Amy says

A simple book showing the joys of a garden for children in the middle of the city. The words and illustrations are charming. A great conversation starter about growing food, sustainability, and environmental issues of all sorts.

Turrean says

A sweet picture book to share with aspiring gardeners.

Marcia says

I thoroughly enjoyed “The Children’s Garden: Growing Food in the City.” The busy happy children in this lyrical story will inspire everyone to want a garden, whether it be a single flower pot or something larger. The cheerful sun-filled illustrations have a beautiful earthy quality, vivid yet at the same time soft and airy. I especially like seeing all the children doing their own work from planting and tending to harvesting. Love the seed packets on the endpapers, too! This delightful book is based on a real community garden in Seattle, WA.

Juliana Lee says

Based on a real garden in Seattle, this story tells about how children gather together to grow their own vegetables. They work hard and have fun. They reap what they sow.

Bmquiram says

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I don't know why, but for some reason I expected this book to give helpful tips on growing food in the city or in a container garden. It doesn't.

Since this is about a Children's Garden I also expected it to be easy to read. At least I got this one right.

I had my nine year old daughter and my thirteen year old daughter take turns reading this to my seven month old. The two older children didn't stumble over the words and stayed interested in the story even though they have read the story four times now. The first few times they read the story to my infant I was busy cooking and I didn't hear the story. My nine month old kept reaching for the pages. She clearly enjoyed listening to the story and looking at the colorful pictures.

I can't say much more than this story has the approval of three girls from three different age groups.

Mary Librarian says

Based on a real Children's Garden in Seattle, WA. Informative.

Donna Mork says

Based on a true story of a Children's Garden in Seattle, Washington. The children use tools to dig and plant, they water and pull weeds, and they grow fruits and vegetables.

Alyssa Gudenburr says

A great story based off a real place in Seattle, Washington. Goes through the whole process of planting the seeds to taking home vegetables and fruit to eat. Would make a great read aloud for elementary children with a gardening theme or learning about plants.
