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The reason for a flower is to manufacture seeds, but Ruth Heller shares a lot more about parts of plants and their functions in her trademark rhythmic style.

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Chelsea says

I learned things from this book and I remember learning some of the things mentioned in the book, in my college biology class. I really like how the book simplifies information about plants and how they are pollinated. However, some of the things might go right over some younger readers heads.

Amy Buthelezi says

This book is full of vivid, colorful illustrations depicting the life cycle of plants. It introduces new vocabulary words and has rhyming and alliteration, as well. This book is very informative and detailed, yet simple and intriguing for small children. It would be a great book to read to children before doing a science activity relating to plants or gardening.

Marie Arie says

The reason for a flower covers the life span of a flower and all of its functions. Some flowers produce fruit others produce even more seeds for flowers. The book highlights all stages of flowers from the root to the blooming.

Powerm2 says

This book explains the life cycle of a flower and the stages it goes through for life. This book is a great way to introduce informational genres to children in a more vibrant and interesting way. The book is told in a rhythmic style and has rhymes throughout. If you look below I chose a delicious quote that demonstrates how he introduces pollen and uses the word breeze and sneeze to help explain the effect pollen can have.

Long, drawn out chapter books intimidate children and this book's illustrations and poem like style allows for a more fun outlook on plants. This can be used to integrate reading and science as well as a supplemental learning activity when understanding the important vocabulary. A book that can feed off of this book and help give more information on flowers for younger children is a book called, "Planting the Wild Garden" by Kathryn O. Galbraith. This novel helps specify what flowers are planted and grow during different point of the year and seasons.

Quote: "Some POLLEN travels in the breeze, without the help of birds or bees, and very often makes you sneeze."

Shelbi Edinger says

This book was very difficult for me as an adult to get through because it wasn't very engaging or exciting. It was more nonfiction and scientific based. It would be good for a science lesson on pollination.

Malika Arman says

This book is a helpful and fun way to introduce planting to children. I would definitely use this book to also introduce spring and summer. The Reason for a Flower is a colorful way to engage children through the different colors of the flowers, the variety of sizes, and the step by step procedure to plant flowers.

Tracy says

This book has illustrations that are so colorful. The author is one of my favorites for informational books. It's informative and engaging to children because of the style of writing and big, beautiful illustrations. The book is all about the reason for a flower and how plants make their own seeds. A great book for fourth grade and under to look at while studying any unit on plant life.

Shannon Molina says

This book is educational but not something that would catch the attention of children not unless they are interested in flowers. I thought it was a lot of information that children would question. I think it would suit older children that are interested in all aspects of a flower.

Margaret Boling says

2/16/2011 ** Read this with my students today before we pollinated the flowers of our rapid-cycle Brassica rapa plants. I wanted the kids to understand why we didn't yet have seed pods and why/how we needed to pollinate. The book was an excellent complement to our science lesson today and my students did seem to enjoy both the pictures and the text, while also applying some of the scientific terminology later during their hands-on activity.

I've owned the book since the mid-90s when I saw Ruth Heller at an author signing. It's beautifully illustrated, though some of the text felt choppy while reading it aloud. Some pages rhymed, but others didn't - I felt that I couldn't get into a rhythm while reading.

Leila says

This is an excellent book to introduce young children about plants. It allows them to understand about nature. This book can teach children hands-on activities such as planting lima beans. Let the children plant their own individual lima beans with a cup and take care of it, which will teach them responsibility. It will also allow them to observe the plant everyday.

Manal Cheikh says

This is a good book to use when teaching a science class about pollination and how plants grow. It can be used to spark interest before teaching about flowers and plants. The bright pictures are nice to look at when learning about the flowers because it allows children to not only learn about a flower but to see what it looks like too.

Julian says

Wow! What a beautiful book to incorporate in a lesson on plants. I had to do a Science Unit plan and this is one of the books I included in one of my lessons. The illustrations are captivating for children and the vocabulary is rich. Probably every word that one would cover in a plant lesson is included. I would recommend this book for grades 1-4. Sneak Peak: "bamboo are a treat for animals who don't like meat." Also how plants and animals are co-dependent on each other. Just a wealth of information.

Jonathan Smith says

This book would be great to teach young children the life cycle of a plant. We use flowers for the seeds. Very colorful and great pictures.

Raquel Turner says

This is a good book to read to children during the spring. This book helps children to understand the pattern of growth. Learning about flowers can become a class lesson. This would be a great book to introduce the class to a lesson plan about seeds in the science area.

Sterlande Altidor says

This book is a perfect book to read to the whole family. Children would enjoy looking at the pictures and reading this book. This book will keep children interested and engaged in reading this book. This book is a classic, the illustrations are captivating and inviting. Children will be able to identify insects, animals, and plants, because the illustrations are clear and descriptive. This book will be a great book for younger and older children, and you could use this book to talk about the spring season as well.
