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# 2026 SUMMER READING LIST

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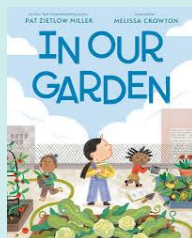


## The Honeybee

Kirsten Hall

Follow endangered honeybees through the year as they forage for pollen and nectar, communicate with others at their hive, and make honey.

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## In Our Garden

Pat Zietlow Miller

Students create a vegetable garden on their school's rooftop.

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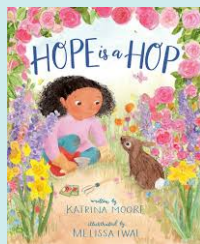


## The Bad Seed

Jory John

A funny yet touching tale that reminds us of the remarkably transformative power of will, acceptance, and just being you.

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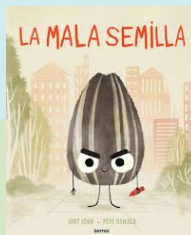


## Hope Is a Hop

Katrina Moore

Eva discovers something surprising and wonderful about a rascally rabbit in her garden.

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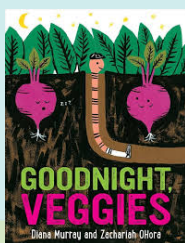


## La Mala Semilla

Jory John

Un encantador y divertido cuento que nos recuerda el increíble poder transformador de la voluntad, de la aceptación y de ser uno mismo, y que demuestra que el cambio en positivo es posible para todos y cada uno de nosotros.

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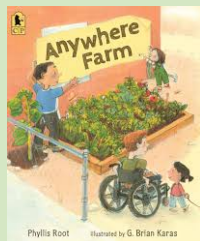


## Goodnight, Veggies

Diana Murray

Welcome to the community garden where potatoes close their eyes, cabbages nod their heads, and corn covers its ears to go to sleep.

**XFICP MURRAY D**



## Anywhere Farm

Phyllis Root

You might think a farm means fields, tractors, and a barnyard full of animals. But you can plant a farm anywhere you like!

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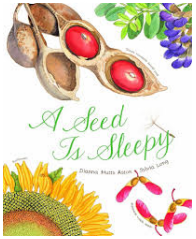
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## A Seed Is Sleepy

Dianna Hutts Aston

An informative, yet beautiful introduction to seeds.

**XP 581.467 ASTON D**



## Harlem Grown: How One Big Idea Transformed a Neighborhood

Tony Hillery

Once there was a lot full of trash. Now there is a lush, green farm. This is the story of Harlem Grown, a garden in New York City.

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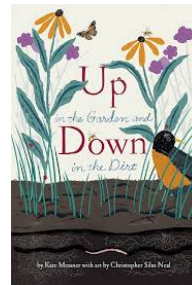


## My First Garden

Livi Gosling

This beautifully illustrated guide is the perfect gardening book for kids who want to plant fruit and vegetables, create mini farms from plants, and go on wildflower missions.

**XP 635 GOS**

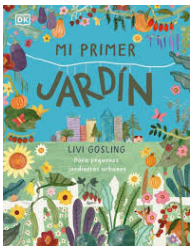


## Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt

Kate Messner

Discover the wonder and activity that lie hidden between the stalks, under the shade of leaves, and down in the dirt.

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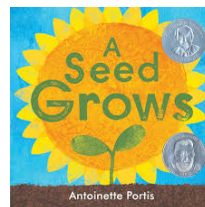


## Mi Primer Jardín

Livi Gosling

Los niños descubrirán cómo preparar la tierra antes de sembrar, qué y cuándo plantar, dónde conseguir semillas, cómo trasplantar, podar y hacer compost, qué verduras y hierbas cultivar.

**XSP 635 GOS**



## A Seed Grows

Antoinette Portis

An educational picture book about the life cycle of a sunflower

**XP 575.68 POR**



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