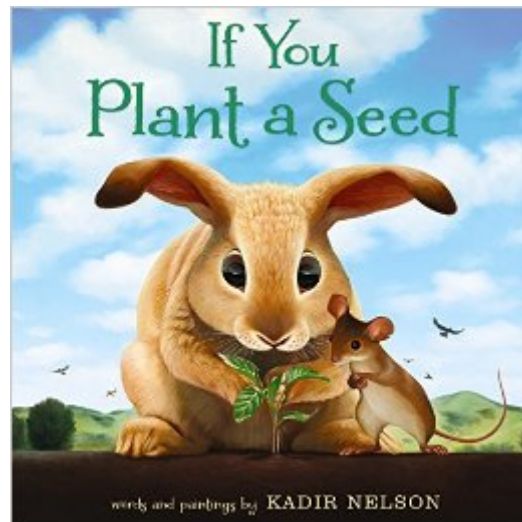


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# If You Plant A Seed



## Synopsis

Kadir Nelson, acclaimed author of *Baby Bear* and winner of the Caldecott Honor and the Coretta Scott King Author and Illustrator Awards, presents a resonant, gently humorous story about the power of even the smallest acts and the rewards of compassion and generosity. With spare text and breathtaking oil paintings, *If You Plant a Seed* demonstrates not only the process of planting and growing for young children but also how a seed of kindness can bear sweet fruit.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I order and read a lot of children's books to find ones suitable to support a curriculum of mindfulness, loving kindness, gratitude and connection to others. In all those books I come across a few real jewels; where the art is beautiful, the story is simply and clearly told, and the age level works for young children. This is one of those books. It doesn't try to say everything, but to say one thing very very well. I love this book. thank you Kadir Nelso. I hope you continue to produce other books with the same clear purpose and beauty.

Gorgeous illustrations and a sweet story with a message to read over and over again.

My 5 year old loves this book. It has a lovely message and the pictures are gorgeous--the vegetables look so real like you could lean down and take a bite, the protagonists are expressive, and the colors are brilliant. It doesn't say too much, so it makes it so that kids want to discuss what's going on in the story and why, which is neat. We love this author's book *He's Got the Whole World In His Hands*, too, for the beautiful pictures that, like this book, just make you feel lifted up and glad to be in this beautiful world.

Seeds - both real and metaphoric - are the subject of this stunning, oversized picture book. The biblical adage of reaping what you sow (carrotsâselfishnessâkindness) is conveyed in a restrained text that says just enough and dramatic illustrations created from actual paintings that are so meticulously reproduced the texture of the canvass is often visible. Text and illustrations share perfectly in the storytelling, almost as if they are reinforcing the theme. The large cast of characters - all animals and birds - create a heap of trouble • but by the final two-page spread they learn just how sweet-tasting and sweet-feeling life can beâif only you plant the proper seed. Boldly beautiful, great story, great themeâitâs all here.

I picked this up at a school book fair because I liked the combination of gardening, animals, and a good lesson -and I was blown away! The artwork is gorgeous, and it has so many little details to discover each time you read it -fun, inspiring, and a great way for children to practice observation. The elegantly concise text uses mostly simple words, so even our own early reader can sound out most of the book herself without it feeling like an early-reader paperback. Add to these qualities a simple lesson that is so easy for a youngster to understand, and this is just an amazing book!

Summary: If you plant carrot, tomato, and cabbage seeds, Bunny and Mouse discover, you get carrots, tomatoes, and cabbage. Theyâre just about to enjoy the fruits of their labor when a flock of birds shows up, clearly wanting to sample the veggies. If you plant the seeds of selfishness, they grow, tooâinto a heap of trouble. And, in this case, a food fight. Ready for a different approach, Bunny and Mouse try sharing, planting seeds of kindness. The birds reciprocate by flying overhead, dumping bags of seeds. The resultant garden makes everybody happy. 32 pages; ages 4-8.Pros: The big, beautiful pictures of really, really cute animals complement the simple text and message.Cons: The message may be a bit heavy-handed.

The illustrations are fabulous. The message is simple and true without being heavy handed and

moralistic. My bird-watcher husband thought the bird illustrations were remarkably authentic.

This is such a wonderful book. It not only has gorgeous illustrations, but unlike most of the other books out there, this has a positive message of being kind, thoughtful and generous. It's story is easy to see and understand, and its message is clear. Great addition to our library!

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