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# A Grand Old Tree



## Synopsis

THE GIVING TREE for our time. Once there was a grand old tree, whose roots sank deep into the earth and whose arms reached high into the sky. Every spring the grand old tree flowered and bore cherries for the squirrels and birds that made their homes in her leafy branches. And every year, seeds from the tree scattered in the wind, along with many millions of leaves. Mary Newell DePalma creates an emotional tale of life and renewal, of nature's bounty and quiet balance, illustrated with simple images made powerful with vivid colors and moving compositions.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I ordered this book due to my daughters teacher recommendation. My daughter is 4. Recently my mother (her grandmother) passed away and she was having a hard time understanding it. Her teacher read this book to the class and since then my daughter asks her to read it all the time. I think it helped her to understand "dying" a little better. It's about a tree that gets old and dies but leaves grandkids behind. I paid the regular shipping for this and received it the NEXT day! :) I had no problems with this order at all. Oh and my daughter was so happy when she seen it.

As a psychotherapist I am always looking for books that explain different aspects of life to children. I

learned about this book from the parent of a little boy who was great friends with my dad. She used this book to explain my dad's death to her five-year-old. It is a lovely way to learn about the cycle of life, along with its purpose. It is written for a young child, yet can also be used to explain death to an older child. I know I will be using it quite often.

This is a cute book for the preschool age about the things that trees provide to animals and how even after they die their children and grandchildren leave a lasting impression on this earth. It is a great way to introduce the topic of nature and the illustrations are lovely. The text is simple but well written. I've read this with my 2 year old and he has really enjoyed it.

Beautiful story about the uses and care of a tree. At the end the tree dies which is a part of the cycle of life and the author deals great with this sadder aspect as they show the dead tree is still a home for animals. We love this story!

This is a good nature book that explains, in very general terms, a tree's ecosystem and reproductive cycle. It also deals gently and honestly with the topic of death -- the tree dies and falls down; perceptive children may make the connection between plant and animal life cycles, so if you are exploring that subject, this is a very good book to get the ball rolling. Nice straightforward story and simple, elegant text to match. (ReadThatAgain book reviews)

This was ordered for our Shade Tree Commission to do as an Arbor Day program at the public library - Great choice

I loved reading this book to my daughter. In a single book just maybe ten or so pages, I was able to introduce the concepts of seasons, life, trees, reproduction, ecosystems, and even death, all without bringing the word "God" up a single time! That was very relieving. I was so impressed by how much was subtly squeezed into a children's book, I was prompted to come right online and write something nice about it. Five stars!!

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