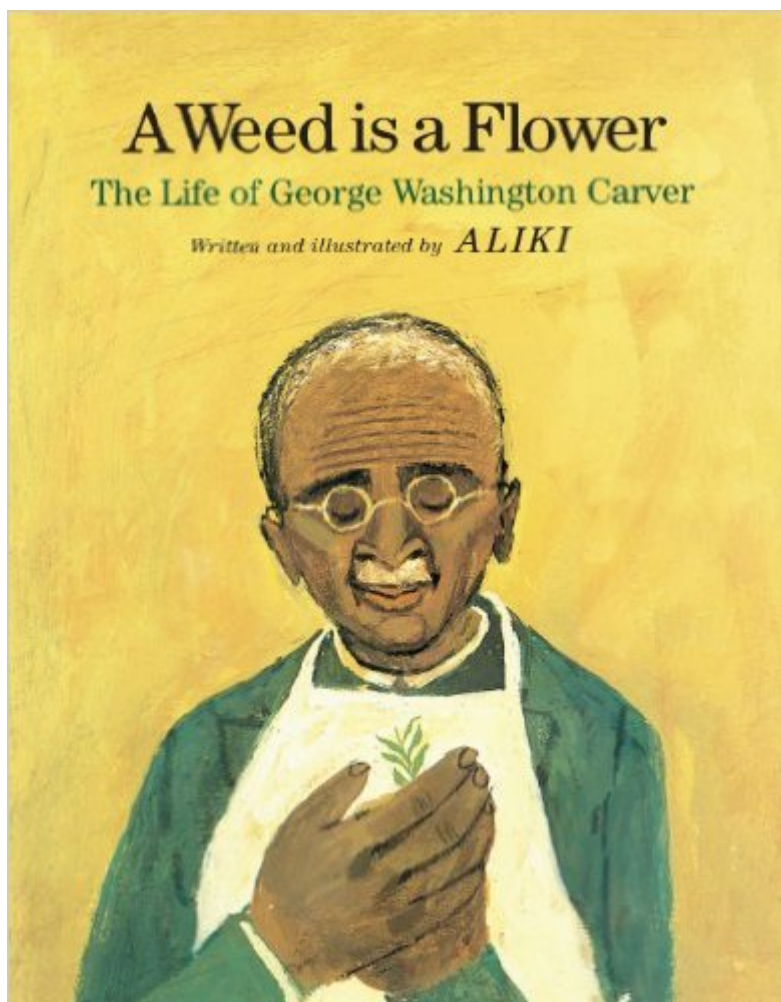


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# Weed Is A Flower



## Synopsis

Brief text and pictures present the life of the man, born a slave, who became a scientist and devoted his entire life to helping the South improve its agriculture.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 640L (What's this?)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

What my (now 6 yo) daughter likes is a good story. She can learn anything if there is some dramatic action involved. This story of George Washington Carver's life is just the right length for a young student (kinder to 4th grade). It starts with the drama of the baby GWC being kidnapped and returned. The illustrations are bold and capture the flavor of the text. It's everything you want in a child's book, educational, morally inspiring, and yet a truly good to read story.

My 6-year-old son had to write an essay about George Washington Carver. I decided to purchase this book to get him interested in the life of GWC as well as a reference book for the basic facts. I was not disappointed. This well-written tale is very engrossing and my son had many questions to ask about GWC's life; he asked about slavery, about why GWC was kidnapped with his mother as a baby, as well as why young GWC was not allowed to attend school just anywhere, and so on. My son, who attends a school where he is a minority as a white child, was confused and horrified to

learn that a time ever existed where people were owned and sold like property, a time when a child could not attend school based on the color of his skin. I'll admit I was a little uncomfortable at first with the deluge of questions. I was unsure just how detailed to be with a 6 year old, how to present the hard truths gently without blunting the reality that slaves faced. But amazingly, his new mind handled the concepts with amazing maturity, and his genuine shock made me grateful that he goes to a school where diversity is so strong that he doesn't even notice skin color; it is just natural variety in his young mind, like the color of your eyes or hair. The illustrations are lovely and my son paused to look over them before and after reading each page. By the time we got to the end, I had tears in my eyes. What a moving story brought to vivid life with beautiful, colorful illustrations and simple, reverent writing about a man who rose above his humble beginnings and through diligence and perseverance became an inspiration for people of ALL colors. Though this is a fact-based story, it IS a story, to be read and enjoyed from beginning to end, so it does not serve well as a quick reference guide--though it is by no means very long, and it does contain important factual details about GWC's life. However, for quick dates and specifics, you might have to consult other sources.

I like this story about George Washington Carver. Bought it for my little kids who are scheduled to take a class on peanuts at a local nursery after having used it in a cyber school with my older kids. Great starting point for a unit study on peanuts we are doing. It is also a great story and introduction to another great American scientist and historical figure. The uses for this book are many - use it when highlighting African American figures in history, use it during units on slavery and the reconstruction, and touches on the Tuskegee institute, another important American institution - so it could also be worked into units on the great depression and WWII. The character studies are also important - can be used to highlight determination and perseverance, hardworking spirit, scientific investigation, helpful personality, and many others. I would recommend this book to anyone with young children but esp school age home schoolers and Charlotte Mason whole books learners.

I have taught with this book for many years and I find it inspiring each and every time I read it. This time I took copies to Uganda to share with a group of teachers. It is very hard to get a good education in Uganda and I wanted to give them something to inspire them and their students. They LOVED it!

This is one of the books that has been written into the first grade common core. I read it to the class and it kept their interest. We also watched it on watchknowlearn. Students later wrote a sentence

about one thing they remembered had been made from peanuts on a construction paper peanut. It made a nice hall display.

Love this book! This is a wonderful book about the life of Dr. George Washington Carver. I love the fact that this book talked about how Dr. Carver was using his research to make life better for the poor farming community around the Tuskegee Institute. He recommended crop rotation and growing more than just cotton so they could eventually get out of debt in which many were share croppers. Love how this book shows how science should be used to positively impact the world we live in. Not hidden in the back of some university's annals and away from the people who need it most.

I just love ! This book was part of our homeschool curriculum and was not available at our local library. I bought it at a reasonable price here and donated it! I can't imagine this book not being part of a library!

A story EVERY child should read. I've read many biographies of George Washington Carver, but this is my all time favorite! It teaches there are no circumstances that can limit your life if you are determined. THIS IS A POWERFUL read! I read it every year to my 4th graders. Not only does it cover history but a valuable life lesson that even as an adult I will never forget.

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