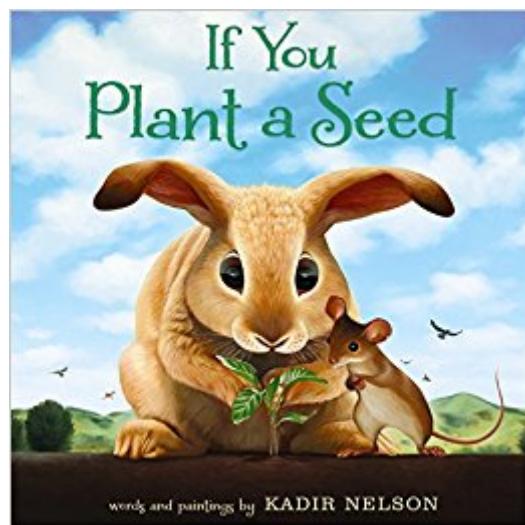


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# If You Plant A Seed



## **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**

PreS-Gr 2 "A fuzzy, brown rabbit and a tiny notch-eared mouse plant tomato, carrot, and cabbage seeds and then wait for the plants to grow and produce. As they bide their time, the two sit in the rain, nap, and read books. Readers will notice the sky beginning to fill with birds, which the rabbit and mouse don't see until the fruits "or vegetables" of their labor are ready to eat. Then five winged creatures descend and look expectantly, in a priceless illustration, at the two farmers that try to protect their bounty from the intruders. A verbal argument and scuffle ensue until they all reach an understanding. After the seed of cooperation is planted among the seven characters, peace reigns and friendship grows. Nelson's charmingly realistic illustrations skillfully show the passage of time and humorously accurate emotions and body language. The textures shown in the fur and

feathers and the small details in the large oil on canvas paintings create images for study (and framing). The message, so clearly read in the illustrations, is a universal truthâ "you reap what you sow and when shared with others, your joy will be magnified. VERDICT A timeless and delectable picture book choice.â "Maryann H. Owen, Children's Literature Specialist, Mt. Pleasant, WI

â œNelson adeptly balances whimsical, naturalistic, and instructional ideas to create a story that satisfies on multiple levels.â • (Publishers Weekly (starred review))â œA timeless and delectable picture book choice.â • (School Library Journal)â œThough the message is as old as time, its delivery here is fresh and sweet as August corn.â • (Kirkus 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.

This book is absolutely priceless! The illustrations are vivid and speak volumes, even with out words! Kadir Nelson has presented us with a wonderful story about the benefits of giving kindness. A beautiful lesson of sharing and kindness for our younger children. Not to mention adults who never learned the message of sharing & kindness!

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!

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.

GREAT GREAT GREAT BOOK! The illustrations are absolutely beautiful and the small amount of text really captures the creativity and importance of pictorial picture books (wordless).

A simple but important tale for children... And adults. Few words but lovely rendered illustrations that move the tale along so meaningfully.

Very cute way to drive home the concept of kindness to little ones.

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