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We have a special tree in our yard--an apple pie tree! Colorful collage illustrations follow each season as an apple tree grows leaves, fragrant blossoms, and tiny green apples. Soon the fruit is big, red, and ready to be picked. It's time to make an apple pie! Here is a celebration of apples and how things grow--sure to delight young readers all year long.

The Apple Pie Tree Details

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Cheryl Gladfelter says

Warning: you will want apple pie after you read this.

Nikki says

Nice story of the complete life of an apple. Places the pleasures of eating and harvest soundly in the context of tree and seasons. Cute pictures.

Elena Maddox says

Collage illustrations (not my favorite); good for seasons or apples; toddlers or pre-K

Vicki says

A fun book for all seasons-showing the life of an apple tree.

Carly says

Cute book about apple trees, birds and the seasons!

Lisa Vegan says

This is a great book for showing a year in the life of an apple tree, some robins, bees, the cycle of nature, and two young sisters who have that apple tree in their back yard. I love books that show how food gets from tree (or ground) to table.

I normally love collage art and I did enjoy these illustrations.

This is a wonderful book to show children how an apple tree can become an apple pie, and hopefully can become apples as well.

There's a recipe for apple pie in the back. AND, for vegan families, the only non-vegan ingredient is butter, so it's incredibly easy to substitute Earth Balance spread and make this pie, and personally I'd use whole wheat pastry flour too, for the crust, although it still wouldn't be that healthy a project: LOTS of sugar; I guess that could be changed to another ingredient too, or possibly simply left out if sufficiently sweet apples

are used!

This book will work for toddlers but it will work for much older children too, and following up reading the book by baking an apple (or other fruit) pie will make the book even more fun, and educational too.

Diana Thomsen says

While I may disagree with the author that the apples are the best part of a pie (I'm a crust fan, personally...), I can't deny that this book does a great job of showing how the magic of apples come to be. The "year in the life of..." concept works well here, and I appreciate that there's no snow in the ground in the picture of the tree in winter. Those of us in warmer winter zones notice these sorts of things. lol I want to draw attention to the fact that the author didn't JUST talk about how apples grow. The bits about the robins nesting in the tree are especially wonderful, and serve to emphasize the cyclical nature of life. And with a nice little recipe for an apple pie tucked away at the end, I can see this book being a big hit to readers and their families. Very nice.

Joanna says

An apple tree through the seasons.

Rachel says

I love the bright colorful illustrations and simple, easy breezy flow of text across each page. It kind of reminds me of the hungry caterpillar book. I love the way the book teaches kids about the biology of how apples grow from the flowers on the tree. I liked the story of the robins hatching from their eggs and then growing feathers and learning to fly, which occurs while the apples on the tree are ripening. The front end papers show the pink apple blossoms against a blue background, and quite fittingly, the back end paper shows big ripe apples against the same sky blue background. I also enjoyed the mirthful expressions on the faces of the 2 sisters and their cat. Really a delightful book that I can imagine any adult will enjoy reading with a child.

Taylor Parker says

Genre: Informational non-fiction

Grade: k-1

Great book for showing the cycle of how apples grow on a tree each year. The text is simple making it very easy for children to understand. The book is full of colors and fun pictures. It's a perfect book to add to your fall reading list!

Mary says

Read-Aloud Revival Recommendation for September Picture Books.

Ginna says

Wonderful book, great illustrations!

I will use it to show the cycle of nature.

As an activity I will create a collage for the classroom with leaves, pine-straw, and different elements the students could collect from the playground. I will make a big tree poster and they will glue the materials on it to represent the Apple Pie Tree. The next day, I will bring the material for apple pie, and will have a cook lesson for the class, the next day after reading aloud the book, students will draw a picture of the tree in the different seasons of the year and write a sentence under the picture to explain their ideas. The next day you could ask questions about what animals they see in the story and what connections they can make with the book.

Valencia says

A sweet book! The illustrations really add to the story. I like how the pictures show and tell about the seasons too.

Amber Heath says

This is an informational books for children in K+. One unique feature of this book is it tells an interesting story while giving out information about apple trees

Esther May says

The story of an apple tree throughout the year. Great pictures.
