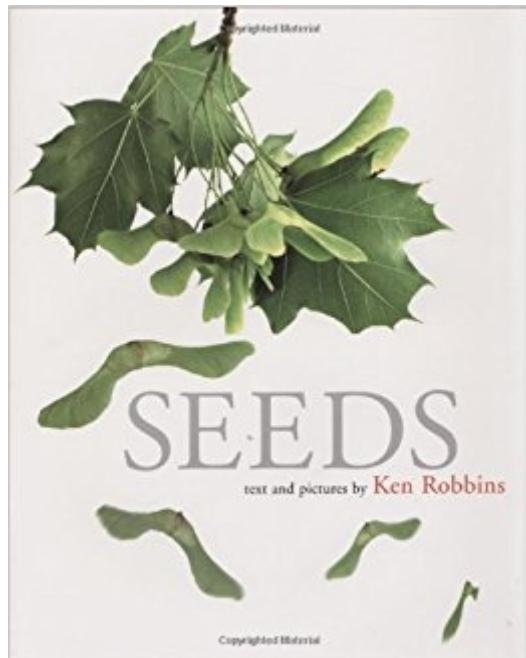


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# Seeds



## **Synopsis**

SEEDS! SEEDS! SEEDS! From summer's flourishing flowers to autumn's succulent fruits, everything begins with a tiny little seed. In this fascinating chronicle, young readers will learn how seeds grow, and how they vary in shape, size, and dispersal patterns. From cherry pits to exploding pods, to sticktight seeds that cling to your shoes, acclaimed photographer and author Ken Robbins illuminates how wondrous nature springs up throughout the year before our very eyes.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

Kindergarten-Grade 3 - With its interestingly composed, close-up color photos, this book explores a variety of seeds and their methods of dispersal. The text is simple enough for independent reading; however, some of the concepts are not adequately explained. For example, Robbins states: "From the seeds that farmers sow, in the spring and summer come wonderful fruits - delicious sweet plums and cherries, peaches, apricots, and many others," and some youngsters may think that these fruits come from annual plants, not orchard trees. This is a worthy secondary purchase, however, for its pictures and for creating an awareness of the vast variety of seeds and their importance both for plant propagation and as foods for humans and animals. Jean Richards's *A Fruit Is a Suitcase for Seeds* (Millbrook, 2002) covers the same concepts, but has watercolor pictures rather than photographs and includes two pages of frequently asked questions. - Lynda Ritterman, Atco

PreS-Gr. 3. Robbins uses a simple text and many crisp, large-scale photos to introduce seeds to young children. A typical double-page spread presents a single plant and its seeds or several plants whose seeds are similar. A few sentences in large type comment on the specific topic, and color photos, often close-ups of plants or seeds, are silhouetted against white pages. The artwork is striking and effective, but the organization and content of the text are weaker. For example, the sentence "From the seeds that farmers sow, in the spring and summer come wonderful fruits--delicious, sweet plums and cherries, peaches, apricots, and many others" needs some interpretation from an adult. Fruit trees, even seeds from the fruits named, are usually said to be planted rather than sown, and a hopeful child who plants a peach pit will wait many summers for the fruit. Still, preschool and primary-grade teachers will appreciate this for the clarity and beauty of its illustrations. Carolyn Phelan Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I just received this book today and it is a beautiful book. I got it to use as a supplement as we learn about gardening and it is the perfect primer about seeds and plants. It will definitely be an easy read for her, but the information and pictures are attention grabbing. The pictures are so vivid; you can almost touch the texture and smell the aromas. Glad to be adding this to our library of gardening books!

Very nice book for children around age seven to ten or eleven.

It is a great book! Beautiful pictures.

this book has beautiful and detailed pictures that children can discuss. It is a bit lengthy, so wouldn't recommend for under 4 years.

A gorgeous picture book that provides some very basic info about plants and seeds. Written in a conversational manner. For example, "When you eat a sandwich, consider this: The bread is not much more than the seeds of a grass called wheat, ground up into flour and mixed with some water and a little bit of yeast." The book layout and design are varied and photographs are bright and clear. This is an interest building book that may lead to more in depth study. Karen Woodworth

## Roman, Children's Science Book Review

Young readers receive a clear primer on how seeds grow, how they differ in size and shape, and how they perform differently in nature with the same goal in mind: to produce growing plants. From different shapes and sizes of seeds in fruit and flowers to trees and plants, excellent large-size color photos and very easy explanations makes Seeds useful for grades 1-4.

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