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And Then It's Spring (Booklist Editor's Choice. Books For Youth (Awards))



Synopsis

Following a snow-filled winter, a young boy and his dog decide that they've had enough of all that brown and resolve to plant a garden. They dig, they plant, they play, they wait . . . and wait . . . until at last, the brown becomes a more hopeful shade of brown, a sign that spring may finally be on its way. Julie Fogliano's tender story of anticipation is brought to life by the distinctive illustrations Erin E. Stead, recipient of the 2011 Caldecott Medal. This title has Common Core connections. And Then It's Spring is one The Washington Post's Best Kids Books of 2012. One of Kirkus Reviews' Best Children's Books of 2012

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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Customer Reviews

Patience is a virtue. Riiiiight. Actually it is, but tell that to anyone under the age of fifteen (to pick an arbitrary age). Though it varies from child to child, immediate satisfaction is something our day and age strives to give us in everything from grocery shopping to movie selection. When kids can just hop on the internet and within less than a minute be connected to the sites they want and need then the idea of something taking not just days but weeks is capable of blowing their furry little minds. I know that in the past teachers have done assignments that involve raising seeds with the idea of

teaching children about how plants grow, but it seems to me that there's just as much to be said for teaching kids that under normal circumstances all good things come to those that wait. And Then It's Spring does a rather good job at drilling this idea home. An understated little beauty with enough tiny details to ensnare squirmy children worldwide, author Fogliano and illustrator Stead have pooled their considerable talents to bring us a great example of what happens when you stop to grow the flowers. A boy, his dog, his turtle, a rabbit, and various assorted birds go out on a day that wavers between blue and gray skies. Says the book, "First you have brown, all around you have brown." Armed with a wagon of seeds the boy sets about planting each one systematically, burying them under little mounds of dirt. The sun and the rain come but there is no green to be seen. A week passes and the boy worries about the seeds and whether or not they've been eaten by birds or crushed by bears. Another week passes and another until one day the brown is all gone, "and now you have green, all around you have green." And there, pushing through the earth, the seedlings make their debut.

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