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Apple



Synopsis

Apple follows the life of an apple throughout the year, demonstrating the cyclical patterns in nature. The youngest readers will delight in following the journey of the bright red apple—the only splash of color in the otherwise black-and-white illustrations—as it travels from tree, to harvest, to snack, to compost, and finally to sprout. A single word complements each illustration, urging early readers to reflect on each stage in the apple's life. Apple is acclaimed cut-paper artist Nikki McClure's very first book, originally self-published and sold in a limited edition of just 200 copies. Now, 16 years later, it is available in wide release, and fans will relish the chance to own the book that launched McClure's signature style.

Praise for Apple

STARRED REVIEW "Run your fingers across this satisfyingly square book's cover and feel the subtle, smooth outlines of a ripe apple and simple letters. You'll immediately sense the solid, soothing storytelling at work inside, achieved through astute manipulations of paper." —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"The art is gorgeous, the text is one-word-per-page minimal and the story is sprinkled with welcome surprises." —The New York Times Book Review

"The emphasis on the cycle of life makes this a useful classroom and library addition." —School Library Journal

Book Information

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Beginner Readers

Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Customer Reviews

With lovely paper cut illustrations and bare, simple text, Nikki McClure brings the growth cycle of an

apple to life. This concept book explores nature and the community, as well as what being part of a family means.

I combined this book with a kindergarten art project. The children loved the beautiful artwork - very unusual. It was great for a lesson on using color for impact and emphasis!

We have enjoyed reading this book together many times. It has taught my daughter a few new words. The book only has one word per page so we get to make up our own stories each time. Great images.

I saw Nikki's paper cutting skills at the Bellevue, WA, Art Museum with my daughter, and we were intrigued with Nikki's amazing skill. I bought this as a gift to thank my daughter.

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