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# **A Fruit Is A Suitcase For Seeds (Exceptional Nonfiction Titles For Primary Grades)**



## Synopsis

"Many seeds travel inside fruits. The fruit is like a suitcase for the seeds. It protects them on their trip." Readers will learn how fruits are designed to protect a plant's seeds and also to help the plant spread its seeds to new places.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

reSchool-Grade 2-Richards's carefully worded information provides an excellent introduction to seeds, their purpose, and growth that should be easy for young children to grasp. On each page, one or two short lines of text appear beneath a large painting. Hariton's use of bright watercolors adds sensual appeal to her illustrations of various fruits, vegetables, animals, and habitats. This cleverly presented book can be used as a read-aloud discussion starter, as a prelude to planting seeds and observing their growth, or in preparation for dissecting fruits and vegetables in order to find the seeds inside. Two final pages in question-and-answer format offer more tidbits of information about seeds. Tiny silhouette people and suitcases parading across the bottom of the pages visually emphasize the suitcase theme in a manner that is appropriate for the intended audience. Allan Fowler's *From Seed to Plant* (Children's, 2001) presents similar material and is

accompanied by color photos and diagrams. Helene J. Jordan's *How a Seed Grows* (HarperCollins, 1992) and Gail Gibbons's *From Seed to Plant* (Holiday, 1991), both of them a bit more sophisticated, contain additional information on how seeds grow into plants and would make great companions to Richards's book. Susan Scheps, Shaker Heights Public Library, OH Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Fantastic Book! I love this book and more importantly, the children loved it too!

I bought *A Fruit Is A Suitcase for Seeds* as a gift for my son's preschool classroom during their spring study of plants, seeds, and gardening. It makes a great read-a-loud for ages two to six. The narrative is well worded, kid-friendly, and not too verbose. They served apples as the snack that day and the kids saved their seeds and planted them in handmade pots of recycled newspaper- several apple trees have sprouted!

This book has exquisite illustrations which enable young readers to understand about seeds in their own world of experience.

I find this book to be a great tool to use when teaching students about fruit.

Nicely illustrated book for kids age 4 - 7, which talks about how "many seeds travel inside fruits. The fruit is like a suitcase for seeds. It protects them on their trip. Fruits look beautiful and taste good, so animals and people eat them and drop the seeds in different places." It illustrates fruits with pits, some small seeds, many tiny seeds inside, and seeds on the outside. This would be a great companion to a fruit dissection project - where you could cut apart fruit with your child and count the seeds. (Even better, have them first predict how many seeds they'll find, then cut it open.) We used this book in our kids' science class as we studied seeds and plants.

Although beautifully illustrated and well written, the book is full of misconceptions. Seeds, for example, only require the proper temperature and moisture to germinate and not soil and sunlight. The explanation as to why seeds do not grow in our stomachs is ludicrous! Teachers and students alike have germinated seeds in plastic bags, closets, and drawers with great success. There is also no sunlight beneath the surface of the soil, where most seeds germinate. The author needs to

concentrate on fiction and acting and not try to educate young learners in scientific content.

The children's book presents a new idea: a suitcase! It is a lovely piece of book, with information that children might not receive from adults. It is inventive and witty.

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