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Fall Leaves



Synopsis

Autumn is in the air: days grow shorter and nights are long. Birds leave, flowers, too. Apples and temperatures fallâthen snow! Part poem, part silent stage, this luminous picture book puts autumn on display and captures the spirit of change that stays with us long after fall leaves. Unlock the secrets of this busy and beautiful time of year as the natural world makes way for winter.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Oh this book! As a 30 something, I find it beautiful and so fun to look at, it truly is a work of art. I read the text out loud to my daughters (5 & 3) and it couldn't hold their attention, which was disappointing because the pictures are so beautiful. The text is informative, explaining how chlorophyll leaves when the trees stop eating, and about hibernating flowers called perennials. The very first page we were reading about the galaxy and seasons... something they just don't understand yet. I would take the advice of another reviewer who reads the larger two words found on each page for the little ears in the room because it is a book they should see and experience. This book is a combination of science and art... What a hard combination to pull off even in our own minds. Its like this book was written for the left and right brain both, and that makes it kind of confusing, like our eyes are staring at a beautiful masterpiece and some science person is

tapping on our shoulder trying to explain the beauty away from it when we just want to soak it in. Right now fall is just starting, the dance of the wind and the dying of the leaves is beautiful for the eyes to behold... but the science of season changes, hibernating animals and bird migration is equally amazing. I know my review sounds like I am insulting the book, or that I didn't like it, but I really really do. To reduce the season change, or our lives in general to either science or art would be missing the beautiful whole masterpiece that it is. The science can make the art even more beautiful. Could the book have been done differently to make it more accessible? Maybe. But I kind of like it for the poetry, science confusion that it is.

Classic, timeless, sublime fall display of the spirit of change that is in the air through the months of September through early December. FALL LEAVES is not just about leaves, but a sort of play on words as the days grow shorter, and the nights longer and fall no doubt--leaves. FALL LEAVES is very sweet, transcendentalist, and almost mythic in it's presentation. For young readers and adults, I guarantee you will fall in love with the exquisite illustrations--richly hued watercolors, and perhaps some mixed media with scraps of paper and marbling techniques--as well as the two characters who may very well be brother and sister as they explore the great outdoors, the fall air and time together. A darling book worth a read this fall.

I bought this book for the paper art of Elly Mackay. The story by Loretta Holland goes with the illustration in beautiful harmony. This book reflects wonderful colors, a nature story and sweet relationship between children of the earth and the seasons.

SUMMARY: This is the story of fall as it progresses from summer leaving to snow and winter coming. It gives scientific facts on each page about what is really happening in the world that make the changes that cause fall. **ILLUSTRATIONS:** The illustrations were created with ink, yupo paper, light and photography. The pictures are absolutely amazing. The use of light, muted colors to portray the season, and the lovely details are so delightful to look at. **THE GOOD:** The illustrations are the highlight of the book. They could almost be used alone to make a wordless book. **THE NOT AS GOOD:** The font is teeny tiny when there is an entire page that could be used. The words are very scientific which does not match the ethereal pictures. "The sun also slowly moves in a circle around our galaxy..." **AGE RECOMMENDATION:** Grades K-3

My granddaughter liked this book because it told her why leaves turn colors. Sometimes we don't

think about why these things happen and take it for granted not knowing that maybe children wonder. This book tell them the* why about leaves*.

Gorgeous Illustrations! Lovely, poetic text. I really like how there can be more than one way to read this to children. You can choose to just read the simple and succinct larger text or, depending on your audience, you can read the entire page. Love this book!

I like that it explains the process of the seasons changing, how and why. But honestly I bought this book for the creative art and amazing use of colors!! Those reds and oranges!!

Beautiful illustrations with very informative scientific facts.

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