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And Then it's Spring

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Author: Fogliano, Julie

Title: *And Then it's Spring*

Illustrator (if applicable): Stead, Erin E.

Year of Publication: 2012

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

ISBN: 9781596436244

of pages: 32

Rating: Outstanding

Reading/Interest Level: Preschool

Keywords: Spring; Patience; Picture Book

Review:

A young boy and his pets are done with the brown of a winter's end. It is time for spring! The boy and his friends of all shapes and sizes—ranging from his Labrador retriever to his pet turtle—are on a mission to bring in the spring green. They plant their seeds then work and wait, watch and wonder, wish and worry, wait some more, and even stop and listen. Finally, spring arrives and green is everywhere.

A recipient of the Caldecott award, Stead lives up to her reputation with beautifully detailed illustrations. Using wood blocking for color and pencil for finer details, she provides a whimsical mood throughout the book. Fogliano's story teaches all about patience and the anticipation of waiting and hoping for things to come. Parents and children alike will love reading this book over and over again, enjoying the humor and rhythmic prose that Stead and Fogliano have created.

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