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Book Review

Title: Green

Author: Laura Vaccaro Seeger

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Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Publication Year: 2012

ISBN: 9781596433977

Number of Pages: 36

Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool

Rating: Outstanding



Review

How many types of green are there? In this book, the author uses stunning illustrations that span every page to show the many kinds of green. From sea green to pea green, khaki green to wacky green, every page depicts a new scene with a new shade. There's even a few pages in which there's no green at all! The story ends with a boy planting a seed which turns into a massive, "forever green" tree.

Green is an artistically beautiful, fascinating book that will thrill its readers. The cover itself is a sneak peek into the incredible illustrations that lie within. The pictures would be pleasant in and of themselves, but what's really captivating about the book is that every page has some pattern of holes cut out in it, which means that every picture is somehow tied to the one before and after. For example, two of the peas on the "pea green" page are actually holes that then become a tiger's eyes on the following "jungle green" page. It's obvious that the artist has put a huge amount of thought into how to arrange these pages, and it's extremely entertaining to look closely at how everything matches up. While the concept of this book is simple enough to engage young children and introduce the idea of color shades, it is also so artistically profound that any reader is sure to enjoy it.