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Curious George Discovers Plants

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Book Review

Title: Curious George Discovers Plants
Author: Monica Perez
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Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool, Primary
Rating: Outstanding



Review

George is curious as to where the fresh vegetables that he eats come from. He has dinner at one of his favorite restaurants and finds that more fresh vegetables need to be harvested so he can have his dish. The chef takes George up and shows him his garden and where his fresh vegetables come from. George then decides to help the Chef by pulling what he thinks are weeds, but doesn't know exactly what weeds are. The curious monkey tries to remedy things but he just keeps making things worse until the man with the yellow hat figures out what he has been doing and sets things right.

In this book children learn about fresh vegetables and gardening. Through delightful illustrations and experiments, the reader will be engaged with all the new knowledge they are being shown. The book does a great job at including children as they read by explaining how plants grow and thrive. It uses words and phrases paired with real life pictures that a child can understand. Furthermore it encourages children to improve their knowledge by trying new things like preparing their own food with an included recipe to put everything into perspective. Through George's antics, children can learn that it is okay to make mistakes as long as you learn from them.