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Pumpkins

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Reviewer: Gillian Streeter  
Reading Level: All  
Rating: Excellent  
Genre: Picture books; Informational books;  
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Pumpkins might seem to be everywhere in the fall, but they begin in the spring as seeds. They’re used as jack-o’-lanterns, pies, or just plain old pumpkins. And in the end, the seeds can be saved and planted when spring comes again.

*Pumpkins* is a photographic gem, but it is not a traditional story picture book. It isn’t exactly a detailed non-fiction book about pumpkins, either. The text is almost lyrical at points, the photos simple and beautiful in their composition. The variety of images depicts pumpkins at the seed, vine, flower, and fruit stages, the end use as jack-o’-lanterns and pie, and back to seeds again. This book is a good beginning reader and instructional story because the words are challenging but not too complex.