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Book Review

Title: On The Farm, At The Market  
Author: G. Brian Karas  
Reviewer: Kelsie Ward  
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Number of Pages: 40  
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary  
Rating: Outstanding

Review

In this informative, yet clever story, the reader is walked through two separate, yet connected events that occur with farming. In the first half of the story, the reader takes a journey through the process of harvesting vegetables from a crop, the work that goes into making cheese, and the process of mushroom farming and harvesting. The second part of the story takes place the following day, which is portrayed as the local farmers market. This is the location where each of the different farmers provides their goods for sale. At the end of the day, Amy, a baker, has made a special meal, and of course, has invited all the farmers to her café to enjoy the results of their hard work.

This story is great for young readers from preschool through elementary school. It provides the basics for the hard work that not only goes into growing and making these different foods, but then the process of selling them as well. Young readers will be intrigued to learn about vegetable crops, dairy processes, and harvesting. The illustrations paint a warm picture that depicts a strong and interconnected community and help readers to visualize all the different aspects of farming.