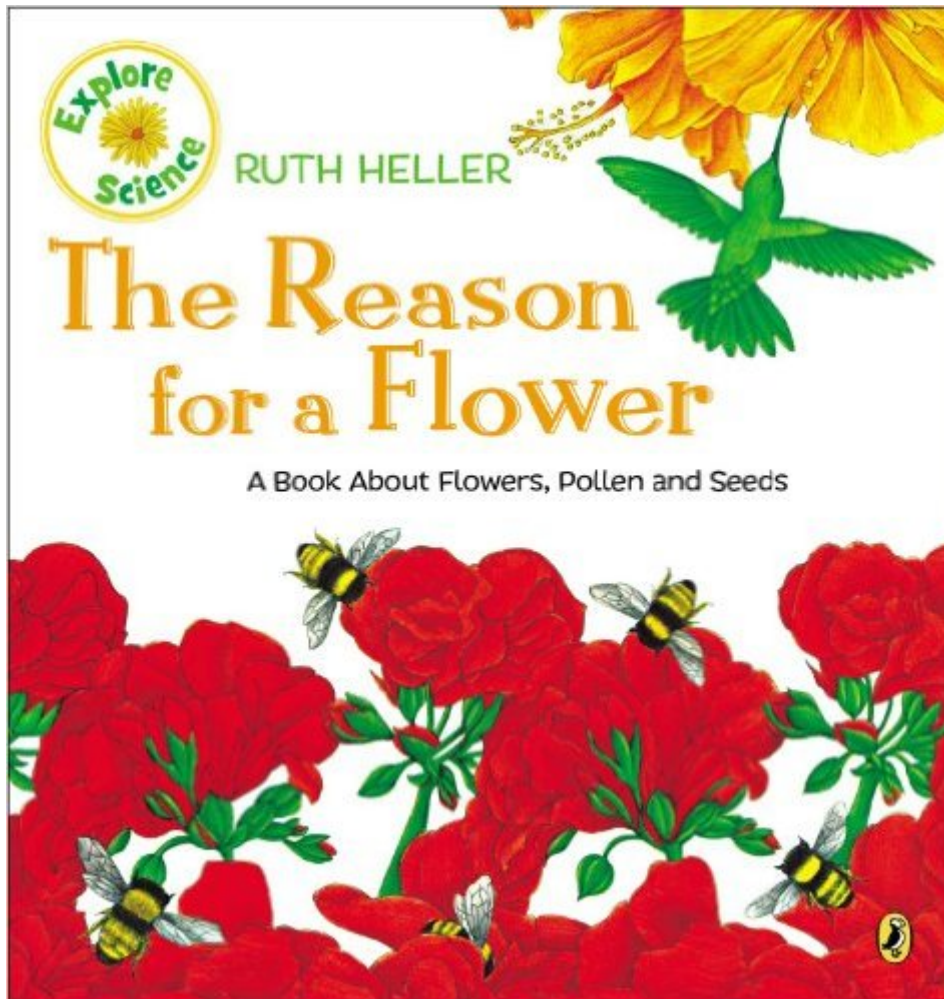


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The Reason For A Flower: A Book About Flowers, Pollen, And Seeds (Explore!)



Synopsis

an extravagantly beautiful creation. It is unusual in its ingenious way of teaching botany and interesting words to the littlest of readers. Publishers Weekly Ms. Heller's colors and drawings are as electrifying as ever. Los Angeles Times The reason for a flower is to manufacture seeds, but Ruth Heller shares a lot more about parts of plants and their functions in her trademark rhythmic style.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

I love this book! The text is fun to read and really easy to understand while introducing some big scientific words. And the pictures are big and colorful, and I really mean BIG and COLORFUL. But even more than that, they are accurate--the flowers, seeds, animals, and insects can all be identified down to the species. Towards the end it gets a little off topic, but even these pages are filled with interesting flower-facts that get you interested in further exploration of the world of flowers. There's even a touch of humor: after pages of large, flamboyant illustrations, the final page contains a single mushroom and the text, "Plants that have no flowers are fascinating, too." I had to laugh at the simplicity and effectiveness of this ending. Last, but not least, the endpapers have a wonderful

drawing that shows a flower progressing into a fruit--a wonderful summary of the purpose of the book without using any words. This book definitely gets my recommendation for anyone who wants to introduce their kids to the world of science and nature in an unintimidating, yet accurate and enjoyable format.

Children are constantly asking questions and sometimes they come up with a question you have difficulty answering, such as "why do we have flowers?". This book answers that question in a way that is both fascinating and entertaining for both children and adults. The illustrations in this book were quite lovely and almost tell a story themselves. The rhythmic cadence of the words introduces children to a biological vocabulary without being overwhelming, describes the different parts of the plants, explains the process of pollination, and illustrates what value plants have beyond just "something pretty to look." This book is a great book for teachers of young children for science related curriculum.

Ruth Heller writes a compelling and entertaining story. The illustrations are great and the pacing of the book is engaging. However, as a scientist and informal science educator, I was disappointed by a few inaccuracies in the text that could be easily corrected if a new edition of this book were published. First, an anther is part of the stamen and rests on the filament (in the book she writes "From an anther on a stamen"). Second, fungi are no longer considered a type of plant. Minus these two things this book is a great teaching tool which I've used with many students to discuss floral anatomy and plant life cycles. I've sidestepped the inaccuracies by using it as an opportunity to discuss with students the importance of using multiple literature sources when studying a topic.

Ruth Heller's rhymes and beautiful pictures engage children and clearly illustrates pollination and the role of flowers.

My daughter who is 6yrs old requested a book about flowers for Christmas and this was the only one I could find for kids. It is ok but not very interesting in my opinion and apparently she agrees because she's only asked me to read it once in the two months we have had it.

One of many Ruth Hellers books. This is so great! The pictures are amazing. The book holds their attention and keeps them interested. A fantastic teaching tool. Awesome bedtime reading. Wonderfully helpful for explaining flowers and plants. I highly recommend this book and all her

books for that matter.

I bought my first copy of this book many years ago and saw how the children enjoyed it...both looking at the pictures and having it read to them... So I wanted this copy for a gift so another child will have the opportunity to enjoy the story and the nice illustrations....

I've been buying these series of books for my daughter 30+ years ago and now for baby shower gifts. They are beautifully illustrated and can be a "show and tell" for the youngest baby and "show and read" for the preschool and even kindergarten age child.

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