

Royal Readers

Enjoy a few of our favorite books from authors across the country focused on food and agriculture. These books are great for young readers and provide beautiful illustrations and photographs.

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Right This Very Minute

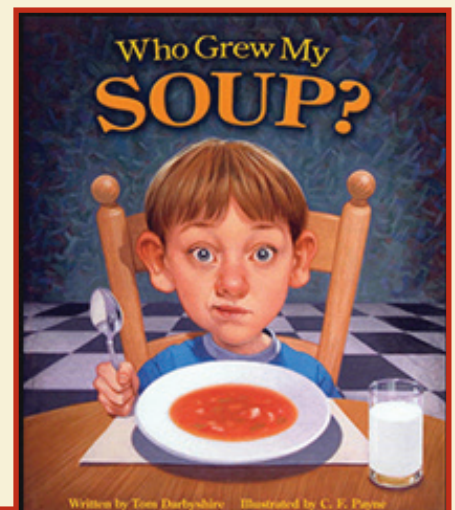
By: Lisl H. Detlefsen and Renee Kurilla

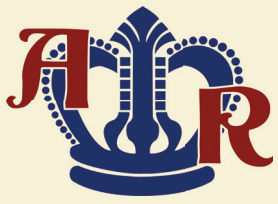
What's that you say? You're hungry? Right this very minute? Then you need a farmer. You have the stories of so many right here on your table! Award winners Lisl H. Detlefsen and Renee Kurilla's delicious celebration of food and farming is sure to inspire readers of all ages to learn more about where their food comes from - right this very minute!

Who Grew My Soup?

By: Tom Darbyshire and Illustrated by C.F. Payne

Young Phineas Quinn is suspicious of the vegetable soup his mom serves for lunch. Phin declares he won't slurp a single spoonful until he knows where his soup comes from! Much to Phin's surprise, a man in a flying tomato balloon shows up to answer this stirring question!





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How Did That Get in My Lunchbox? The Story of Food

By: Chris Butterworth and Lucia Gaggiotti

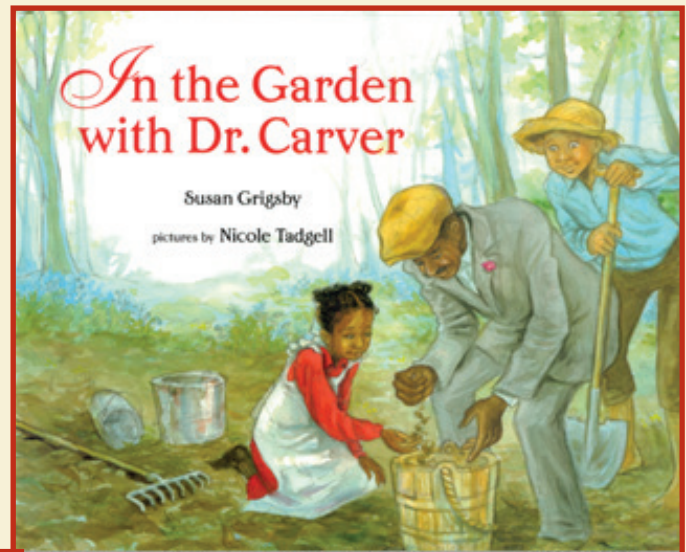
A look at some everyday foods - bread, cheese, tomatoes, fruit - addressing where they come from and the processes that bring them from the field, the cow, the tree ... to your lunchbox! Who made the bread for your sandwich? What about the cheese inside? Who picked the fruit? And where did the chocolate in your biscuit come from? Just how did all that delicious food get into your lunchbox? This stylish and funny book takes the reader on a tasty journey to find answers to all these questions and more, from farms, orchards and factories and right across the world. With nutrition plate and food facts, this is a fun and informative look at food and food production.

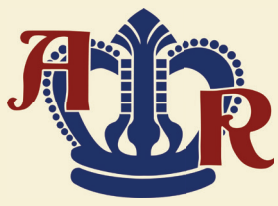


In the Garden with Dr. Carver

By: Susan Grigsby

Sally is a young girl living in rural Alabama in the early 1900s, a time when people were struggling to grow food in soil that had been depleted by years of cotton production. One day, Dr. George Washington Carver shows up to help the grownups with their farms and the children with their school garden. He teaches them how to restore the soil and respect the balance of nature. He even prepares a delicious lunch made of plants, including “chicken” made from peanuts. And Sally never forgets the lessons this wise man leaves in her heart and mind. Susan Grigsby’s warm story shines new light on an African American scientist who was ahead of his time.





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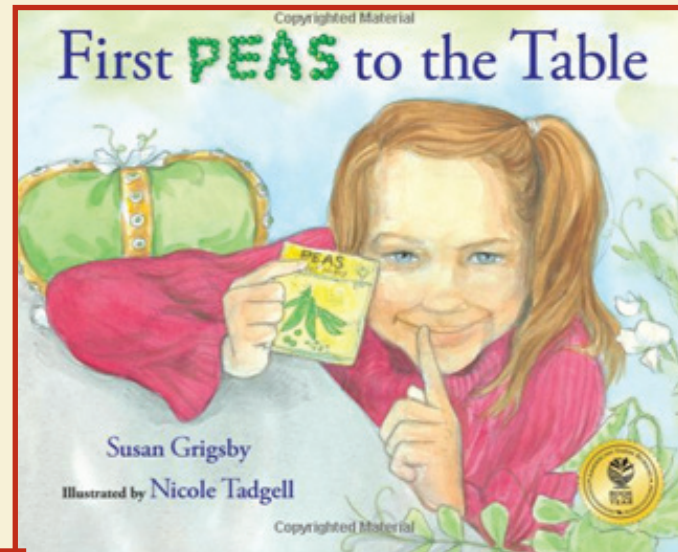
First Peas to the Table

By: Susan Grigsby

Maya loves contests, so she is excited when her teacher announces they will plant a school garden like Thomas Jefferson's garden at Monticello and they'll have a "First Peas to the Table" contest, just like Jefferson and his neighbors had each spring.

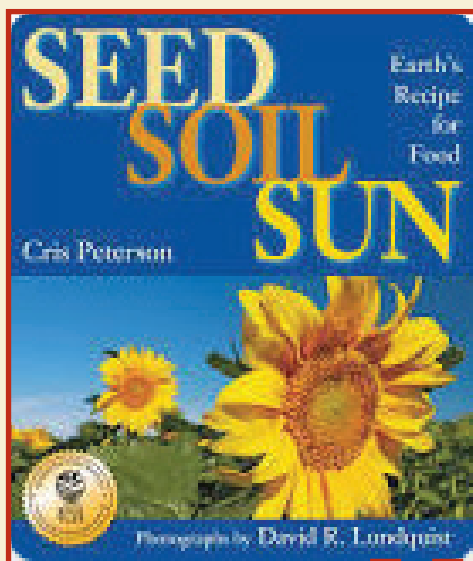
Maya plants her pea seeds with a secret head start found in Jefferson's Garden Book and keeps careful notes in her garden journal. But her friend Shakayla has plans of her own for the contest...

Susan Grigsby's light-hearted classroom story also presents scientific and historical information. Nicole Tadgell's watercolors add both appeal and botanical accuracy.



Seed, Soil, Sun

By: Chris Peterson



Once again, noted author Cris Peterson brings both wonder and clarity to the subject of agriculture, celebrating the cycle of growth, harvest, and renewal. Using the corn plant as an example, she takes the reader through the story of germination and growth of a small corn seed into a giant plant reaching high into the air, with roots extending over six feet into the ground. The book also discusses the makeup of soil and the amazing creatures who live there--from microscopic one-celled bacteria to moles, amoebas, and earthworms.