GARDENS OF GOLDEN GATE PARK**

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Selections from the Children's Book Collection:

Gardening

It's Our Garden: From Seeds to Harvest in a School Garden. Ancong, George.

Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2013.

Presents a portrait of a Santa Fe community garden, revealing how students and other citizens work together to select and grow annual plants, create compost, release butterflies, harvest edibles, and protect garden beds for the winter. Early readers. Nonfiction. j SB457 .An22 2013

How Groundhog's Garden Grew. Cherry, Lynne. New York: Blue Sky Press, c2003. Squirrel teaches Little Groundhog how to plant and tend a vegetable garden in this lushly illustrated story. Early readers. Fiction. j SB321.C424 2003

Grow It Again. MacLeod, Elizabeth. Toronto, Ont., Canada; Buffalo, NY: Kids Can Press, c1999.

Step-by-step instructions explain growing plants from seeds, root tops, bulbs, and other parts of commonly-available kitchen produce. Advanced readers. j SB119 .M225 1999

Growing Vegetable Soup. Ehlert, Lois. San Diego, Calif.: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, c1987. A father and child grow vegetables and then make them into a soup. Pre-readers. j SB321 .Eh56g 1987

The Window Box Book. Fausch, Karen. New York: Little Bookroom, c1999. Step-by-step instructions for creating window-box flower, vegetable, and herb gardens. Advanced readers. Nonfiction. j SB419 .F274 1999

Water, Weed, and Wait. Fine, Edith Hope. Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press, c2010. Miss Marigold, the garden lady, visits Pepper Lane Elementary to help them transform a weedy, rocky patch of ground into a garden. Early readers. Fiction. j SB457 .F493 2010

Vegetable Garden. Florian, Douglas. San Diego, Calif.: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, c1991. This picture book follows a family who plants a vegetable garden and helps it grow to a rich harvest. Pre-readers. Fiction. j SB321 .F663 1991

We are the Gardeners. Gaines, Joanna. Nashville, Tenn.: Tommy Nelson, c2019. Joanna and the kids chronicle the adventures of starting their own family garden. From failed endeavors, obstacles (bunnies that eat everything!), and lessons learned, the Gaines family shares how they grew a happy, successful garden. As it turns out, trying something new isn't always easy, but the hardest work often yields the greatest reward. Early readers. (J) SB457.G127.2019

First Peas to the Table: How Thomas Jefferson Inspired a School Garden. Grigsby, Susan. Chicago, Ill.: Albert Whitman & Co., 2012.

Maya and other students in Ms. Garcia's class study techniques used by Thomas Jefferson as they grow pea plants and compete to see whose will produce a bowl full of peas first. Early readers. j SB343 .G877 2012

Tiny Green Thumbs. Guest, C. Z. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, c2000. Tiny Bun the rabbit and his grandmother plan, plant, and grow a vegetable garden. Early readers. Fiction. jSB321.G938 2000.

My Garden. Henkes, Kevin. New York: Greenwillow Books, c2010.

After helping her mother weed, water and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls. Early readers. Fiction. j SB453 .H389 2010

Kids' Container Gardening: Year-Round Projects for Inside and Out. Krezel, Cindy. Batavia, IL: Ball Pub., c2005.

Provides instructions for gardening in containers such as bowls, drinking glasses, and old hats. Advanced readers. Nonfiction. j SB417 .K889 2005

Jo MacDonald Had a Garden. Quattlebaum, Mary. Nevada City, Calif.: Dawn Publications, c2012.

In this version of the classic song "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," the farmer's granddaughter plants a garden which provides a place for birds, insects, and other wild creatures to shelter and nest. Early readers. Fiction. j SB321 .Q29 2012

Little Green Thumbs. Van Hage, Mary An. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1996. Provides ideas and instructions for projects that involve growing various kinds of plants during the different seasons. Advanced readers. Nonfiction. j SB453.V311 1996

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