

Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture
Selections from the Children's Book Collection:
Fruit

Watermelon Day. Appelt, Kathi. New York: Henry Holt, 1996.

Young Jesse waits all summer for her watermelon to ripen in this sweet story of patience and celebration. Early readers. Fiction. j SB379.W38 Ap48 1996

Edible Colors. Bass, Jennifer Vogel. New York : Roaring Brook Press, c2014.

Photographs of vegetables that explore a variety of colors, and common or unusual fruits and vegetables. Early readers. (J)SB321 .B33 2014

Jamberry. Degan, Bruce. New York: HarperCollins, c1983.

A boy and a rhyme-spouting bear cavort through a fantastic land of berries. Pre-readers. Fiction. j SB381 .D363 1983

The Berry Book. Gibbons, Gail. New York: Holiday House, c2002.

Describes different types of berries and how they grow. Includes recipes with berry ingredients. Early readers. Nonfiction. j SB381 .G352 2002

Tall and Tasty: Fruit Trees. Hughes, Meredith Sayles. Minneapolis, Minn.: Lerner Publications, c2000. Describes the historical origins, uses, and growing requirements of various fruit trees, such as the apple, peach, mango, and fig. Includes recipes. Advanced readers. Nonfiction. j SB355 .H874t 2000

The Monkey and the Crab. Kani, Saru. Union City, Calif.: Heian International; 1985.

Mr. Monkey is punished for eating all the persimmon fruit from Mrs. Crab's tree. Advanced readers. Fiction. j SB379.P4 K132 1985

Blueberries for Sal. McCloskey, Robert. New York : Puffin Books, c1976.

Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with the other's mother. This Caldecott honor book is an enduring classic of children's literature. Early readers. Fiction. j SB386.B7 M132 1976

Growing Colors. McMillan, Bruce. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1988.

Bright photographs of fruits and vegetables are used to help teach children about colors in the garden. Pre-readers. Nonfiction. j SB454.C71 M228 1988

Mrs. Peanuckle's Fruit Alphabet. Peanuckle, Mrs. New York, NY : Rodale Kids, 2017.
Introduces babies and toddlers to the colorful foods that will help them grow up to be healthy and strong. Pre-readers. (J Board) SB355 .P42 2017

A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds. Richards, Jean. Minneapolis, Minn. : Millbrook Press, c2002.
Provides an illustrated description of seed dispersal by which plants, most specifically fruits, travel from one place to another. Early readers. (J) QK661 .R39 2002

A Fruit Chant. Sayre, April Pulley. New York : Beach Lane Books, 2012.
In fun verse, the author creates a rhyming story about different fruits you can find at a fruit stand. Pre-readers. SB355 .Sa99 2012

The Sweetest Fig. Van Allsburg, Chris. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1993.
After being given two magical figs that make his dreams come true, Monsieur Bibot sees his plans for future wealth upset by his long-suffering dog. Early readers. Fiction.
j SB365 .V263 1993

Tingo Tango Mango Tree. Vaughan, Marcia K. Morristown, N.J.: Silver Burdett, c1995.
When iguana Sombala Bombala Rombala Roh grows a ripe, juicy, giant mango and tries to keep it for herself, she is outwitted by Bitteo Biteo the bat. Early readers. Fiction.
j SB379.M2 V465 1995

Ana Cultiva Manzanas / Apple Farmer Annie. Wellington, Monica.
New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2004.
Annie the apple farmer saves her most beautiful apples to sell fresh at the farmers' market. Includes recipes for *Panecillos dulces de manzana* and *Compota de manzana*. Early readers. Fiction. Bilingual Spanish & English text. j SB363 .W46w 2004

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