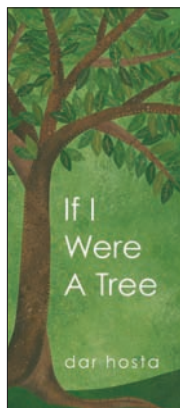




# GROWING GOOD KIDS— Excellence in Children's Literature

The Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Award Program recognizes children's books that effectively promote an appreciation for gardening, plants, and the environment.

## \*2008 WINNERS\*



**If I Were a Tree** by Dar Hosta

“If I were a tree, my branches would always be full of song, and I would cradle a nest for you to come home to. Oh yes, if I could not be me, it would be nice to be a tree.”



**Mother Earth and Her Children**

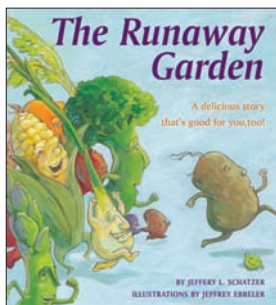
by Sybil Von Olfers  
illustrated by Sieglinde Schoen-Smith  
translated by Jack Zipes

“And when fair spring Arrives on time, A merry group Soon comes alive. Ladybugs, lilies, Tall blades of grass, Emerge on the earth In a joyous mass!”



**The Old Tree** by Ruth Brown

“Early one morning, Pigeon Post was delivering mail to the Old Tree. ‘Hello, Mrs. Rabbit. Lots of cards for you today. By the way, did you know there’s a big X painted on your tree? What’s it for?’”



**The Runaway Garden**

by Jeffery L. Schatzer  
illustrated by Jeffery Ebbeler

“Those silly plants ignored the squash and trusted in their fate. The potatoes all just closed their eyes and took off out the gate. All the green peas split for town; the tomatoes stewed and stirred. Celery and her friend sweet corn stalked off without a word.”

## GROWING GOOD KIDS Award Winners

### ■ 2005 Inaugural List of Classic Books

- Brother Eagle, Sister Sky** by Susan Jeffers
- Camille and the Sunflowers** by Laurence Anholt
- Carrot Seed** by Ruth Krauss, illustrated by Crockett Johnson
- Clara Caterpillar** by Pamela Duncan Edwards
- Empty Pot** by Demi
- The Gardener** by Sarah Stewart and David Small
- The Gazebo** by Ethel Pochocki, illustrated by Mary Beth Owen
- The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein
- The Great Kapok Tree** by Lynne Cherry
- How Groundhog's Garden Grew** by Lynne Cherry
- I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato** by Lauren Child
- Inch by Inch** by David Mallett
- The Leaf Men** by William Joyce
- Lily's Garden** by Debora Kogan Ray
- Linnea in Monet's Garden** by Christina Bjork, illustrated by Lena Anderson
- The Lorax** by Dr. Seuss
- The Lotus Seed** by Sherry Garland, illustrated by Tatsuro Kiuchi
- Miss Rumphius** by Barbara Cooney
- Mrs. Spitzer's Garden** by Edith Pattou, illustrated by Mary Beth Owens
- Oliver's Vegetables** by Vivian French
- Once There Was a Tree** by Natalia Romanova, illustrated by Gennady Spirin
- A Place to Grow** by Stephanie Bloom, illustrated by Kelly Murphy
- Plantzilla** by Jerdine Nolen, illustrated by David Catrow
- Pumpkins** by Mary Lyn Ray, illustrated by Barry Root
- Scarlette Bean** by Karen Wallace, illustrated by Jon Berkeley
- The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
illustrated by Mary Collier
- The Shaman's Apprentice** by Lynne Cherry and Mark J. Plotkin
- Sunflower House** by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt
- Sunflower Sal** by Janet S. Anderson, illustrated by Elizabeth Johns
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit** by Beatrix Potter
- The Tin Forest** by Helen Ward, illustrated by Wayne Anderson
- The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle
- Too Many Pumpkins** by Linda White, illustrated by Megan Lloyd
- Tops and Bottoms** by Janet Stevens
- Two Old Potatoes and Me** by John Coy and Carolyn Fisher
- The Ugly Vegetables** by Grace Lin
- Wanda's Roses** by Pat Brisson, illustrated by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
- Weslandia** by Paul Fleischman, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes
- Whose Garden is it?** by Mary Ann Hoberman
- Wild Child** by Lynn Plourde, illustrated by Greg Couch

### ■ 2006 Winners

- Earth Mother** by Ellen Jackson, illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon
- Leaf Man** by Lois Ehlert
- Miss Ladybird's Wildflowers** by Kathi Appelt, illustrated by Joy Fisher Hein
- Our Apple Tree** by Gorel Kristina Naslund  
illustrated by Kristina Digman
- The Tree Farmer** by Chuck Leavell and Nicholas Cravotta  
illustrated by Rebecca Bleau

### ■ 2007 Winners

- Josias, Hold the Book** by Jennifer Riesmeyer Elvgren,  
illustrated by Nicole Tadjell
- Once Around the Sun** by Bobbi Katz, illustrated by LeUyen Pham
- A Seed is Sleepy** by Dianna Hutts Asto, illustrated by Sylvia Long



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