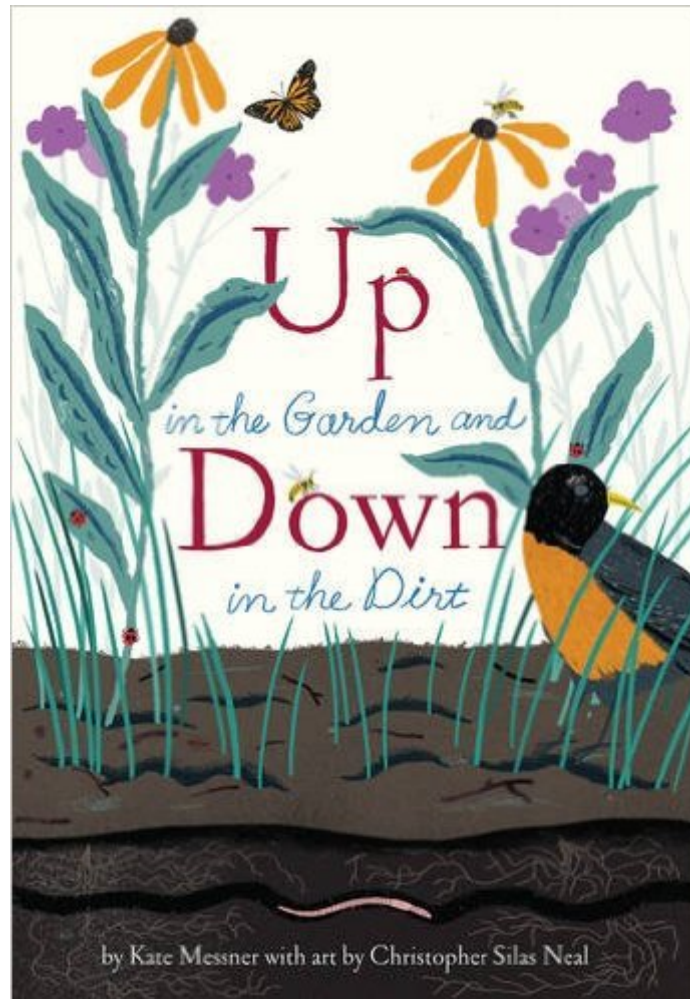


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# Up In The Garden And Down In The Dirt



## Synopsis

In this exuberant and lyrical follow-up to the award-winning *Over and Under the Snow*, discover the wonders that lie hidden between stalks, under the shade of leaves . . . and down in the dirt. Explore the hidden world and many lives of a garden through the course of a year! Up in the garden, the world is full of greenâ"leaves and sprouts, growing vegetables, ripening fruit. But down in the dirt exists a busy worldâ"earthworms dig, snakes hunt, skunks burrowâ"populated by all the animals that make a garden their home.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Beautiful, poetic, magical, and educational. A huge fan of *Over and Under the Snow* by the same author/illustrator duo, this follow-up does not disappoint. It's just gorgeous and my two year-old daughter and I instantly fell in love with their work, again. Perfect to add to your collection if you are particularly fond of nature, the outdoors, the changing of the seasons, gardening, insects, and the like.

I really enjoyed how this book explain the process of trash becoming dirt and all the crawling insects that it involves! It never feels disgusting or scary, but it rather helps understanding the cycle of life

that nourishes us. Maybe better suited for a 5-7 years old. Now let's go dig in the yard... :)

An amazing book for children (and parents!). It really gives a great look at what goes on in a garden regarding both human nurturing and insect help! My son loves dirt and bugs, so he LOVES this book. It is so beautifully illustrated and written, I highly recommend for boys and girls!!

My two-year-old daughter is very interested in worms and bugs and loves this book. I don't get tired of reading it a lot because it's beautiful to look at and the words have a lovely sound, too. Kate Messner was obviously thinking about how her book would be mostly read out loud when she wrote it and planned the page breaks. Great for kids who like bugs and dirt because the pictures let you see what's going on under the ground.

This book is lovely. The message of the life around us we often miss is beautifully put. It simply explains what is happening, all the time, in our gardens when we can't see. A beautifully illustrate book. Your young ones, and you will enjoy this.

As a gardener, this book reminds me of the many reasons I garden - the good, the bad, and the ugly times throughout the year. My 3 year old daughter joins me in the garden, and we love reading this book together. It is extremely well illustrated - no "cute" bugs, just realistic images, which I appreciate. Messner helps validate the purpose of each insect and animal you find in a garden, which I think helps justify to my daughter to not be afraid of them (even the creepy crawly bugs) but to appreciate what they bring to yard.

This book takes you on a wondrous journey down in the dirt with fascinating details and lush language that simply leaves the reader in awe. I love the juxtaposition of the "down in the dirt" scenes with their darker colored illustrations and complex details of the ecosystem, against the "up in the garden" scenes that are light-colored and depict simple childhood pleasures, such as quenching glass of lemonade or cooling water spray. An engaging book that will enrapture the reader as they travel through the weeks, months and seasons in the garden. This is perfect for classroom science discussions as it includes wonderful back matter on all the animals mentioned. Also good for home libraries due its narrative storytelling.

Summary: A little girl and her grandmother plant a garden in spring, care for plants in the summer,

and harvest in the fall. While they watch what is happening up in the garden, there is plenty of activity down in the dirt. Many animals make their homes in both places, some helpful to the garden plants and some harmful. The last few pages list the sixteen animals pictured in the book and give a bit more information on their roles in the garden. Pros: This is a perfect beginning-of-summer book to take into the garden. Readers will enjoy finding the different life forms pictured in the bold, beautiful illustrations. Cons: The picture of the garter snake about to chomp a grasshopper may give me nightmares.

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