
Book Review

Community Garden

Much like the rhythm of our seasons, Carolyn's ability to capture and relay this sweet story of how Chick and Duckling curiously make their way through the vegetable patch ('row by row') sets its own delicious beat. For gardening indeed has its own exacting rhythm. The rising and setting of the sun, tulips and daffodils heralding spring, May days filled with promise, vegetable seedlings poking their way up through the fresh smelling earth, picking snap beans and sampling strawberries, even crisp, cool fall evenings- it is all in rhythm with nature. It is a collection of up-beat regularity we can depend upon not only for the vegetables and blooms we harvest, but for the 'earthy' moments that build character and challenge us to do our best. For those of us who have the ability to toil without complaint and for those of us who cherish our moments working the earth while assisted in our movements, our gardens are sources of absolute passion and complete enjoyment. Combined with Richard McNaughton's sweet images, truly reflecting the feel of each garden in its green glory, the rhythm of Carolyn's tale lulls those who read the rhyme back into the innocence of our youth.

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