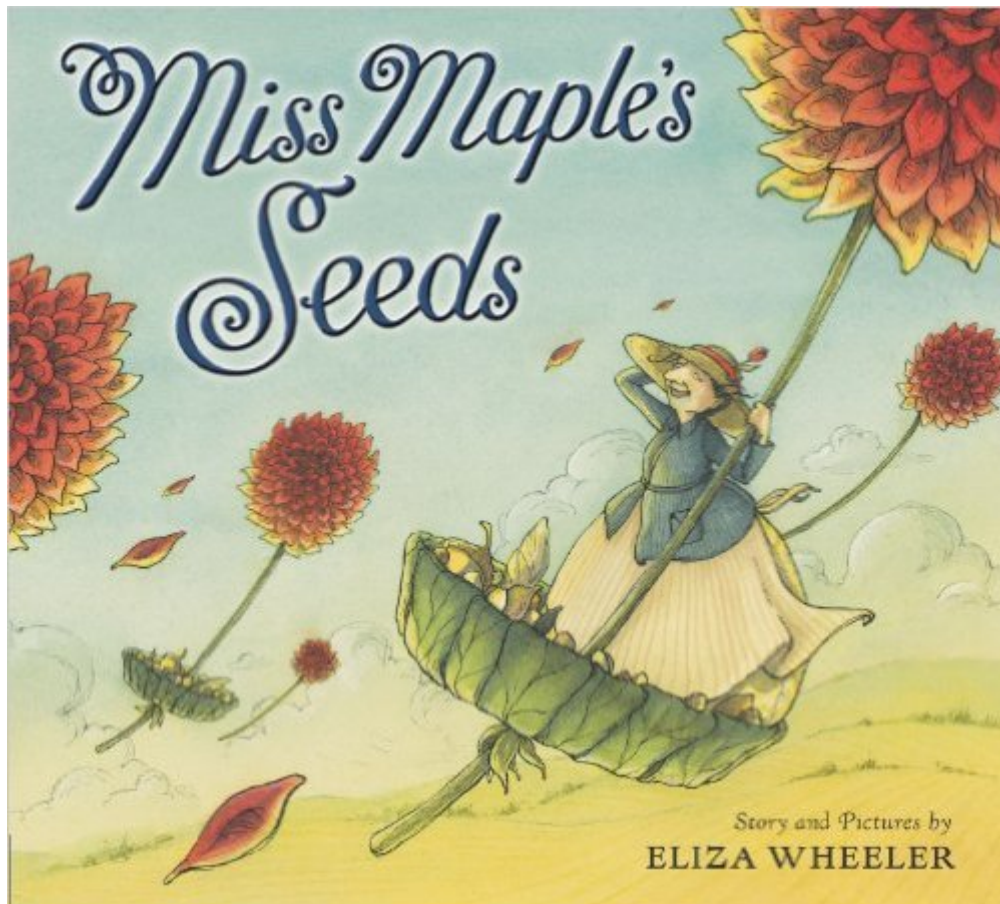


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# Miss Maple's Seeds



## Synopsis

Fans of Miss Rumphius will adore this gorgeous picture book which introduces the kind, nature-loving Miss Maple, who celebrates the miracle in each seed. Miss Maple gathers lost seeds that haven't yet found a place to sprout. She takes them on field trips to explore places to grow. In her cozy maple tree house, she nurtures them; keeping them safe and warm until it's time for them to find roots of their own, and grow into the magnificent plants they're destined to become. Eliza Wheeler's luminous paintings feature gorgeous landscapes, lush foliage and charming details. Her tender story celebrates the potential found in each seed "since even the grandest tree and most brilliant flower had to grow from the smallest of seeds. Celebrate every season with Miss Maple, from Earth Day to graduations to harvest festivals. Â

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This is such a PRECIOUS book. What a wonderful time my children and I had snuggling together and entering Miss Maples' whimsical and joyful world as she cares for orphan seeds before sending them off to grow. This book would be a WONDERFUL addition to a teacher or homeschooling parent's literature collection when teaching about planting and seeds. Often, biology units about plants lean heavily on non-fiction, but this book be great for a fiction read. There are many activities that could be created to go along with this book. What an amazing debut book, Ms. Wheeler. I truly

hope you will create more books in the future! You are incredibly talented!

This is a favorite in our house, and I've bought it as gifts for others also. The illustrations are outstanding, probably in the top 1% of children's book illustrations I've ever seen. The story is sweet, a bit whimsical, and has a wonderful lesson. I cannot speak highly enough of this book. It is one that both parents and children will enjoy reading (and looking at!) over and over again.

The original reason I purchased it was because it was written by one of our co-workers daughters, who also graduated from our school. I was going to give it to my one year old great niece for her birthday, but after reading it I decided to give it to our daughter as part of her high school graduation gift. If I had purchased the book sooner I would have ordered additional copies as grad gifts for a couple other girls that are very near and dear to our hearts. It is a great book and beautifully illustrated. I would highly recommend this book to others.

I'm teaching a unit on gardening and planting seeds to my 3- and 4-year old preschool class, and "Miss Maple's Seeds" was the perfect book to read to the kiddos. It introduced a new way of looking at the journey that seeds travel throughout their lives. The children were mesmerized by the illustrations, and I could just see their imaginations running wild with the turn of each page.

Flying onto the scene atop a bright blue bird is Miss Maple. She is returning home to none other than the hollow of an old maple tree. Summer has come to a close and she has completed her search for orphan seeds which were lost in spring. This story has every magical making for a pixie setting. However, I personally find it refreshing that Miss Maple is not a fairy. Rather, she is a figure of a very, very little old lady. She emanates wisdom, warmth, and vibrance with a motherly quality over each seed. She gently scrubs them clean, takes them on field trips to learn all that a good seed should know, and tucks each into adorable miniature beds. All the while, cooing over them: "Take care, my little ones, for the world is big and you are small." This book is a beautiful lesson in nature and its seasons, in the preparation of life, and in selflessness. As springtime approaches, Miss Maple recognizes that the love and guidance she offered now culminates in farewells. She releases each seed to fulfill its destiny, and from afar she whispers over them her final coo, that though the world is big and they are small, "even the grandest of trees once had to grow up from the smallest of seeds." Not only is the lesson itself beautiful, the unique illustrations really tip the scales. With an earthy warmth, Eliza Wheeler adds a depth that only the pictures can convey; my words fail. It is no

wonder that she has won the SCBWI Los Angeles International Conference Portfolio Grand Prize . .  
. now that is a mouthful, and I likely have no need to say more!

Gave this to first grade teachers as teacher appreciation present. Included a handmade bookmark with "Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_'s Seeds:" and a list of all of the kids' names. Easy and very well received. Can be read aloud to future classes, and is extremely sweet and appreciative of all that teachers or parents do. Also read it to my own kids. Great gift for children or for anyone who cares for them.

Instead of "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" I've been having kids' teachers write their messages in this book (to give to them at their graduation, etc.) - - such sweet illustrations and a really excellent story that celebrates the teachers in their lives...the people who care for and guide the little seedlings in your life. Great for teacher/ day care / nanny gifts! Also just a really imaginative story that invites pretend play afterwards. Was given my first copy as a gift and quickly bought 4 more for gifts!

This is one of those books you will keep in your library for generations ~ SO WONDERFUL!!!  
Beautiful illustrations, beautiful writing, just lovely. My kids ask me to read it over and over. One of my favorite pictures is the twilight release of seeds in their beautiful flower boats onto the river...I'd love a copy for art on my wall ;-))Just an incredible book and we look forward to her next book!

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