Plants

Thinking Inside the Box: Designing Plant Packages

**FICTION**

**The Magic School Bus Plants Seeds**

By Patricia Relf

Ms. Frizzle’s class is growing a beautiful garden, but Phoebe’s plot is empty. Her flowers are at her old school! So, the kids climb aboard the Magic School Bus. They go to Phoebe’s old school to get some of her old flowers, but they end up actually going inside the flowers. Follow the kids’ colorful adventure as they learn how living things grow. (32 pages)

**Recommended for reading at K–4 grade level.**

Publisher: Scholastic Paperbacks
ISBN: 0590222961

**Linnea’s Windowsill Garden**

By Cristina Bjork

Linnea loves plants. She grows them all over her room - in pots, and crates, even in glass jars. In this book, she takes you on a tour of her indoor garden. She tells you about her orange tree and plantable pits and seeds, including melons, tomatoes, and grapes. (60 pages)

**Recommended for reading at K–4 grade level.**

Publisher: R & S Books
ISBN: 9129590647

**NON-FICTION**

**A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds**

By Jean Richards

Richards’s carefully worded information provides an excellent introduction to seeds, their purpose, and growth that should be easy for young children to grasp. (32 pages)

**Recommended for reading at 1–3 grade level.**

Publisher: Millbrook Press
ISBN: 0761316221

**Plant Secrets**

By Emily Goodman

Plants come in all shapes and sizes, but they go through the same stages as they grow. Using four common plants, young readers learn about a plant’s life cycles. (40 pages)

**Recommended for reading at 1–3 grade level.**

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing
ISBN: 1580892051

**Burrows, Nests and Lairs: Animal Architects**

By Ada Spada

Enter the cozy houses of rabbits, mice, moles, and platypuses; the intricate cities of bee hives and coral reefs; and unusual birds’ nests that are sewn together and decorated. (48 pages)

**Recommended for reading at K–4 grade level.**

Publisher: Lark Books
ISBN: 1600591493

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