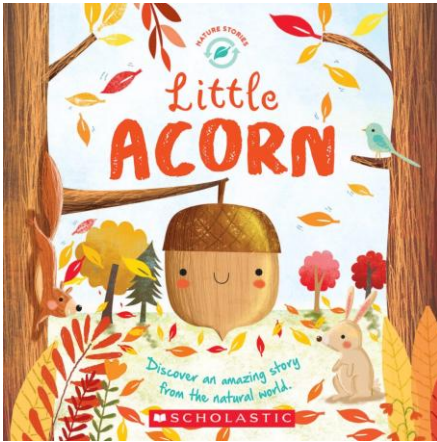


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Little Acorn

Author: Melanie Joyce

Illustrator: Gina Maldonado

Themes: Growth, Change, Nature, Life Cycles, Seasons

Book Brief: Have you ever wondered how a tiny acorn becomes a giant oak tree? Follow Little Acorn as it grows and changes through the seasons. Discover how something so small can become something amazing!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover together. Ask, “What do you notice about Little Acorn? What do you think will happen to it?”
- Ask, “Have you ever seen an acorn or a big oak tree? How do you think a tiny acorn becomes a tree?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Where does Little Acorn begin its journey?
- What happens when Little Acorn reaches the ground?
- How does Little Acorn change as it grows?
- What changes do you notice in the seasons?
- Why do you think it takes a long time for a tree to grow?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “How did Little Acorn change throughout the story? What surprised you about how trees grow? What other things grow and change over time?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- **Go on an Acorn Hunt:** Take a walk outside and look for acorns, leaves, and oak trees. Talk about how the tiny acorns you find could someday grow into large trees.
- **Draw the Life Cycle:** Draw pictures showing how an acorn grows into an oak tree. Help your child put the pictures in order and describe what happens at each stage.
- **Watch a Seed Grow:** Plant a bean seed together and observe how it changes over time. Encourage your child to draw what they notice and compare its growth to Little Acorn's journey.