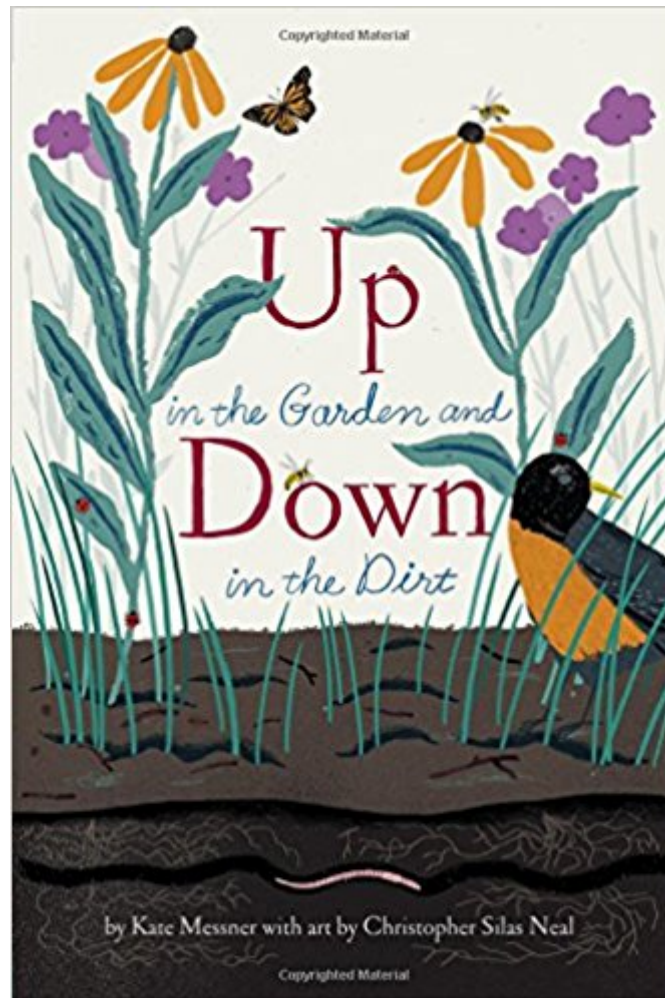


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# Up In The Garden And Down In The Dirt



## Synopsis

A companion to the new *Over and Under the Pond* and the beloved *Over and Under the Snow*, this sweet exploration of the hidden world and many lives of a garden through the course of a year "could not be more lovely," according to the *Washington Post*. Up in the garden, the world is full of green—leaves and sprouts, growing vegetables, ripening fruit. But down in the dirt there is a busy world of earthworms digging, snakes hunting, skunks burrowing, and all the other animals that make a garden their home. In this exuberant and lyrical book, discover the wonders that lie hidden between stalks, under the shade of leaves...and down in the dirt.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 1— Beneath every garden lies a secret world down in the dirt. In this enchanting follow-up to *Over and Under the Snow* (Chronicle, 2011), Messner explores that underground realm. This yearlong adventure begins early in spring, with a young girl learning from her grandmother that the soil is still too cold and wet to begin planting. The pair make plans while earthworms and insects work in the dirt. As the year goes by, they tend to the garden, weeding, watering, and keeping away pests, and later harvesting vegetables. The illustrations are marked by rich brown earth tones, highlighted by brighter colors here and there (a red wheelbarrow, yellow boots) as the seasons reveal themselves slowly. Spreads detail the often unseen life all around the

garden, such as a praying mantis that eats mosquitoes, pill bugs that chew through leaves, honeybees that pollinate flowers, and a garter snake that hunts grasshoppers. Neal effectively uses light and dark to show the contrast between night and day; an image of foraging rabbits by day is eventually replaced by a nighttime scene of skunks "[working] the night shift." Each page invites readers to linger over the quiet text, which gently moves the story along. Back matter includes an author's note and a complete listing of the many creatures mentioned throughout. VERDICT A beautiful, informative addition to any collection. —Frances E. Millhouser, formerly at Fairfax County Public Library, VA --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Offers excellent coming attractions for what youngsters can expect when they try to grow something."--Reading Today"Will have readers itching to get their hands dirty."--Baltimore Sun"This is a really sweet book that explains how nature helps make a garden, with teamwork."--This Kid Reviews Books"This beautifully illustrated work shines a light on life beneath the surface."--Modern Luxury: Manhattan"The harmonious relationships above and below ground, and those between the two, emphasize the complexities of the garden ecosystem, as well as the joys of sustained engagement with the land."--The Horn Book Magazine --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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 loved the *Over and Under the Snow* book by the same author, so I picked this book up as well. This book goes through the seasons in a garden (except for winter). It shows what is going on above and under the ground focusing a lot on insects, worms, plants, etc. The story was not overly engaging and it did not meet a curricular need (where the *Over and Under the Snow* book did). There are plenty of other books that cover the topics of gardening, insects, seasons, and earth - many of which were more effective and engaging than this book. I returned the book because I did not need it.

Great book. Lots of pictures. Bought this for our almost 3-year-old because spring is here and he sees the birds in the yard getting worms. See something I did not see on the last reading every time

so far. Details about the wildlife on the last page, including pictures of what they look like.

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.

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... :)

My 3.5 year old daughter loves to read and I get bored of the same books over and over. This book is unique and for a girl who loves anything outdoors (and a momma who loves to grow things) this is perfect. This book has become a favorite at our house.

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Love the illustrations in this book! It was fun to read it to my toddler and early school age children as we anticipated the arrival of spring and talked about how things grow.

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