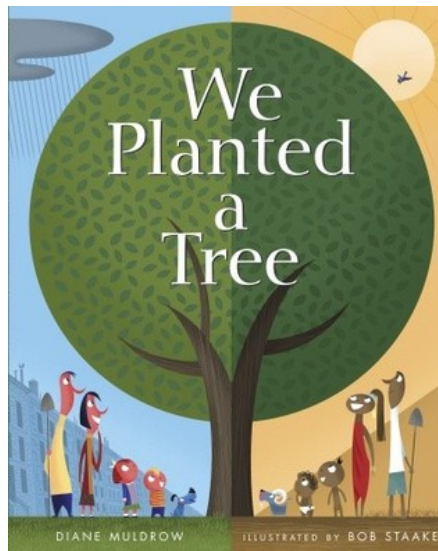




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We planted a tree and it grew up,

While it reached for the sky and the sun. . . .

In this simple poem illustrated by award winner Bob Staake, two young families in two very different parts of the world plant a tree. As the trees flourish, so do the families . . . while trees all over the world help clean the air, enrich the soil, and give fruit and shade.

With a nod to Kenya's successful Green Belt Movement, Diane Muldrow's elegant text celebrates the life and hope that every tree--from Paris to Brooklyn to Tokyo--brings to our planet. Perfect for young readers!

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Katelyn Reagan says

Two families in different parts of the world both plant a tree. As the trees grew, each one brought different things to the families and the families grew. This poem shows a wonderful story of how families in different places grow together and that while they are different, they are also very similar.

Dolly says

This is a nice ode to a tree, with an environmental message that isn't too heavy-handed. It says that if we take care of and plant trees, they will help us in return, by providing us with oxygen, shade, wood, flowers, nuts and fruit. They nurture and anchor the soil and make the Earth a nice place to live. Allowing them to grow and flourish will give us a better future. The illustrations are whimsical and colorful and the narrative has a hopeful theme.

Maggi Rohde says

I loved the rhythm of the words and the detail in the pictures. It was sweet without being too cloying, and the message was just right for K-1. My six-year-old says, "I loved all the color."

Alejandra Tinoco says

I liked reading this book because it gives more information about planting a tree and how it helps our environment. This is an easy read for students who are interested in science.

Six Traits: Presentation, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency

Lexile: AD510L

AR Level: 2.7

Melki says

Okay, I mostly loved this one because of Bob Staake's illustrations, but it is a nice story of all the wonders performed by a tree: shade, cleaning the air, providing fruit and maple syrup, feeding and sheltering animals, and above all - making the world a better place.

Beautiful sentiment, beautiful book.

Teddi says

My 3 year old daughter and I really enjoyed reading this book and seeing the families in the book grow up. We found a lot of things to talk about through the illustrations on each page. I pointed out the families and how they were growing throughout the book just like trees were. I loved that the book was multicultural and it felt like the tree was symbolic for humanity and living well with the earth and each other...at least the way I read it to my daughter. She has asked me to read the book to her every day since we checked it out of the library.

Heather says

I love the pictures, and I like that the environmental message comes through without being overbearing or preachy. It is just a fun, simple story.

Randi Triantafillou says

We Planted a Tree, Is not only a very informative book but is it is very diverse and the illustrations are extremely appealing to the eye. This book explains how trees grow and not only that but gives different aspects of the seasons and the illustrations incorporate diverse cultures. This book would be a great resource to use for a read aloud with students, because many open ended questions can be developed from this story to expand on knowledge and experience of students. Lastly it shows the importance of "ONE TREE" which can make a difference, this can relate and impact the importance that individuals see in themselves.

Randi T (3703)

Randie D. Camp, M.S. says

Two families from different cultures and different parts of the world, plant a tree. Those trees grow and nourish not only the families but help the heal the world. The contrasting colors and hues seems to align with the comparison of the two growing families. I appreciate the author/illustrator duo paying a tribute to Kenya's Green Belt Movement. I was unaware of this movement and it is amazing how children's books can be used to educate children and adults about important issues here and over seas. Great book!

Meghan Thomas says

This story told all the advantages of planting a tree and taking care of it. It talked about the healthy soil it will produce for other plants, the breeze, and the shade it provides, the fruit that grows on it, and how it helps people breath better. I enjoyed this book because it was diverse. It showed families of different races planting the tree and that can make it even more enjoyable for more kids.

Tsuyu Ko says

This book has very unique illustration. Two families both planted a tree and the story starts there. A tree help people to grow and provide a comfort zone. It is a simple poetry and very easy for little kids to understand.

Slayermel says

I read this today at work, to the children before rest time.

We learned about trees and all that they do for us while they grow. I think this is one of those books that we will read a few times so all the messages start to sink in.

Each time we read it I'm sure they will pick up on something new for us to discuss.

Lovely illustrations.

Thabata says

Diane Muldrow offers the reader the gift of a wonderful literary work. It is simple and yet extremely effective. It pulls the heartstrings as it educates. It is multifaceted in its multicultural exploration of the subject. It is extremely educational for it helps the young reader to understand the importance of ecological balance. The trees are important not only in what they give us materially, but what the growth as human beings conscious of our role in preserving the world we inhabit. Combined with Bob Staake's joyful and colourful illustrations, this is a must in any library.

Kathryn says

Very nice story about the importance of planting trees, how they help not only beautify our towns and cities but provide homes for wildlife and protect against soil erosion, etc. I enjoyed how the story showed people enjoying and caring for trees in a variety of cultures and locations around the world. Not my favorite style of illustrations but I appreciated all the diversity in both culture, nature and architecture they depicted. A good choice for Arbor Day.

Kristen says

So lovely, and just right for kids to see "what's the big deal about trees?" Not didactic, it shows different families who plant trees and experience all the good that happens, from cool shade to fruit to soil conservation to cleaner air. Makes me want to, well, plant a tree!
