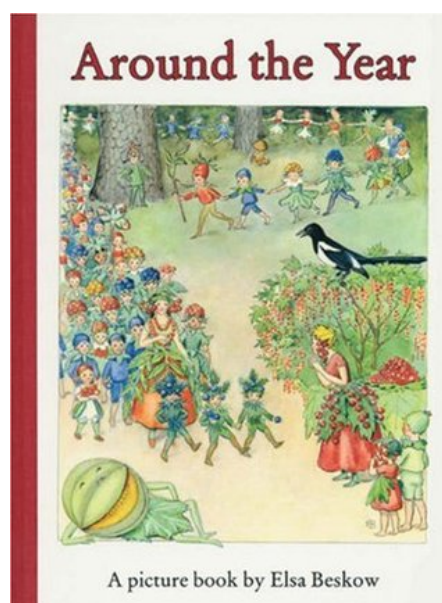




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Around the Year offers delightful verses and delicate, playful illustrations that take young children through the special joys of each month of the year, from icy February to the green shoots of April, the red poppies of July, September's apples, and the delights of December.

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Around the Year Details

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Stacy says

Not my favorite poems but I love poems about the seasons. The illustrations were interesting and sentimental.

Jessica says

Not 100% sure I want this book - sort of silly poems, but illustrations are cute/beautiful?

Kathryn says

I LOVE Beskow's artwork. This one offers more splendid selections and seasonal work, too. It's fun to read a collection of poetry about each month of the year for the "New Year" (okay, I'm a few weeks late, but it was checked-out at the library!) I admit that I wasn't really impressed with the poetry, but perhaps some of the original charm was lost in the English translation. Get this for the artwork, though!!!

Channon says

I love Beskows books! When I read them to my children they get excited to go outside.

Abigail says

First published in 1927 as Årets Saga, this poetic celebration of the seasons from one of Sweden's most beloved picture-books artists is - as anyone familiar with Elsa Beskow's work would know to expect - lovely to look upon, with beautiful artwork. Unfortunately, it is rather uneven, textually speaking, with poems that are sometimes awkward, and often don't read very well. I suspect that this is an issue of translation, as sometimes - especially when the rhyming scheme can be maintained, and the meter works - they are very sweet. If only I could read them in the original Swedish!

With a poem for every month - as well as some introductory pieces on the hours and days - Around the Year has the potential to be such an outstanding book, that I'm rather disappointed not be able to appreciate it more than I do. Still, Elsa Beskow fans will find much here to appreciate, with gorgeous artwork that captures the enchantment of each month of the year. I think my own favorite was the illustration for harvest-rich August (also seen on the cover), with the parade of berry-decorated forest dwellers. All in all, this is a book I would recommend primarily to fans of this author/artist, rather than to general young readers looking for seasonal titles.

Judy says

In verse and picture, young readers hear about the days of the week and the months of the year. The verses are short and the pictures are fun, so I'm guessing that most kids will like this little book.

I hope to find an original copy so I can see the art in the original color tones.

WSL Library says

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Emelie Johansson says

Riktigt söta bilder och rim.

Jane G Meyer says

Another Elsa Beskow book. It's a sweet read, with poems about the days of the week, the months of the year, etc... Some of the illustrations are just darling, like the star children in January, and the whole berry celebration in August. Some of the translated poetry is really lovely, but a few of the poems need work... May is my favorite:

May comes but once a year,
the dancing month,
the sky light and high,
the birch trees bursting.
May-daisy time,
and cowslip
and primrose
and harebell
and dancing anemones.
Deep down in the meadow grass,
they're all dancing
with delight,
lily-of-the-valley
nodding,
ringing her bells,
the silver trunks
lordly and slim,
their branches and silvery twigs
dancing
too
to the tune of Spring.

