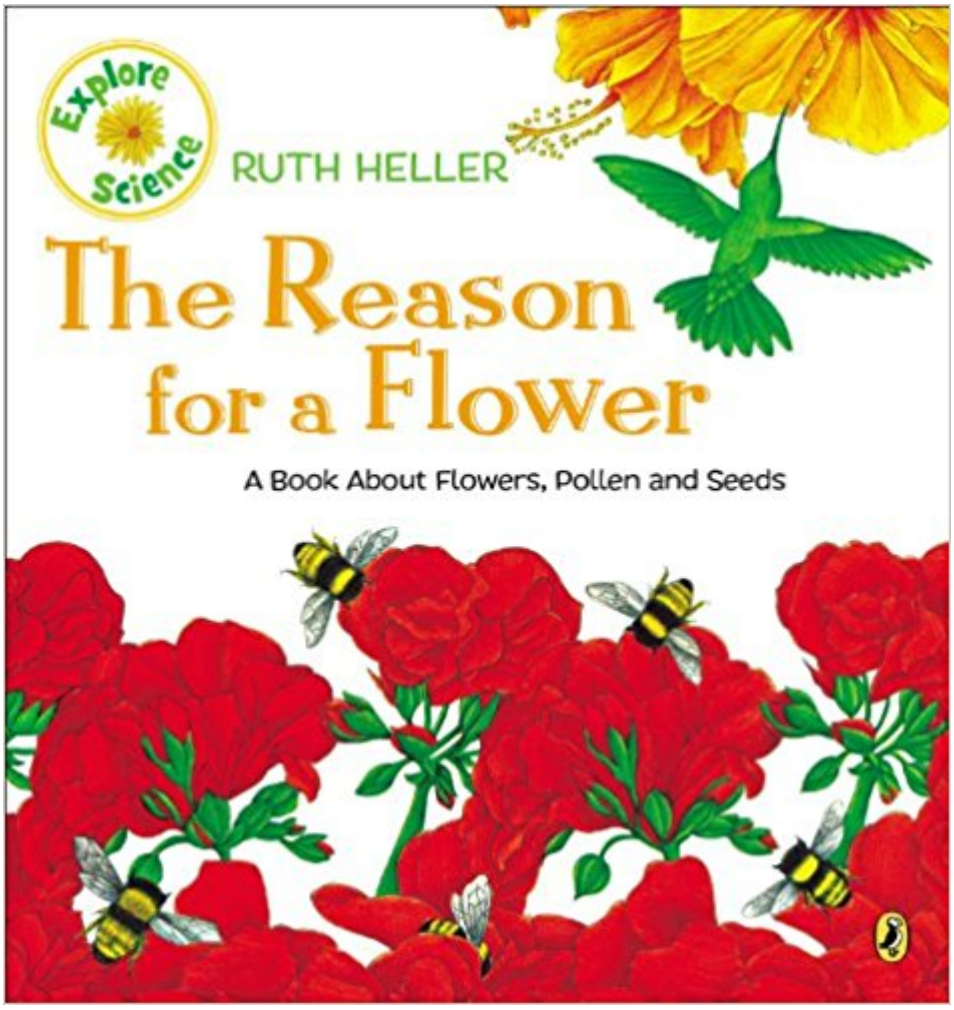
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Customer Reviews

After receiving a fine arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley and completing two years of graduate work in design at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, Ruth Heller (1923-2004) began her career designing wrapping paper, cocktail napkins, greeting cards, and coloring books. After five years of rejection and one complete revision, Heller's first book,Ã Â Chickens Aren't the Only Ones, about egg-laying animals, was published in 1981. It was so successful that the sequel, and second book to be published,Ã Â Animals Born Alive And WellÃ Â (1982), about mammals, quickly followed. In 1983 and 1984, her third and fourth titles,Ã Â The Reason For A FlowerÃ Â (about plants that have seeds and flowers) andÃ Â Plants

That Never Ever BloomÃ Â (about plants that do not) were published.She then began work on a collection of six books, theÃ Â How To HideÃ Â series on camouflage and the magic of this phenomenon in nature, which covered the entire animal kingdom -- insects, birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and sea creatures. The next collection of books became a five-volume series on parts of speech:Ã Â A Cache of Jewels and Other Collective Nouns; Kites Sail High: A Book About Verbs; Many Luscious Lollipops: A Book About Adjectives; Merry-Go-Round: A Book About Nouns;Ã Â andÃ Â Up, Up and Away: A Book About Adverbs. She also wrote and illustrated the unique and fascinating bookÃ Â Color, a charming and instructive guide to how art goes through the four color printing process.Among the notable people who have had an influence on Heller's writing have been: Ogden Nash, Gilbert and Sullivan, Edward Lear, Hilaire Belloc, and Dr. Seuss. Heller says of her work, "All my books are nonfiction picture books in rhyme. I find writing in rhyme enjoyable and challenging, and I think it is an easy way for children to learn new facts and acquire a sophisticated vocabulary. Children are not intimidated by big words. I try to make my writing succinct and allow the illustrations to convey as much information as possible."

This is a classic. Illustrations that are clean and captivating; a text that meanders in and out of rhyme, subtly all add up to a great learning book. The illustrations accurately depict the plants, animals and insects so that they are clearly recognizable. The text has a cadence to it, even if it doesn't always rhyme that helps move the story forward. This book is one of a series of three- they are all great. As a former preschool director, I found these books were enjoyed by both our youngest and our oldest children, and were definitely part of our curriculum - this one for springtime, especially. The reason for a flower? To propagate plants, clearly... but, as the illustrations show, also to enjoy!

I loved her books on camouflage and the book on egg-layers, but this book just was not up to the same standard. I kept thinking something had to be missing at the start of the book, but all the pages were there. It just did not flow well at the start of the book and started off with bees and birds not plants. The book also ended with a mushroom with a note of how plants who did not have seeds were interesting too - expect that mushrooms ARE NOT plants and they technically have "seeds" called spores. (Note: mushrooms are fungi which is a completely different kingdom from plants). Also because the book jumped into pollinators instead of flowers - there was not a very good explanation of their purpose.

I read it in my daycare,the kids loved the story

Great book! I used this with my preschoolers during out planting unit.

Replacement book in a listening center. Glad I could find one.

I bought my first copy of this book many years ago and saw how the children enjoyed it...both looking at the pictures and having it read to them... So I wanted this copy for a gift so another child will have the opportunity to enjoy the story and the nice illustrations....

My daughter who is 6yrs old requested a book about flowers for Christmas and this was the only one I could find for kids. It is ok but not very interesting in my opinion and apparently she agrees because she’s only asked me to read it once in the two months we have had it.

One of many Ruth Hellers books. This is so great! The pictures are amazing. The book holds their attention and keeps them interested. A fantastic teaching tool. Awesome bedtime reading. Wonderfully helpful for explaining flowers and plants. I highly recommend this book and all her books for that matter.

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