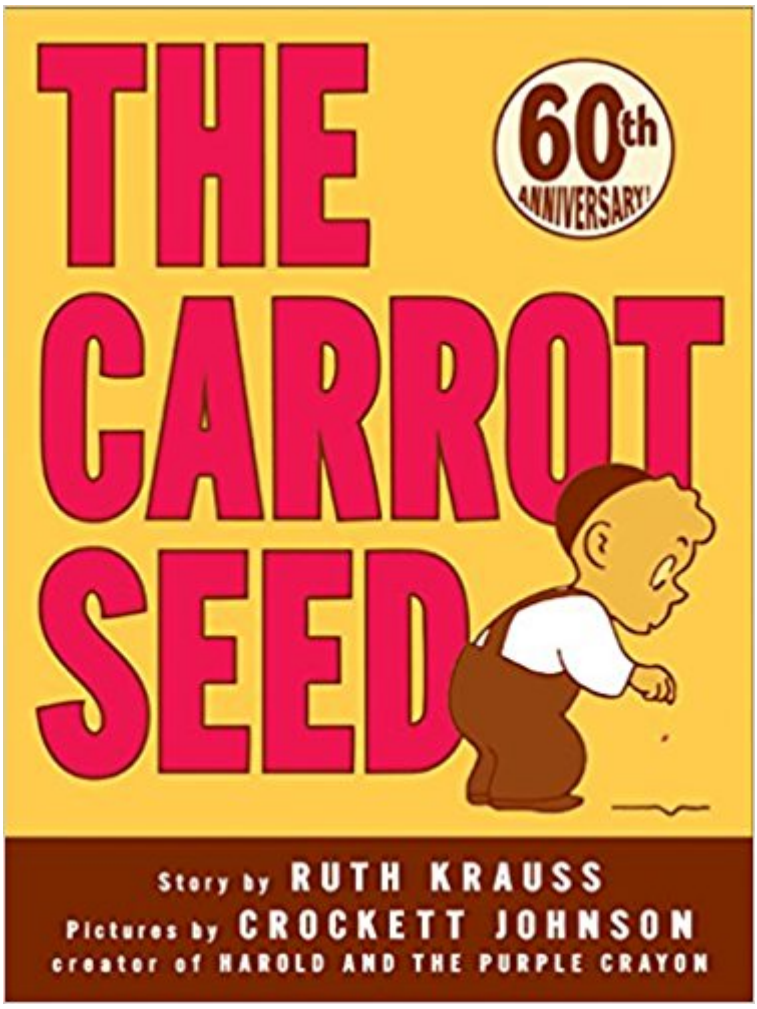
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The Carrot Seed (Rise And Shine)



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Synopsis

From celebrated children’s book creators Ruth Krauss and Crockett Johnson comes the belovedÃ Â classic story The Carrot Seed.When a little boy plants a carrot seed, everyone tells him it won’t grow. But when you are very young, there are some things that you just know, and the little boy knows that one day a carrot will come up. So he waters his seed, and pulls the weeds, and he waits...This beautifully simple classic teaches the patience and technique of planting a seed and helping it grow. First published in 1945 and never out of print, the timeless combination of Ruth Krauss’s simple text and Crockett Johnson’s eloquent illustrations creates a triumphant and deeply satisfying story for readers of all ages.

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Customer Reviews

Ruth Krauss, author of A Hole Is to Dig, has crafted a story almost Zen-like in its simplicity. A little boy plants a carrot seed and waits patiently, tending to it carefully, while everyone around him insists that "it won’t come up." His conviction is steadfast, however, and sure enough, a carrot worthy of first prize at any state fair springs forth from the earth. Krauss’s husband, Crockett Johnson (creator of Harold and the Purple Crayon), illustrated The Carrot Seed, and while the little boy is rendered with uncomplicated lines, all of his hope, confidence, and serenity shine through. The image that resonates most strongly in this minimalist tale is the unfaltering faith of the

mild-mannered little boy. Young readers learn that standing your ground in the face of opposition and doubt can often result in twice the reward expected (even thrice the reward, if judging by the girth of this carrot). (Ages 4 to 8) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"In this cunningly paced fable about patience and standing one’s ground, a little boy plants a carrot seed, weeds and waters the spot, and waits for something to happen. A parade of nay-sayers drop by to tell the boy, ’I’m afraid it won’t come up.’ The big moment is a stupendous surprise...the little hero’s homegrown triumph." -- "Parenting"

This book holds a special place in my heart and is one of the first books I remember being able to "read" (I had it memorized) as a toddler. It’s a simple story about a determined little boy who, despite being told by everyone around him that he will fail, plants and grows a carrot from a carrot seed. The haters hated and players played, and he just shook shook shook it off.

I love this book. I am a big fan of Crocket Johnson’s Harold and the Purple Crayon books. This one is much simpler and shorter, but has a great moral to it. My daughter likes the book. It is quite short and simple though, so definitely more appropriate for younger children.

I remember this in song form from when I was a child, many many years ago. It’s a great book to teach persistence in the face of doubt and discouragement. If you can find the tune for the song it is catchy and a good one for children to learn. The words are different than the book but they are a great companion. You can hear a part of the song at The Kiddie Rekord King. Click on Music Library. You will see several record covers in the middle of the page. Find #6 and click on it. It has a speaker to click on to hear about a minute of the song. I highly recommend this book as well.

I love the description on the back of the book: "When you are very young, there are some things that you just know..."This book is as sweet as can be. I remember being a child & I just knew something was going to work out somehow. Unfortunately for me, most of the time the "seeds" of my childhood didn’t yield such wonderful results as this boy’s, but I love the message of hope and perseverance in this darling book.

I am trying to give my 2 year old grand daughter the really classic books for her to have as she loves books! Sometimes you forget about some of the books you loved and your children loved. I

have the New York Times Parents Guide to the Best Books for Children and use that resource a lot to remember the books that are classics and that I want her to have! This has the cute illustrations of Crockett Johnson, illustrator of the Harold and the Purple Crayon books! Every household with children should have this book!

In his essay "Ruth Krauss and Me," author Maurice Sendak says "that perfect picture book, The Carrot Seed, the granddaddy of all picture books in America, a small revolution of a book that permanently transformed the face of children's book publishing. The Carrot Seed, with not a word or a picture out of place, is dramatic, vivid, precise, concise in every detail. It springs fresh from the real world of children."This is a timeless classic that has been known and loved by children and parents for years.A young boy is told by his parents, competition and his big brother that his carrot will not grow. After a long time of pulling weeds, watering and patience the carrot finally grows, and it is huge.The author Ruth Krauss was born in 1901 is also the author of A Hole Is To Dig; I'll Be You and You Be Me; Charlotte and the White Horse; and many other childrens classics.

The Carrot Seed, written over 60 years ago, is still a wonderful story for small children. I bought this book to read to my grandchildren, but I had read it to their fathers, starting with the oldest who is now 45 years old. His younger son who is 5 yrs old loved it now. It is a simple story about a little boy who plants a carrot seed. Everyone tells him that it won't "come up." But he waters it every day, and as you might expect in the end it does! The ilustrations are just stick and line (cartoon-like)) drawings. The only colors used are orange, tan and white, until the last page, when the green carrot top appears. In today's busy and animated world I highly recommend this quiet and sincere story. I read it to my 3 yr old and 5 yr old granddaughters, and they also loved it.

Great illustrations by Crockett Johnson whose art made "Harold & the Purple Crayon" one of my childhood favorites coupled with an inspiring story that teaches little ones great life lessons.

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