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# Apple Picking Time (Dragonfly Books)



## Synopsis

In the rich, warm colors of autumn, here's a slice of American history as we watch Anna and her extended family help with the town's traditional fall apple harvest. Now available in paperback. From the Hardcover edition.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Upon reading the book to my 3rd grade class my students were mesmerized. They loved the pictures, the writing was easy to understand, and the story line came alive. Ray does an excellent job with the illustrations - they complement the author's beautiful words. Benoit Slawson's writing is absolutely wonderful - my students could not get enough of this book. In fact, we continued our storytime by following the book up with a trip to the local apple orchard (insisted upon by my 8 year olds!). I just wish Benoit Slawson would come out with her next book; although, it will be hard to follow the perfection of "Apple Picking Time". I will be the first one to buy her next book, and I am positive my students will love it as much as their beloved "Apple Picking Time". The book is both poetic and informative - such a wonderful combination for this brand-new, highly talented author!!

This book exceeded my expectations. It is a wonderful book for autumn and harvest celebrations. It

is also a good book for thinking about differences in social class and the questions of children and work and participation in community. There are undertones here that are not fully discussed. It is obvious that the family in the story is picking apples for pay. It isn't just a community harvest that is mutually beneficial. It is also an important economic activity for the family and the little girl is earning real money to help her family. But that aspect isn't spelled out very explicitly. The setting is clearly a less wealthy rural area. Some of the details may be unfamiliar to city dwellers but will delight those with rural roots, such as the mail boxes with flags up or down, long dirt roads and the unique feel of a long line of cars and trucks headed out to work in the predawn.

My oldest son has always had a hard time getting to sleep. We struggled for his first 18-24 months until a friend who is a fourth grade teacher (Hi Amy!) gave us this book and we started reading this at the end of our bedtime routine. Now, 6 years and one little brother later, this is still the last book we read before going to bed. I'm absolutely biased as I think I've read this book about 2000 times now. The story line is wonderful, the pictures are captivating, and the rhythm of the (now well-rehearsed) sentences is mesmerizing. Now, if I could just find a real orchard to visit nearby...

This is an excellent children's book with fabulous pictures. It is just the right book for teachers to use during the fall to compliment a unit about apples. Delightful book.

Absolutely wonderful illustrations for an apple/harvest theme storybook. Very realistic - makes you think you're right there participating in the life cycle of an apple.

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