

ELCC ADVISORS' BOOK CLUB

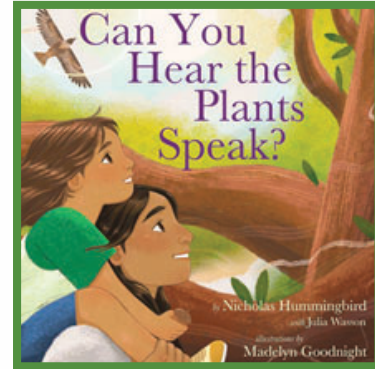


Our Book Recommendation

Can you Hear the Plants Speak? by
Nicolas Hummingbird and Julia Wasson

Synopsis

Guided by the teachings of his great-grandparents, Nicholas Hummingbird honours their legacy by restoring habitats in urban spaces. Through listening to plants, he demonstrates how even a single drop of rain, a seed, or plant can inspire renewal, hope, and connection for all living things.



Age

Recommendation:

Preschool, Kindergarten, School-Age

Why We Love It

We love this story because it shows us how we can care for nature and improve the world, regardless of whether we live in rural or urban areas. It reminds us to listen to plants, and that even a tiny seed, a drop of rain, or a small act of kindness can grow into something wonderful. It is a story about hope, connection, and the beauty of listening to the world around us.

Purchase from GoodMinds



Let's Chat About the Book!

Join us on the MNO Education Hub's "ELCC Professionals" discussion area! See you there! Don't have the app? Download it by scanning the QR code.



Nurture children's natural linguistic curiosities. Be a co-learner with the children in your early learning environment using the NEW Michif-Fransè app.

Android



iOS





Métis Connection

Métis families and communities have long relied on knowledge of local plants and the land for food, medicine, and everyday life. This knowledge has been learned through experience, family, community, and time spent on the land. Can You Hear the Plants Speak? gives educators an opportunity to explore similar themes with children by encouraging careful observation, curiosity, and respect for the natural world.

English	French	Michif-Fransé
garden	potager	jardin
seeds	graines	grèn
sun	soleil	sawléy

HDLH Foundations



Well-being: When children participate in gardening, they develop a sense of competency, autonomy, and agency as they participate at their own pace. They become better at identifying, monitoring, and managing their stress levels, and they learn strategies for self-regulation.

Expression: When children engage in group activities, they learn to initiate, respond to, and participate in reciprocal communication with others. This allows them to interact meaningfully with both peers and adults, regardless of their abilities.

Extension Activity

Container gardens are great for gardeners of all ages. Plant your container garden in any object that you can drill holes into, and that can hold soil. Examples include a bucket, a tote, wooden boxes or even an old boot. The possibilities are endless.

Once you have a container of soil ready, plant your seed (follow directions on the package), water the soil, and place it in a sunny location.

To learn more about container planting, click the link or scan the QR code.

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Additional Activities

For more activities to encourage you to bring plants inside, visit the ELCC Tiny Tribune Newsletter. Click the link or scan the QR code.

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