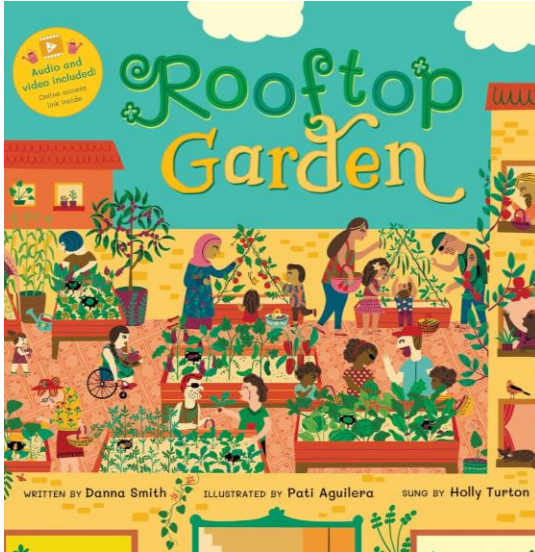


Discussion Guide for Families



Rooftop Garden

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Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: A group of city friends work diligently together to grow herbs and vegetables in a rooftop garden. Set to a foot-tappin' original tune, this rhythmic, rhyming story will have kids singing enthusiastically about the six stages of plant growth. The story concludes with a summer harvest and feast that celebrates the gardeners' commitment.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child “What do you think a rooftop garden is? How might growing plants on a roof be different from growing them on the ground?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- What kinds of plants do the people in the story grow in their rooftop garden?
- How does the rooftop garden help the community and the environment in the story?
- How do the characters feel about their rooftop garden as the story goes on? Why do you think they feel that way?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What did you learn about how rooftop gardens can help people and the planet? Would you like to create your own rooftop garden? Why or why not?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF's [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.