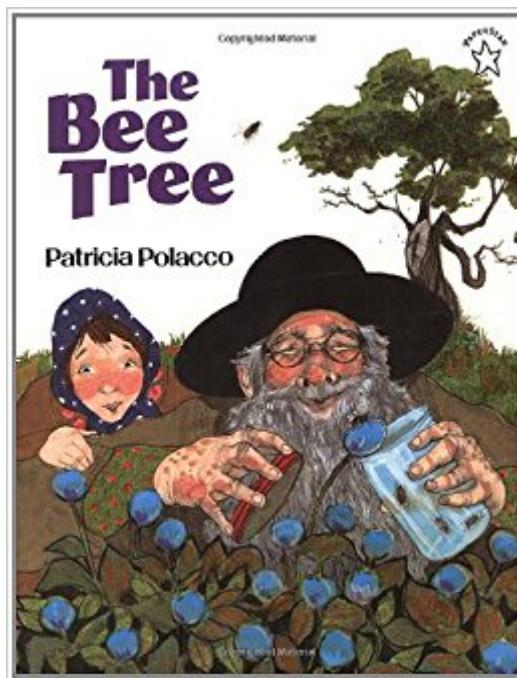


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The Bee Tree



Synopsis

When Mary Ellen gets bored with her reading, Grandpa knows a hunt for a bee tree is just what she needs. Half the town joins the exciting chase, but it's not until everyone returns home that Mary Ellen makes a discovery of her own: Sometimes, even the sweetest of things must be worked for. Polacco has created another charming picture book featuring a child learning from a grandparent in an idyllic pastoral setting?Both the writing and artwork are fresh and inviting. ? ? School Library Journal, starred review?The newest gem from Polacco?s treasure chest of family stories extols the virtue of reading?and of taking a study break.?Like Mary Ellen, readers will emerge refreshed from this respite, ready to seek out new adventures.? ? Publishers Weekly?Young readers will savor this.?? ? The Horn BookPatricia Polacco lives in Union City, MI.

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Customer Reviews

The newest gem from Polacco's treasure chest of family stories extolls the virtues of reading--and of taking a study break. Young Mary Ellen would rather be "outdoors running and playing" than indoors with a book. Sympathetic to her feelings, her grandfather suggests that they find a bee tree. The Michigan woods literally buzz with activity as Mary Ellen and Grampa chase a pollen-laden bee to its far-off hive, picking up curious neighbors and passers-by along the way. Before long the original

pair becomes a "thundering stampede of goats, buggies, people and bikes" in search of honey. Polacco's rollicking text provides a bubbly, adventurous tone for her cumulative romp. Boisterous color brings to life the characters' old-fashioned garb and the unspoiled lushness of the rural 19th-century setting. Fine pencil detail highlights stray pieces of hair blown back by the breeze, and the joy and determination on the faces of the honey hunters. Like Mary Ellen, readers will emerge refreshed from this respite, ready to seek out new adventures. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 2-- Polacco has created another charming picture book featuring a child learning from a grandparent in an idyllic pastoral setting. Mary Ellen complains that she is tired of reading. Her grandfather replies that ". . . this is just the right time to find a bee tree!" They chase bees through the Michigan countryside, are soon joined, a la "The Gingerbread Man," by a number of bystanders, and are finally led to the hive. At the end of the story, Grampa drops a bit of honey on a book's cover and tells Mary Ellen to compare its sweetness to that which is found inside: "Just like we ran after the bees to find their tree, so you must also chase these things adventure, knowledge, and wisdom through the pages of a book!" While the message may not be as emotionally resonant as the themes found in Thunder Cake (Philomel, 1990) or Babushka's Doll (S. & S., 1990), both the writing and artwork are fresh and inviting. There is a marvelous specificity to the names and places found within the story, and the pacing is appropriately reckless. The double-page spreads are done in Polacco's distinctive multimedium style and are beautifully composed. Her use of white space sets off the clear yet unusual colors. Well worth pursuing. --Lauralyn Persson, Wilmette Public Library, ILCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This was such a cool story!! I loved it. It captures the fun and adventure and the love of nature of childhood. I had never heard of finding honey like this. And they don't kill any bees or take very much honey or ruin the hive. They take just a little. So it's not that bad. It's an amazing book and captures an emotion like patricia police always manages to do so well. It is like the emotion is contained in the book like a little miracle. Amazing feat. Great book!

Fun Read.I read this to a group of 3's. They seemed to enjoy it but it was a little long for them.The book is about following a bee to get to the hive.

I am a fan of this wonderful writer!

I love this author and have most of her books. She shares her family stories that are so rich with love and understanding of family. I so enjoy her little surprises in the stories and they don't always end the way you think. She had very wise parents and grandparents.

Patricia Polacco is one of my favorite authors. My students love her as well. I can't wait to read it to my class.

Great

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Great book! Teaches valuable lesson. Exciting and fun. Great children's literature. Highly recommend. Bought after returned as a library book. I will be purchasing these for my 4 year olds friends. Good for ages 4-8 I'd say. Looking forward to reading more from this author

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