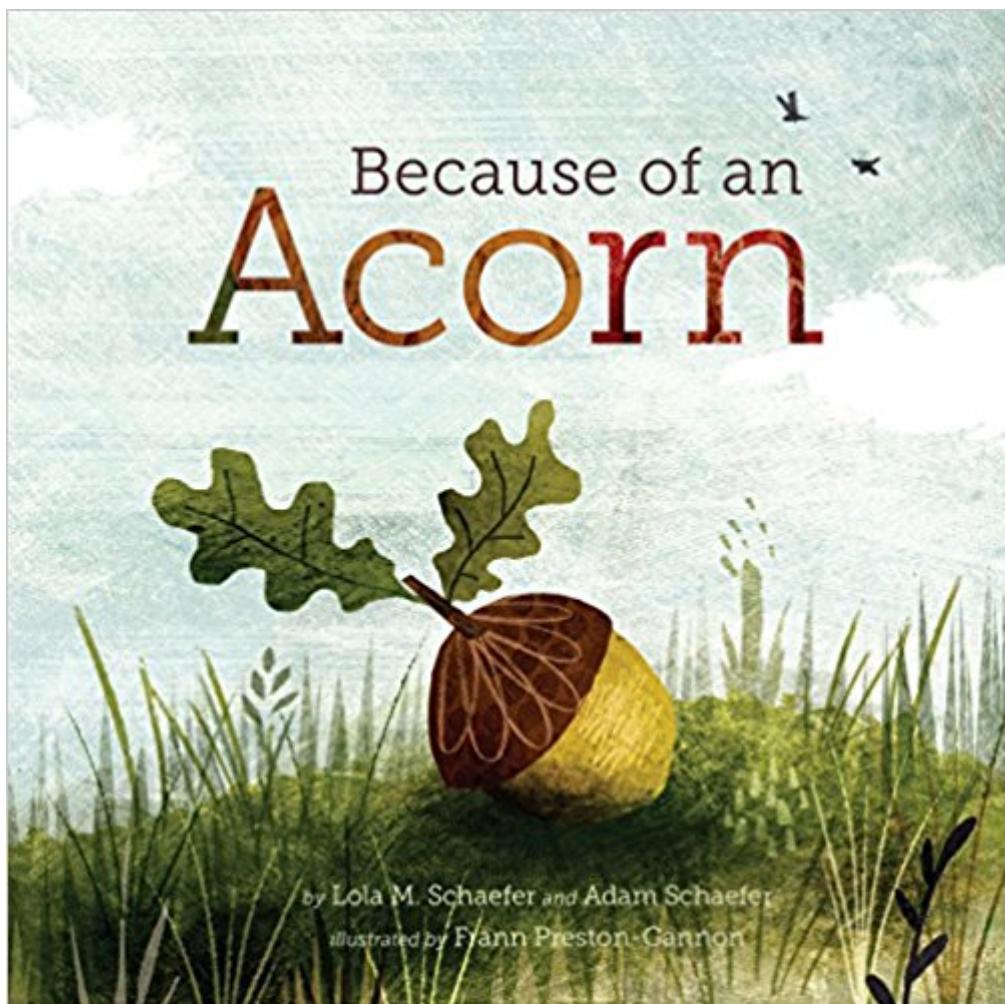


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## Because Of An Acorn



## **Synopsis**

Because of an acorn, a tree grows, a bird nests, a seed becomes a flower. Enchanting die-cuts illustrate the vital connections between the layers of an ecosystem in this magical book. Wander down the forest path to learn how every tree, flower, plant, and animal connect to one another in spiraling circles of life. An acorn is just the beginning.

## **Book Information**

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PreS-Gr 1-This small book provides an elementary-level look at the way even an acorn plays an important role in the ecosystem. From the acorn comes a tree. The tree is a home to birds that scatter seeds. Seeds become flowers that bear appetizing fruit. The fruit attracts hungry chipmunks that entice hunter snakes. A watchful hawk, however, swoops down to catch its slithering prey. As the hawk stands guard in the oak tree, an acorn falls. And so another tree is born, and another, and soon there is a forest. Each page is laid out with only a few words or a single phrase. The pen-and-ink illustrations have an earth-tone palette and are enhanced digitally. The back matter consists of a glossary of important terms, such as ecosystem and saplings, and provides further information on how acorns nourish the forest animals. A few paragraphs explaining the importance of forests to the environment, specifically those in the Cumberland Plateau, is appended. VERDICT

For the youngest readers and listeners, this is a simple but attractive introduction to nature's life cycles.-Roxanne Burg, Orange County Public Library, CA

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This is one of my new favorites for so many reasons. The illustrations are lovely, and invite the reader to take time with each page. Words flow beautifully to deliver an important message - at many levels - with subtlety. The factual information about the importance of trees in our lives at the end of the book make it perfect. I recommend this book to teachers, to folks seeking a perfect, and unique, birthday gift, as well as nature-appreciating grandparents and parents... The children you love will thank you. So will the trees!

This is a thoughtful, beautifully illustrated book for young readers, and really for any age. My 4 year old grandson loves it, and so do I. The book takes the reader through a process of nature in the most creative way. Highly recommend.

The most important part was omitted. An Acorn can grow a tree.

This was a great book, unfortunately I did return it as I thought it was to young for my 5 year old, would definitely recommend it for a 3 year old..cute book

The illustrations are beautiful with cutouts on some pages to add to the interest. The book shows and tells how an acorn is part of the cycle of life.

Really cute book and explains an ecosystem simply and with great pictures. My four year old grandson loves it.

Nice circular story.

While visiting my favorite independent bookstore, I love perusing their children's books. This one got my attention because I love nature books for kids. As I began flipping through the pages, I knew I was going to love it by the first page. Through simple words and gorgeous illustrations, children are shown the life-cycle of an acorn and how it affects the environment that it lives in. From the acorn to the tree to the seed to the bird to the flower to the fruit to the forest, and everything in between, all of the living things in the forest depend on each other. The illustrations are just gorgeous with almost a three-dimensional feel to them. Children will love looking at the various things on the pages and learning the cycle of life in the forest. A few of the pages have these gorgeous die-cut images that take kids from one page to the next. Even the youngest children can learn the importance of taking care of our environment and how each piece is important to the other. I can't wait to send this book off to my little great niece who I know will love reading this sweet story of an acorn. This book is a wonderful celebration of fall for young readers.

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