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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Sometimes, even in the middle of ugliness and neglect, a little bit of beauty will bloom. Award-winning writer Paul Fleischman dazzles us with this truth in *Seedfolks*--a slim novel that bursts with hope. Wasting not a single word, Fleischman unfolds a story of a blighted neighborhood transformed when a young girl plants a few lima beans in an abandoned lot. Slowly, one by one, neighbors are touched and stirred to action as they see tendrils poke through the dirt. Hispanics, Haitians, Koreans, young, and old begin to turn the littered lot into a garden for the whole community. A gift for hearts of all ages, this gentle, timeless story will delight anyone in need of a sprig of inspiration.

From School Library Journal

Grade 4 Up. As a vacant lot is transformed into a community garden, these vignettes give glimpses into the lives of the fledgling gardeners. As satisfying as harvesting produce straight from the vine.

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Gr. 4⁺-8. Kim, a Vietnamese girl mourning her dead father, is the one who begins the garden. In a vacant lot near her Cleveland home, she scratches six holes in the dirt and plants six seeds, hoping to attract her father's spirit. She definitely catches the eye of Ana, an elderly white woman who has watched the ethnic makeup of the neighborhood change. Ana assumes Kim is burying treasure, but when she realizes her mistake, she makes it her mission to ensure that the girl's plants are watered. The perspective changes with each chapter--Kim narrates first, then Ana, then Wendell, who is sent by Ana to water "the Chinese girl's" plants and decides to do some planting of his own. Others follow: Gonzalo's grandfather sees the garden as an opportunity to be productive without being humiliated because of his inability to learn English; black body builder Curtis uses his tomatoes to help him rebuild his romance with Lateesha. Neighbor by neighbor, the garden grows, with the once-vacant lot eventually becoming a varied and vibrant community of its own. Each voice is distinct. Each character springs to life, complete with attitudes, prejudices, and opinions, and as the viewpoints shift, Fleischman shows how the different members of a multi-ethnic urban neighborhood overcome the barriers of language and background to enrich one another and forge new connections. The characters' vitality and the sharply delineated details of the neighborhood make this not merely an exercise in craftsmanship or morality but an engaging, entertaining novel as well. *Susan Dove Lempke*

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