The Seasons of Arnold’s Apple Tree

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Apples are a favorite fruit of many children but do they know where they come from? Do they realize that apples grow on trees that bloom in spring? Probably not. And many young children only have a vague idea of the changes that occur in different seasons. This charming book by Gail Gibbons introduces young readers to seasons by following an apple tree throughout a whole year with the help of Arnold, a young boy that has an apple tree as his very own secret place.

Arnold’s story is rich in content beginning in spring as buds develop into flowers that Arnold uses to make a wreath and brings home for flower arranging. Arnold enjoys his tree by making a swing and then adding a tree house by the time summer arrives. He notices that green apples begin to form and by fall have turned red and can be harvested. Arnold notices the leaves of his tree have turned golden and he collects them when they float to the ground and uses them in his tree house to soften the floor. The family makes apple pie out of some of the apples (recipe provided) and apple cider out of many of the others(details given on the working of an apple press). When winter comes and the limbs of Arnold’s tree are bare, he decorates them with strings of popcorn and berries for the winter birds to eat. A snowfall prompts Arnold to build a snowman by his apple tree. When the snow melts spring returns.

This simple story and language say a lot. They suggest the pleasure of enjoying plants and the natural world as well as teach about the seasons and the yearly cycle of an apple tree. The illustrations are in bright colors and enhance the text with their pleasing shapes and layout. Written for children four to eight years old, it is especially relevant in fall when the new apple harvest makes its debut.

* **Age Range:** 4 - 8 years
* **Grade Level:** Kindergarten - 2

The Seasons of Arnolds Apple Tree is an excellent book with illustrations that capture the changes in an apple tree throughout the seasons. I read this book with my kindergartners every September and they enjoy it very much. This is a wonderful picture book for kids and a great resource for teachers when teaching about apples, plant life and the four seasons.

I recently purchased this book for my kindergartener to do a book project. He needed a book about the seasons, and this one fit perfectly. It simply illustrates and tells what happens to Arnold's apple tree around the year as each season passes.

This book is a must-have for any elementary teacher. I used this book in my Kindergarten class to teach the seasons and the growth of apples. My students loved the pictures and really learned the material from the story and reviewing after. I kept coming back to this book day after day to reinforce the content and my students were excited each time. One activity I did to teach the seasons was make a "The Seasons of (students name) Apple Tree" book. There were four pages with a bare tree. At the top the students would write It is summer, It is fall, etc. Then we would look at our story and describe the picture. Then the students would add orange and red leaves for fall, etc. I love this book and would recommend it to all!

I found this to be a very useful book for introducing the concept of seasons to my 5 yr old son. It's beautifully illustrated and the story is quite sweet, although I'm not sure how frequently he will ask to hear it again. It's not likely to end up on his list of favorites.

This book covers the basics of what a tree goes through every season. Arnold and his dog take you through each season and explain what type of activities they do with the tree. Winter they build a fort around the tree for company, summer they build a treehouse, fall they rake and pick apples and in spring they hang out in the tree and smell the apple blowwoms and build a tree swing. Arnold treats the tree as his friend through-out the book. On a few of the pages, there is a recipe for apple pie, directions and explanations of what a cider press is and does and facts about honeybees. My overall impression of the book is that it is an okay book with okay pictures. If it wasn't partially educational, it wouldn't have been rated with 3 stars.

We received this as a gift for my apple-loving daughter (then 4) and it has been read many times. A simple story of a child and their apple tree through the seasons. Fun to see the creativity and ingenuity of the child - off playing by himself, setting up his own little world at the apple tree.

This book takes us through the four seasons of an apple tree, with the great pictures that are always found in Gail Gibbons' books. It's a nice introduction to the seasons for my pre-school grandson.

This is a wonderful book. It goes through the seasons of the year with the apple tree. There are large illustrations on each page, along with a sentence or two of text. This book is great for those wishing to learn about seasons of the year and also about phases of an apple tree (from buds to blossoms to apples to bare branches and back to buds again). Although I wish that the text had some rhyme or cadence to it, its still a very good book that my daughter asks to have read to her again and again.

This book about nature and the changing seasons focuses on a young boy and a very special apple tree. In Gail Gibbons’s bright illustrations, Arnold collects apple blossoms in spring, builds a tree house in summer, makes apple pie and cider in the fall, and hangs strings of popcorn and berries for the birds in winter, among other seasonal activities. Includes a recipe for apple pie and a description of how an apple cider press works.