Lola Plants a Garden

Anna McQuinn’s book, Lola Plants a Garden, tells a familiar story in a unique way. Written for children ages two to five in preschool to kindergarden, the story is about an adorable little girl goes through the process of planting a garden from the point of inspiration to sharing it with friends. The illustrations depict the story line and much more.

Lola is inspired to plant a garden when her mother reads her a book of garden poems. Lola and her mommy research the topic and Lola picks out her favorite flowers from the books. They buy the seeds, plant them and as they wait for them to grow Lola makes her own flower book with her favorite poem included. Lola also makes a string of bells and a little doll for the garden and when the plants come up Lola pulls weeds and she and her daddy hang the bells in the garden. When Lola invites friends over to see the garden she and her mommy make cupcakes and Lola dresses up in a flowery top to share the produce from her garden and entertain her friends with a story. All through the book the harmonious color combinations enhance the mood and tone of love and caring. We see Mommy and Lola reading, researching, making a book, and cooking together, daddy and Lola hanging bells together, and Lola sharing with her friends. The joy of experiencing loving relationships and simple pleasures permeate the book. A charming book for introducing young children to gardening.

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After Lola reads a book of garden poems, she wants to plant some flowers. She gets books from the library and chooses her plants. Then Lola and her mommy buy the seeds, make the garden, and mark the rows. Now it’s time to wait. . . .

PreS-Gr 1—Lola loves her book of garden poems. In fact, reading it inspires her to plant her own garden, so she and her mother look at flowers in books at the library, and she chooses her favorites. They purchase seeds, and Lola plants them and marks the rows with the seed packets. While she waits for something to appear, she makes her own garden book and includes her favorite poem, "Mary Mary." Finally, Lola sees tiny green shoots. She watches as her flowers grow higher and higher. Flowers are everywhere. Lola invites her friends for a picnic, because the best part of having a garden is sharing it. This fourth, sweet story about Lola delivers with brightly colored acrylic depictions of an adorable child sharing special moments with her mother, reading books, and patiently waiting for her seeds to grow. Lola's bright, cherubic face shows curiosity, joy, and determination as she completes her project. Large, clear type allows for beginning readers to share the story with their parents. Engaging and inspiring to new gardeners everywhere, Lola is a delight.—Carol Connor, Cincinnati Public Schools, OH

Review

* **Age Range:** 2 - 5 years
* **Grade Level:** Preschool - Kindergarten