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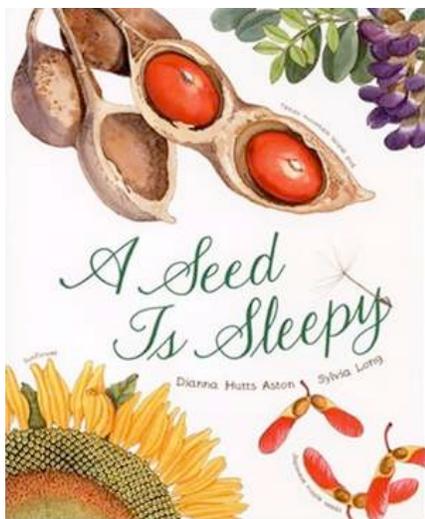
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A Seed is Sleepy

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A Seed is Sleepy Author: Dianna Hutts Aston Illustrator: Sylvia Long Publisher: Chronicle Books ISBN-10: 0811855201 ISBN-13: 978-0811855204

The author and illustrator of the gorgeous An Egg is Quiet join together once again to create an astounding illustrated introduction to the life of a seed. Long's amazingly detailed watercolors showcase many different types of seeds. The pages are slightly reminiscent of Victorian botanical drawings but these are so much richer in color, depth and scope. Each painting is something special, a treasure to be enjoyed for many years. The succinct and poetic text is just enough information for a very small child and enough of a nip to send an older one (or adult) running to the library to find out more. I love books like that, ones that get you fired up about something you'd otherwise not have an interest in. Now I'm excited about seeds!

The text is poetic too.

"A Seed is Inventive

To find a spot to grow, A seed might leap from its pod, [violet] or cling to a child's shoestring, [cocklebur] or tumble through a bear's belly. [Red huckleberry] A seed hopes to land where there is plenty of sunlight, soil, and water."

How about this wonderful phrase?

"Some have lain dormant, or slept undisturbed, for more than a thousand years"

Makes me just say ooooooh.

I can't say enough about this wonderful book except to say that I dearly hope this fantastic duo does another book. A Seed is Sleepy is a perfect gift for anyone of any age. Even non-book lovers will love this book for its glorious color and appreciation of nature.

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