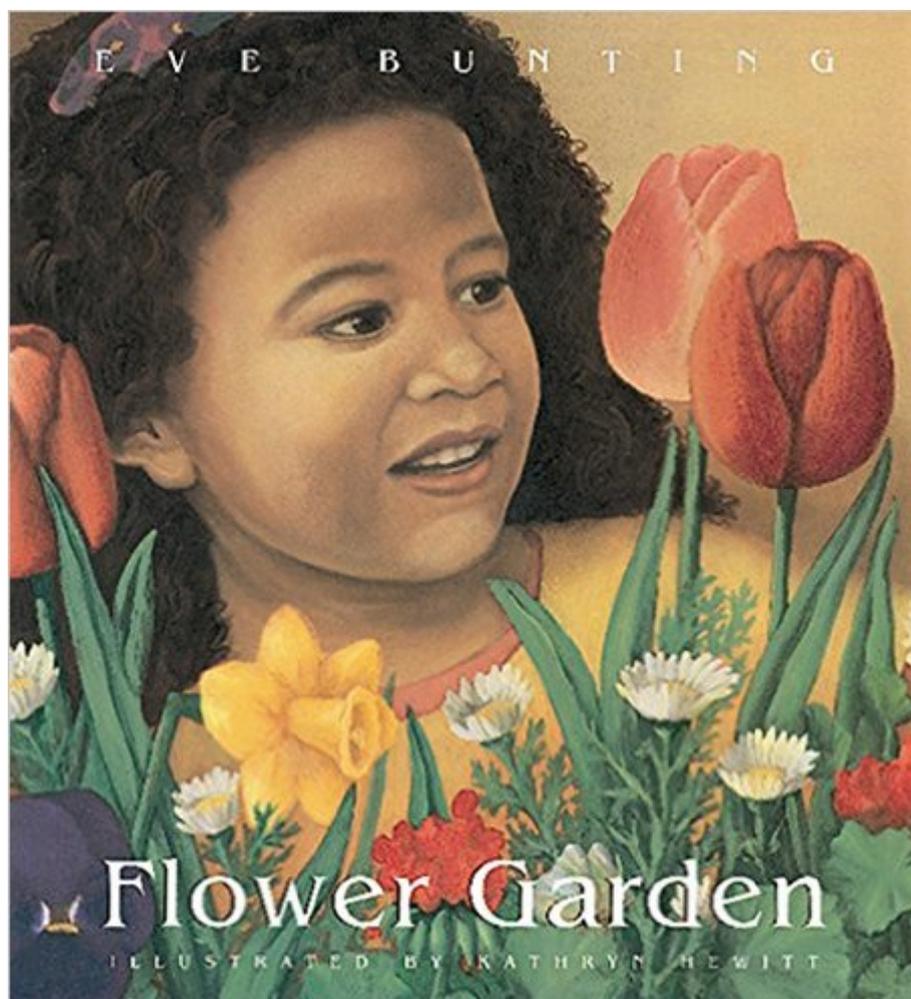


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# Flower Garden



## Synopsis

Follow the progress of a little girl and her father as they purchase "a garden," and board the bus to carry it home. The pansies, tulips, daffodils, geraniums, and daisies are lovingly planted in a window box, and the candles on the cake are lighted--just as Mom walks in the door to find her daughter, her husband, and her birthday surprise.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

my pre-school class found the book to be very exciting and could'nt wait for me to turn the next page.the bright colors of the cover and pages were so liking a good childrens book,that we planted a garden like described in the book.i have had parents ask where can they get this wonderful book for their own child. we really enjoyed it!this book described a family so close and loving,you can't help but smell the flowers and feel the love in that household.

A very simple, beautifully illustrated story, told in gentle rhyme, of a young girl and her father embarking on a journey by bus to the grocery store to buy a window flower box. The purpose of the expedition is revealed when Mother walks in the door, carrying schoolbooks, to find the flowers, birthday cake and chocolate ice cream. The book ends with an image of the family cozily looking out the window over the flowers, which present a small oasis of beauty in a gray urban world.This is a lovely depiction of a loving family spending their limited means extravagantly in an expression of

love. The way this father includes his daughter in the project of honoring Mother's birthday expresses excellent leadership, good child training, and tenderness toward his wife. Implicit is the fact that this family works hard, with limited means, and that beauty means a great deal to them.

We have a two-year-old daughter who picks this book out every day and every night to read. The illustrations are breathtaking. The story is simple but relevant; we follow every detail as the father and daughter walk the city street and ride the bus. We love to watch the daughter planting the flowers with her father; the mother coming home from school to see her birthday surprise. I have no doubt that this book will be with us for another generation or more (at least in our house). Thank you to the two wonderful artists who created such a special book.

I am a student teacher in a three year old preschool classroom. We recently planted mums outside our window, and afterwards read this story to the children. They loved the beautiful pictures and the contrast between the city flowerbox and our daycare garden.

Another beautiful Eve Bunting book, perfect for spring and/or Mother's Day. I buy the Kindle versions to read aloud in my library. I show it on my SmartBoard and there's no "I can't see!" coming from my little audience. Eve Bunting books are always a hit!

This is such a wonderful book. It happens to be one of my daughter's favorite books. She has fallen in love with it since she was 12 months old and I've read it every day since I bought it. She knows the story word for word and she can "read" it on her own. This is a huge book so be aware of that fact.

This is a beautifully illustrated, lovely, well thought out book about a little girl and her father buying and planting flowers in a window box to surprise the mom for her birthday. There are so many wonderful details to discuss with my mild, special needs preschoolers. They were thoroughly engaged with this one. Also, for my urban classroom, it's so refreshing to see a familiar setting, lifestyle and people of color. Wish there were a million more like it. It's great for children of color to see illustrations that they can relate to as well as wonderful exposure for children who have little or no contact with diverse populations. Bravo!

Sweet simple story with beautiful illustrations! I ordered this as a memorial book for a friend whose

mother had recently died. The deceased mother had loved flowers, so the story was very appropriate. The book was placed in our school library.

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