



Suntrap Book Review

Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth

By Mary McKenna Siddals, illustrated by Ashley Wolff

Published by Random House Children's Books £11.99 (h/b)

Age range: Three to seven years old

Description

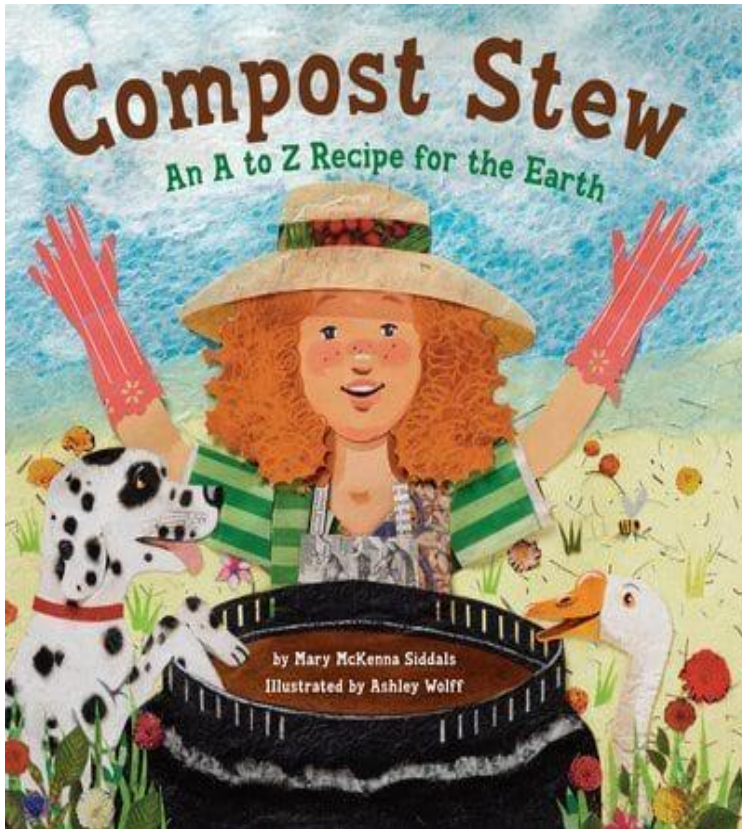
"Apple cores bananas, coffee grounds with filters, used just add to the pot and let it all rot into Compost Stew!"

From eggshells to wiggly worms, this delightful recipe in bouncy verse features items some familiar and some not so that are fit for the home compost bin and will nourish Mother Earth.

The book even give some tips on things that shouldn't be added to compost.

Above all the unique artwork in this picture book adds another level to the recycle message as you can see parts of the collage making up the pictures are scraps of old paper and newspaper articles.

Creating compost with rhymes and the alphabet, what else could be needed for such a fun book.



Reviews



"An imaginative and engaging introduction to the concept of composting." CM Magazine

"Bouncy rhymes and busy collage art zip along as everything from apple cores to zinnia heads gets tossed into a rich and rotting soil-bound mix. A potentially heavy-handed message is delivered with a light touch so that you want to start your own waste heap right away. Mission accomplished!" San Francisco Chronicle

"When it comes to promoting environmentalism, there's no harm in starting young....Ashley Wolff's collage-style illustrations, made from newspaper, tea bags and other recycled materials, echo writer Mary McKenna Siddals's message of reducing waste." Washington Post

"This title highlights a subject rarely covered in youth books and provides a light-hearted introduction to an earth- and kid-friendly activity. The brightly patterned collage artwork featuring a cast of multicultural kids working together will easily draw a young audience." Booklist