



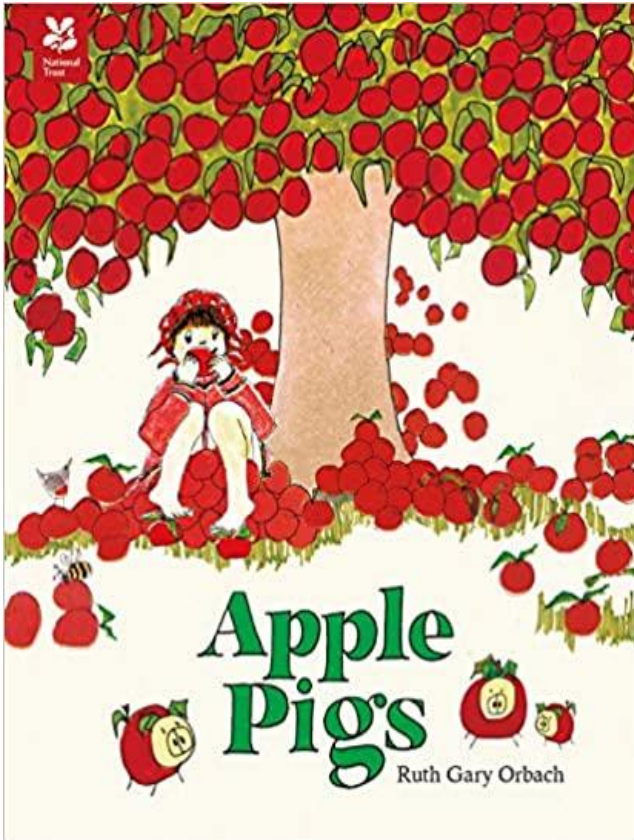
Suntrap Book Review

Apple Pigs

By Ruth Gary Orbach

Published by National Trust Books £9.99 (h/b)

Age range: Two - five year-olds



Description

A timeless classic, this beautifully illustrated tale of an apple tree that grows too many apples is delightfully told in rhyme.

A little girl finds a withered apple tree surrounded by rubbish. To stop the tree being chopped down for firewood, she clears the rubbish to help the poor tree grow.

When Spring arrives, the tree bursts into blossom and produces a glut of apples. But as the little girl's family try to eat, cook and hide the apples in rugs, blankets, wagons and jugs, the apples continue to grow! There is only one answer: an apple feast!

A wonderful tale, its charming illustrations and story will amuse and educate, giving children an appreciation of nature's bounty and the importance of sharing. The book includes a guide to making your own 'apple pig' (a fruit sculpture that looks just like a pig!).

Reviews

'This book, at first glance, is a strange poem all about apples. However, when I read it again, I decided that it is a beautiful written poem which is a perfect celebration of harvest and growing your own produce to share during harvest time for both humans and animals alike to eat from the land.

The story is told in verse, a beautiful poem, which gives lots of thoughts from which many discussions can be had but the illustrations which accompany it are also very good. They would make great discussion starters for circle time and are great to look at with younger children as there are lots of individual components which make up the larger scene.

I would say it is a perfect book to celebrate harvest time.' *Sarah Broadhurst*

'Apple Pigs is my sons' and my favourite! The story is wonderful...set in rhyme with lots of silliness, but shares a family working together, animals galore, taking care of the world around us, sharing and community. Plus...we loved the directions at the end for making our own apple pigs!' *Julia*

'An excellent book that I bought for my children and have now bought from my grandson for Christmas. It's also very ecological, teaching children about how to look after trees and how you can be rewarded.'