

# THE LITTLE SEED

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As spring arrives and the animals of the forest rush around in loud flurry of activity, one tiny seed lies asleep in the mud. Squirrels dig past him, a family of moles tunnel beneath him, and caterpillars mosey around him, yet no one even notices he's there. Summer comes, and flowers burst into bloom, yet still our little seed snoozes on. He's waiting for a day when he'll awake, itchy all over, and stretch his arms, and – oh, my! Look what's happened!

Soft-edged illustrations and a colorful yet sparing narrative depict nature as a world full of potential, a world always changing, in which every seed has its own right time to germinate. Every seed, burrowing mole, and crawling caterpillar live and grow together in a symphony of life.

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