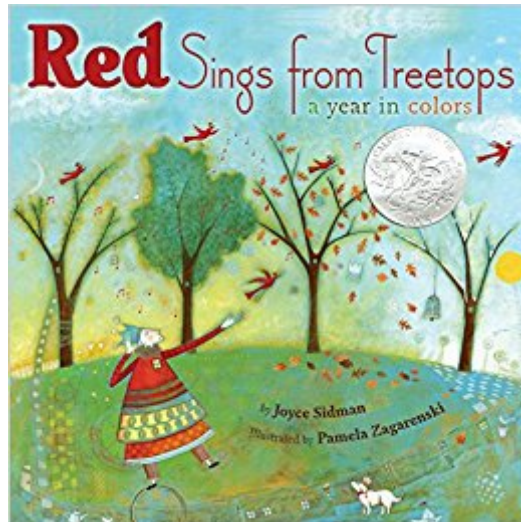


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# Red Sings From Treetops: A Year In Colors (Sidman, Joyce)



## Synopsis

With original and spot-on perceptions, Joyce Sidman's poetry brings the colors of the seasons to life in a fresh light, combining the senses of sight, sound, smell and taste. In this Caldecott Honor book, illustrator Pam Zagarenski's interpretations go beyond the concrete, allowing us to not just see color, but feel it.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

**\*Starred Review\*** The changing seasons have been the subject of many a picture book, but this one has a particularly unique take on the topic. Each season is explored in terms of how it encompasses colors. In the spring, "Red sings / from treetops . . . / each note dropping / like a cherry / into my ear." Green "peeks from buds," and yellow "slips goldfinches their spring jackets." Succeeding seasons offer other opportunities for the colors to spread their particular magic. In summer, "white clinks in drinks." The blue in water "takes on many names: turquoise, azure, cerulean." Sidman also brings other senses to the fore. Old leaves and crushed berries smell purple. And though one might not associate pink with winter, it "prickles: / warm fingers / against cold cheeks." All of these evocative images are matched in the imaginative illustrations.

Stylized figures, intricately costumed and crowned, walk, run, and sail through Zagarenski's artwork. You'll find one in a tree picking juicy red apples and another set against an expanse of white, building a snowman. Throughout, the mixed-media illustrations, including collage and paintings on wood, provide much to look at. And as the title implies, the colors that surprise on every page do sing. Preschool-Grade 1. --Ilene Cooper

A 2010 Caldecott Honor Book "It's wonderfully strange to read of colors with sounds, smells and tastes."--New York Times Book Review "A charming inspiration to notice colors and correlate emotions"--Kirkus Reviews, starred review "This book has a freshness and visual impact all its own, and it will inspire a rainbow of uses."--The Bulletin, starred review "Sustaining the playfulness of the text and its sense of awe, mystery, and beauty, the illustrations contribute gracefully to the celebration."--Horn Book, starred review "As the title implies, the colors that surprise on every page, do sing."--Booklist, starred review

Our family loves books. We've been unable to return this one to the library without buying a copy for ourselves. When my 2.5 yr old daughter recites, "...and each note drops like a cherry into my year," her tremendous joy is reason enough to recommend this book to anyone who loves words, loves colors and appreciates the seasons. The lush illustrations are worthy of a book that speaks in color--a delight!

What a lovely book. Request was for a color description book. This one is beautiful and the descriptions are tactile as well as colorful. Would say it's for an older child, unless like this little girl, it's someone who can't wait to hear you read. Highly recommend.

I bought the book to read to my grandson. I loved it so much, I bought another copy for a close friend to read to hers. The paintings are beautiful and the message is spiritual and insightful and I would wish all children to know this.

I got this as a library book for my son and I fell in love and ordered my own copy. I wish I could fill my walls with huge paintings of the pages! I love the way nature is the star and the message is beauty is in every season. Gorgeous.

Every time my son (3 yrs old) is too wound up at bed time or can't sleep I pull out this book. I enjoy reading it and the poetry has such a calming affect on my son. The illustrations are gorgeous too. Highly recommended!

Beautiful, colorful words, pictures, and verse. Each of your senses will be peaked and blessed - and you'll want to run outside to experience the joy of nature.

Love the artwork in this book!!

I love this book so much, it is more like reading poetry to your little one! The colors of the seasons, the rhythm of the words...pure joy to read!

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