

Dandelions Stars in the Grass

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To anyone intent on a perfectly manicured lawn, dandelions are known as a weed and a nuisance. In *Dandelions*, Posada offers a different view of this ubiquitous yellow flower.

With a simple rhyming text she presents the flower as a fascinating and cheerful harbinger of spring. The soft, predominantly green and yellow illustrations leave no white space on the page and are full of close-up views of insects and dandelions. The journey of the seeds is shown, as they float like umbrellas across the meadow to land on a hillside and begin the growing process all over again.

The book includes additional information about dandelions, such as the origin of the name, which is from the French “dent de lion,” or lion’s tooth. There is also a recipe for salad and a page or two of science experiments. While not as in-depth as Lauber’s *Seeds: Pop, Stick, Glide*, *Dandelions* is a good introduction for young children who are just discovering the mystery of seeds.

Although this is a common flower that grows almost everywhere, readers of *Dandelion* will gain a new appreciation for this “star in the grass.”

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