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The Apple Argument

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The story of the Garden of Eden gets juicy in this picture book that looks at the tale from a new perspective: that of the fruit. Rich, saturated greens, reds, and purples pair with swirling patterns and layered lines to create a dreamlike atmosphere as the fruits argue over which one of them is the best; they are too distracted to notice the snake in their midst. The snake encourages the garden's caretakers to listen to the fruits, leading to unexpected consequences.

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