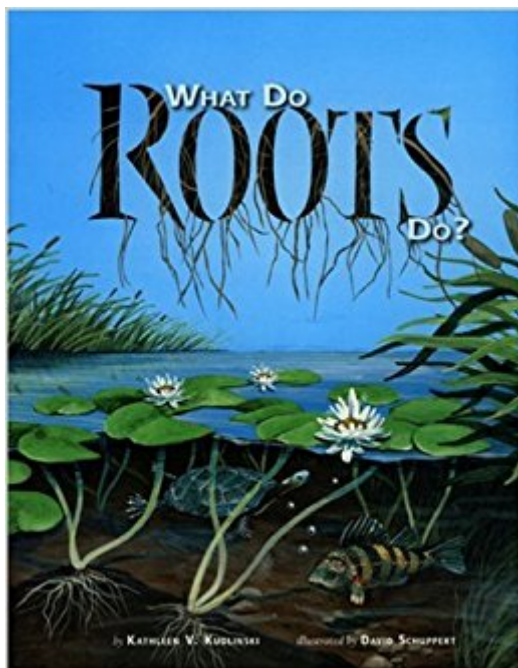


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# What Do Roots Do?



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3 "Unseen and unheralded, roots lead a secret life under the soil, anchoring and nourishing the leafy, spiny, flowery, fruiting bodies that soothe our eyes and shade our backyards. Palm, pine or maple, it always is true "half of the tree will be hidden from you. Kudlinski's brief rhyming text describes them, from the tiniest root hairs to the strongest taproots, sucking up the water that makes its way up the trunk, out through branches and twigs, and into the leaves and beyond. Or, in the case of some vegetables, the roots themselves become edible, such as carrots and beets. Unfortunately, the mineral nutrients carried in that water are not mentioned, nor is photosynthesis, and potatoes are tubers (which are not exactly roots). The simple text is

accompanied by abundantly green oil-and-acrylic spreads that keep perfect step. While Franklyn M. Branley's golden oldie *Roots Are Food Finders* (HarperCollins, 1975) is far more informative, this is an appealing purchase.â “Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NY Copyright  
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It is very simple book, but it blow my mind. Very creative and very pretty illustrations. My child love it and gote to realize how important roots are in plants life. It is a very nice book I do recommend it for you to buy. Worth the money. I keep looking for this kind of books it is like treasure to me. You will use them all the time and never get tired of them.

I bought this to teach lower grades about the purpose of roots in the life of a plant. Illustrations are lovely as well.

This book will be used in conjunction with *Stems and Roots* so that the children will understand the importance of roots and where they are located. This is a great book to use when introducing plants to children.I especially like the fact that BrookeBook Company were so ready to accommodate me when I did not receive the book. I not only received the second shipment, but I received the first ship as well. I have forwarded a check to them. There were no questions asked when I said I could not respond when I had not received the book. Wow, what service and such a great spirit. Thank you again.

Great for science class.

Great book for young children. Illustrations are very nice.

See my complete review with links and resources at:

<http://insideoutsidemichiana.blogspot.com/2015/11/what-do-roots-do.html>The book, *What Do Roots Do?*, grabbed my attention as one of the books on display at Bristol Public Library. I love using the library to preview books to see if I like them.I really like the illustrations in the book, especially the title with the roots dangling down from the word ROOTS. Throughout the book, the illustrations are detailed and engaging, showcasing various habitats and places. I also really like how various concepts are illustrated, like the variety of roots in the garden and a comparison page of different

trees with roots on one page spread. The book uses a rhyming text to share information about roots. From reading the book, I learn that roots: Hold plants up straight in the wind Hold plants growing on a slant Keep plants in place if we're walking or playing on a plant (we play on plants? Of course--grass, trees, and more!) Plants use roots to drink Plants use tubes to send the water to other parts of the plant Plants may have rootlets, taproots, a trunk, branches, twigs, and leaves Extra water "blows away on a breeze" Half of a tree is hidden underground in the form of roots Plants will usually die if we break off the roots We can care for plants by not digging them up We can water plants to help care for them We eat some underground roots, like carrots, potatoes, and radishes Cactus roots spread out far to find precious water Water lilies have roots in the ground under the water I love how it ends, reminding us of the complexity of a plant! "Whenever you look at a plant short or tall, remember, you don't see the whole thing at all." Most pages have an appropriate text per page for a read aloud. The book shares so much information, as in the list above. I find the rhyming text awkward at times. If I were to use this as a read aloud book, I would really have to practice reading it more times than normal as I would trip over some parts of it. I could also use the concepts presented and great illustrations and just say my own version of the material. While solid concepts are presented in the book about roots, some additions I might add include the following. These could also be supplemental activities to explore with your little one or group: An information sheet for adults about what roots do in non-fiction format. A couple of activities to explore roots with a child. A comparison page of various roots. How animals interact with roots. A look at native plants versus non-native plants. Typically, a native plant will have deeper and stronger roots to prevent erosion. Here is a program we went to on invasive plants. Suggestions for service projects to help plants and roots. One invasive plant we enjoy removing is garlic mustard, as it's very easy to pull out! Printable activity sheet on roots--here is one I found with a lesson plan. I always like connecting art into things we learn as well. This is a cool art piece about roots from a Brazilian sculptor. Check it out! To learn more about the author, check out her website.

I bought this book for my inquisitive 3-1/2 year old. I love books that teach her about nature and the world around us. The rhyming text can be a little awkward at times, but the illustrations are very nice. Sometimes we just look at the pictures in the book and talk about what we see and how plants grow.

I absolutely love this book!! I am in school right now with Biology and Environmental Science being my majors! My two boys absolutely love this book, and it's educational as well. I hope to find more

like this one!!

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