

## RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

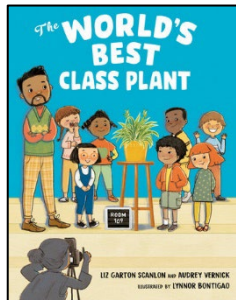
### *The Extraordinary Gardener*

by Sam Boughton

### Community Read, March–May 2025

#### Related Books

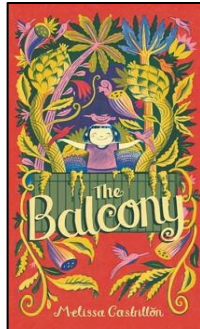
There are many wonderful garden-related books for children. Here are some with similar themes to *The Extraordinary Gardener*.



#### ***The World's Best Class Plant***

by Audrey Vernick and Liz Garton Scanlon, Illustrated by Lynnor Bontigao. (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2023. ISBN 9780525516354. Recommended for ages 3-7)

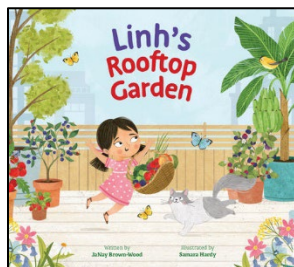
“An irresistible picture book about a boy and his classmates who long for a class pet but discover the joys and rewards of nurturing a class plant.”  
(penguinrandomhouse.com)



#### ***The Balcony***

by Melissa Castrillon, illustrated by Melissa Castrillon (Simon & Schuster, 2019. ISBN 9781534405882. Recommended for ages 4–8)

“When a little girl moves from her home to an apartment in the city, she takes her pretty plants with her and one by one they grow and bloom and change both her world and the world all around her as she makes a new friend.  
When your heart is open, the world is full of possibilities.” (simonandschuster.com)



#### ***Linh's Rooftop Garden***

by JaNay Brown-Wood, Illustrated by Samara Hardy (Peachtree, 2023. ISBN 9781682636275. Recommended for ages 3-7)

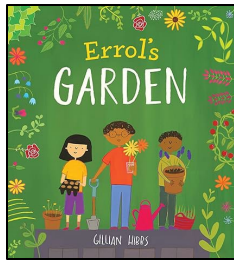
“Linh is having a picnic on her rooftop garden for all of her friends, and her snacks won't be set without her blueberries. She's searched and searched, but she has many plants on her rooftop, and Linh needs our help to identify them. What do we know about blueberries? They're small, blue, and grow on bushes—and, just a second, is that a blueberry? No, that's a gooseberry. Where, oh, where could those blueberries be? Can you help Linh find them in time for her picnic?” (penguinrandomhouse.com)



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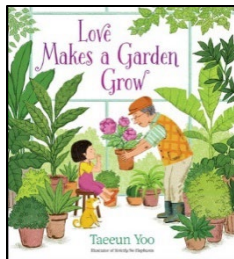
RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*The Extraordinary Gardener* by Sam Boughton  
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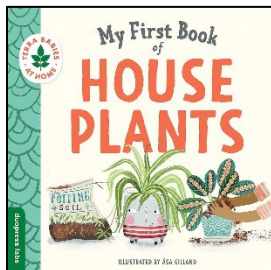
***Errol's Garden*** by Gillian Hibbs (Child's Play International, 2018. ISBN 9781786280855. Recommended for ages 3-6)

“Errol loves gardening, but he doesn't have a proper garden. Although his home is full of beautiful plants, he longs for an outdoor space where he can grow things. A chance discovery leads to a solution, but Errol can't do everything on his own. Luckily, help is near at hand. A heart-warming and inclusive tale about how one small boy's dream of a garden unites a diverse community in a positive and enriching experience for everyone.” (childs-play.com)



***Love Makes a Garden Grow*** by Taeun Yoo (Simon & Schuster, 2023. ISBN 9781534442863. Recommended for ages 4-8)

“A young girl observes the bugs and blooms and the rich smell of the soil of her grandfather's garden. Her grandfather hums as he waters his treasured plants. And when he gives the girl a flower of her own, caring for it teaches her to feel her grandfather's love.” (simonandschuster.com)



***My First Book of House Plants*** illustrated by Åsa Gilland (Sourcebooks, 2021. ISBN 9781950500703. Recommended for ages 0-2)

Simple and quirky text pairs with charming art ... in this book where future nature lovers will learn about houseplants in a friendly and easy way while being introduced to basic concepts of plant care and the environment. (sourcebooks.com)

## **Recommended Youth Gardening Organizations**

### ***Junior Master Gardener*** ([www.jmgkids.us](http://www.jmgkids.us))

The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university Cooperative Extension network. JMG engages children in novel, “hands-on” group and individual learning experiences that provide a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind.

### ***4-H*** ([www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org))

4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension—a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing. For more than 100 years, 4-H has welcomed young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving kids a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better.



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