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Fall Is Not Easy



Synopsis

You've got to feel sorry for your average tree. It's got a lot to worry about: squirrels, thunderstorms, kids building forts. Oh, yes, and then there's that pesky business about changing colors for the fall...

Main character in *Fall Is Not Easy* is a tree that has its share of troubles with its fall colors. No matter what pattern its leaves change into--a smiley face, a spotted cow, an "Eat at Joe's" sign--nothing seems to work out quite right. How will the tree solve its seasonal dilemma? Leave it to Marty Kelley, author/illustrator of *Summer Stinks* and *The Rules* to come up with the perfect solution.

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Customer Reviews

I taught 4 year olds for 8 years. I can't remember when I first bought this book but it became an instant favorite. The children will ask to have it read to them many times a day and laugh hysterically after each reading. By the end of October I was ready to put this book away but my class was not. My copy is getting worn out! This book is an all time favorite with 4 year olds.

I have read this book to hundreds of children and adults. I have shared it with my own kids and have read it to children in my first grade class as well as to children in the Storytimes that I have done at the library. I have also highlighted it when doing literature presentations for other teachers. The reaction is always the same. The audience is quiet at first and possibly thinking, "Hmmm. Not very interesting." But then as the tree begins her struggles (I like to think of her as a girl!) there is

side-splitting laughter that increases as each page turns. As soon as the book is over a chorus of, "Read it again!" begins and of course, I do! This book is a gem and sharing it each year is one of my favorite things about fall!

Fall Is Not Easy is a humorous story about a tree's attempt at changing colors for fall. Some of the attempts include a smiley face design, then some odd designs, and then finally a pumpkin design, all made by the tree's colorful leaves. If you share this story with preschoolers, kindergarteners, first graders, or second graders, you will hear lots of laughter. Children of all ages seem to enjoy this story, recognize the seasonal changes, hear the rhyming patterns, and appreciate the outright humor. If you want children to have some fun, buy this book.

I have purchased this book at least three times. I love it. As a grandmother, I could not have asked for a book that was more fun to read to the grandchildren. It is just delightful. We first found it at the library. After taking it home several times I decided it was time to buy it. We have been reading it for several years now and still love it. I have sent it to friends' children and others.

A simple concept (a tree going through the four seasons), straightforward and minimalist writing, and relatively simple illustrations add up to one marvelously funny book! When I leafed through it, the rhyming text and interesting premise (that a tree could try out different colors and patterns of leaves) made me laugh. But when I read it to my daughter's preschool class, the kids roared with laughter each time I turned the page to show them another of this little tree's crazy variations. They loved it, and I bet most other 4-year-olds will, too.

This is one of my all time favorite children's books -- a simple and easy story about seasons for a 2 year old and a great insight into a preschooler's emerging sense of humor over the next few years. Right up there with Good Night Moon and Where the Wild Things Are, it is really just perfect.

Fall Is Not Easy is a wonderful story! The writer effectively connects you with the struggle of a loveable tree and its attempts to make it through the difficult fall season. The reader will love the tree, love the story, love the art work and the author.

Fall Is Not Easy is a great book to help teach about the change of the seasons. The illustrations are wonderful. Marty Kelley has done a tremendous job with this book. This book is a must for all

readers.

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