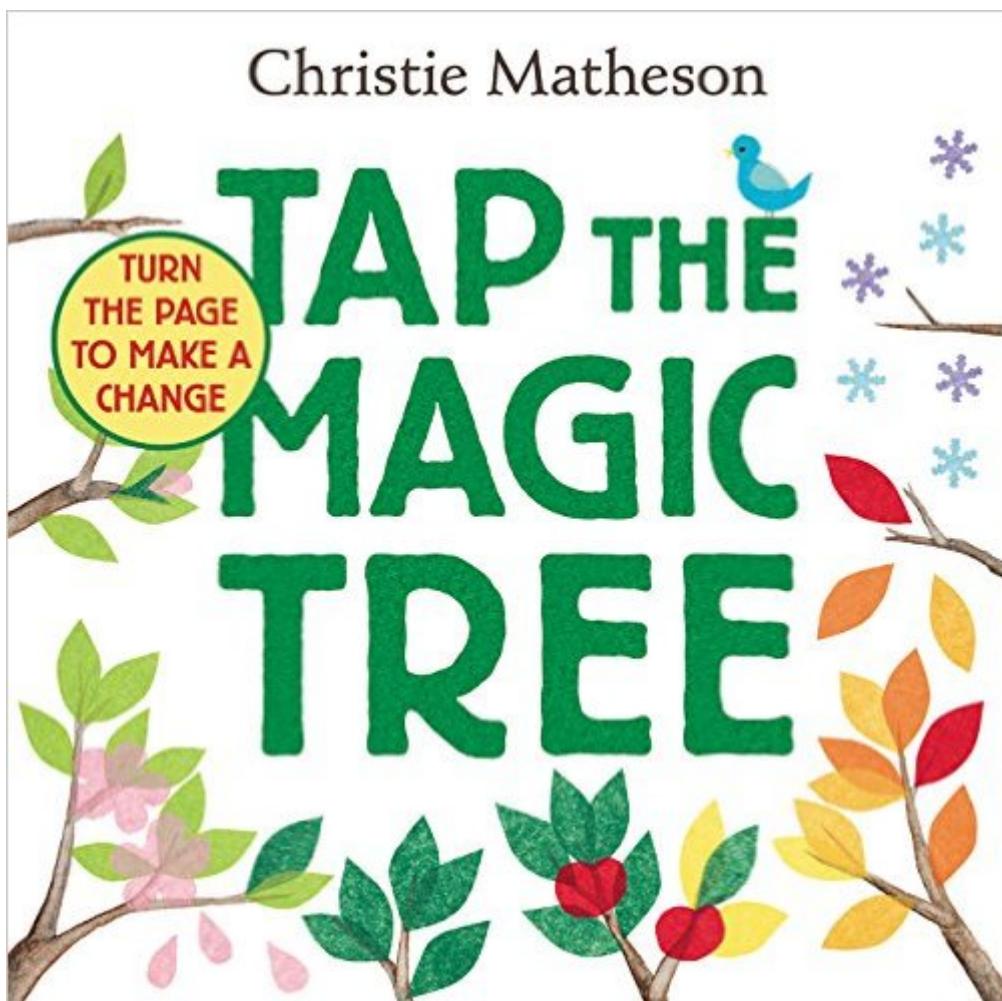


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Tap The Magic Tree Board Book



Synopsis

The board book edition of the acclaimed interactive picture book about the changing seasons, which the New York Times praised, "Like Hervé Tullet's *Press Here*, Matheson's *Tap the Magic Tree* proves you don't need apps for interactivity." Every book needs you to turn the pages. But not every book needs you to tap it, shake it, jiggle it, or blow it a kiss. Innovative and timeless, *Tap the Magic Tree* gives even the youngest reader the chance to help one lonely tree change with the seasons. Now that's interactive—and magical! It begins with a bare brown tree. But tap that tree, turn the page, and one bright green leaf has sprouted. Tap again "one, two, three, four" and four more leaves have grown on the next page. Pat, clap, wiggle, jiggle, and blossoms bloom, apples grow, and the leaves swirl away with the autumn breeze. The collage-and-watercolor art evokes the bright simplicity of Lois Ehlert and Eric Carle, and the interactive concept will delight fans of *Pat the Bunny*. Combining a playful spirit and a sense of wonder about nature, Christie Matheson has created a new modern classic that is a winner in every season—and every story time!

Book Information

Board book: 42 pages

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Every once in a while you pick up a new picture book and instantly know it will become a classic. This is how I felt when I discovered *TAP THE MAGIC TREE* at my local bookstore. With simple text and illustrations, the book introduces the concept of the seasons to young readers. What makes this

book special is the interactivity--begging the reader to tap, shake, and blow a kiss to make the tree "magically" change. Young readers will want to read this book over and over to enjoy this interaction, which really does feel a bit magical. I hope this is the beginning of many books from this talented author/illustrator!

My 2 year old and 4 year old absolutely love this book! Each page contains sweet instructions (like tapping the tree or blowing the leaves) that result in a change to the tree (such as apples growing, or the leaves falling off) that you see when you turn the page. My children like to hide their eyes when I turn each page, are delighted when they see the "effect" of their actions. I highly recommend this beautiful and engaging book!

My two daughters love this book. It is a beautifully illustrated story following a tree through the seasons, done in a very engaging way that has the girls enthralled at each page as they're asked to tap, jiggle, knock and blow the tree through its different stages. Their favorite parts are turning the buds into flowers and 'shaking' the apples off the tree. I love the fact that it has a simple message, yet manages to be interactive without any gadgets, gizmos or electronics. It's a breath of fresh air!

Every young child should get to Tap The Magic Tree! I have never seen such a clever, concise explanation of the seasons that is so spot on perfect for even the youngest readers. Each two page spread delivers instructions to the reader which result in changes to a plain, bare brown tree. We follow the tree through leaves, buds, blooms, fruit, fall, and snow. Perhaps my favorite part is the end, when the book instructs us to be patient, "Close your eyes and count to ten", "Magic! It begins again." Some may argue that equating the natural process with magic is misleading, but I would say that it merely promotes the wonder that exists in nature, making it accessible to the very young. The design and illustrations in this book are simple and inviting. The many comparisons to Tullet's wonderful book Press Here are certainly valid, given the many opportunities for interaction. I feel that this book takes those concepts a step past the abstract, adding warmth and realism and a firm connection between book and reader that will serve to delight young book lovers for many repeat reads. This is a classic and a must have for any toddler, preschool, or early elementary student collection.

This is a CHARMING book absolutely made for sitting with a young child on one's lap to read. The notion that the child "makes" the story happen by tapping on the pages is magical and creates a

nice surprise for the child (and the adult!). It is a quiet book, full of feeling and wonder. (To preserve the wonder, I put this away for special reading times.)

My son (5) and daughter (2) really enjoyed reading this book together. The book asks you to tap the tree, jiggle it, blow kisses at it, etc. and at the next page you can see that the picture has changed. It makes them really excited to think that they changed the tree and to see how it progresses through the seasons. Lovely, simple format - a favorite of my kiddos.

This book is geared to younger children so will be a favorite storytime book at our library. Very interactive and also teaches about the seasons. A book to enjoy!

I Love this book!!! I bought it for my grand daughter and we have had so much fun with it. A magical journey, beautiful drawings.

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