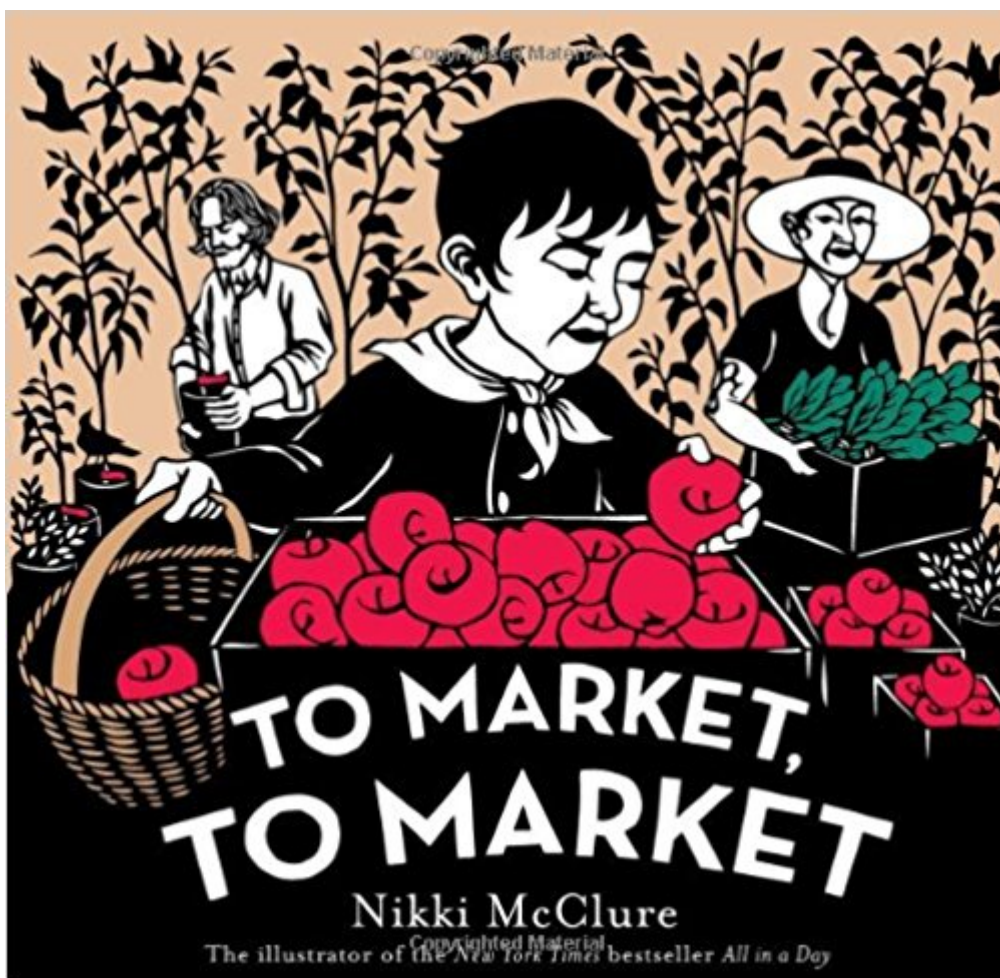


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# To Market, To Market



## Synopsis

Known for art that celebrates the virtues of community, hard work, and living gently on the planet, Nikki McClure here explores a topic close to her heart: the farmers market. Alternating between story and fact, this lovingly crafted picture book follows a mother and son to the weekly market. As they check off items on their shopping list, the reader learns how each particular food was grown or produced, from its earliest stages to how it ended up at the market. *To Market, to Market* is a timely book that shines awareness on the skill that goes into making good food. Praise for *To Market, to Market*: STARRED REVIEW "These soulful images never feel static" — an amazing feat for such a deliberate, painstaking medium." — Kirkus Reviews, starred review AWARD: WINNER: 2012 Washington State Book Award, Children's Picture Books

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

## Customer Reviews

Nikki McClure is a self-taught artist who has been making paper-cuts since 1996. She is the author and illustrator of *Collect Raindrops* and *Mama, Is It Summer Yet?* and the illustrator of *All in a Day*, by Cynthia Rylant, which won the Pacific Northwest Bookseller's award. She visits her farmers market in Olympia, Washington, every week. Visit her online at [www.nikkimcclure.com](http://www.nikkimcclure.com).

I bought this book after finishing my Montessori training because I was looking for books that had

realistic topics and real, specific vocabulary. I love this book as an educator and mother because it describes the growing, preparation and selling process of food products using technical terms (rootstock, scion, alder smoke) which is great for young children who are little sponges for this kind of information. I've read this to children from 2 - 10 years old and they all love it, but the age that loves it most seems to be about 2-7. The pictures are stunning, the story is nice ( I like the fact that the smoked salmon and honey sellers trade their products, and that the author thanks the beekeeper, as well as the bees for the honey) and it's a great way to promote an appreciation for local products and small farmers in young children.

Nikki McClure's woodcuts are beautiful, as they are in all of her work. This is the story of a young child who goes to the farmers market. Each "chapter" of the book is about one of the farmers/artisans and what they do to grow or make what they sell at the market -- e.g. the couple who grows kale, the family who makes goat cheese, the guy who raises honeybees and sells honey, etc. At the end of the book the child has a big meal with his family/friends incorporating all of the items purchased at the market. Each chapter thanks the farmer and the animals for their hard work. This is a wonderful book for maybe 4-6 year olds, and also a great book for the Montessori classroom. The text is basically matter-of-fact, realistic portrayals of what people do to make cheese, grow vegetables, etc. combined with those gorgeous illustrations. Be warned though that this is NOT a quick read -- there is a lot of text in each chapter, so don't expect to be able to polish this off quickly at your kid's bedtime!

The illustrations are wonderful works of art, but you must be ready for, in all the market scenes, for only one M-F couple. Every possible variety is illustrated here. It is SO-o-o-o politically correct for a liberal college town (i.e. Olympia, Washington). It comprises a very nice, if uninspired, factual explanation of many experiences to be had at the farmer's market. I really appreciated that it covered the vagaries of what may be available at different times, and how that depends on both nature and the people who make up the marketplace. All in all, a delightful book that for once in the children's picture book market place deals with reality instead of imaginary realms of fancy.

I have tried viewing this on multiple devices and it is UN-READABLE. The letters are all on top of one another, making it unable to read.

To Market To Market. I have fallen in love with the simple beautiful pictures of Nikki. "All in a Day"

was our first purchase for our 18 month old son and the message and easy phrasing keep him entertained while the beauty within the message made me start to appreciate each day. Its great when books are as inspiring for the adults as the little ones we read to. To Market to Market has the same concept. Although, I current skip through half of the book because parts of the book go into such detail--that it may be better for older readers to understand where the market treat has come from. However, perfect storyline again and perfect for anyone from 1 to 100.

McClure's illustrations are, as always, gorgeous and fun to look at. I bought this book as a birthday present for my niece and nephew, and am hoping they will like it. I like the message of the book, explaining that food doesn't just appear at a grocery store. It does go into great detail with each item (kale, apples, salmon, baked goods, and woven napkins are a few that I remember) explaining how they are produced (e.g., talking about grafting an apple tree or brewing vats of indigo to dye fabric). Kind of cool and different for a children's book!

My son and I both love this book. It's helping him get excited about visiting farmer's markets this summer and eating kale!

great book for children of all agesinspires children to know their food sourcesthe text reads so authentically and comfortably as a real market experiencemy five year old loves this book

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