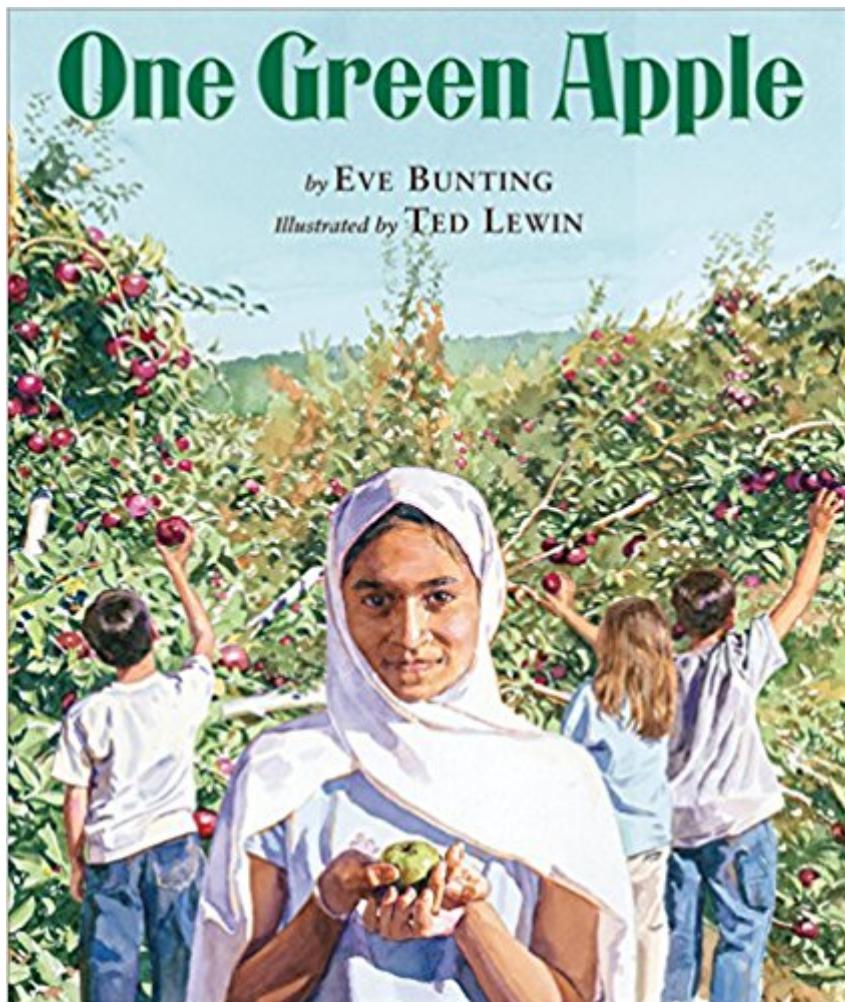


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# One Green Apple



## Synopsis

Farah feels alone, even when surrounded by her classmates. She listens and nods but doesn't speak. It's hard being the new kid in school, especially when you're from another country and don't know the language. Then, on a field trip to an apple orchard, Farah discovers there are lots of things that sound the same as they did at home, from dogs crunching their food to the ripple of friendly laughter. As she helps the class make apple cider, Farah connects with the other students and begins to feel that she belongs. Ted Lewin's gorgeous sun-drenched paintings and Eve Bunting's sensitive text immediately put the reader into another child's shoes in this timely story of a young Muslim immigrant.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-4  
As a Muslim girl rides in a hay wagon heading to an apple orchard on a class trip, the dupatta on her head setting her apart, she observes that while some of the children seem friendly, others are not. Her father has explained, we are not always liked here. Our home country (never named in the story) and our new one have had difficulties. Later, when she puts a green apple into the cider press instead of a ripe red one as her classmates have done, they

protest. But the cider from all their apples mixed together is delicious—*œa metaphor for the benefits of intermingling people who are different.* Lewin's watercolors radiate sunlight and capture the gamut of emotions that Farah experiences on this challenging second day in her new school in the U.S. They show her downcast silence and sense of isolation because she can't speak the language, her shy smile when a classmate befriends her, and, finally, her triumphant smile as she speaks one of her first English words, App-ell. This story, along with Bernard Wolf's *Coming to America: A Muslim Family's Story* (Lee & Low, 2003), can heighten youngsters' awareness of what it must be like to feel different and alone and that each person has something unique to contribute to the good of all.*œ*Marianne Saccardi, formerly at Norwalk Community College, CT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

*\*Starred Review\* Gr. 1-3. This poignant, attractive offering fills a growing need for picture books about contemporary immigrants of Arab descent, without limiting its relevance to a single ethnic group. On her "second day in the new school in the new country," Farah, who cannot speak English, joins her class on a field trip to an apple orchard, where she enjoys the sunny day but feels desperately isolated, "tight inside [herself]." Though Farah wears a headscarf and knows that there are "difficulties" between her native and adoptive countries, specifics of religion and politics never distract from the child's experiences: the hay smelling of "dry sunshine," the spark of optimism kindled when classmates accept her help at the cider press. Young readers will respond as much to Bunting's fine first-person narrative as to Lewin's double-page, photorealistic watercolors, which, though occasionally stiff, plainly show the intelligence behind Farah's silent exterior. The old-fashioned assimilation metaphor Farah sees in the cider-making experience ("I will blend with the others the way my apple blended with the cider") needn't have been so overt, but with its large, read-aloud-friendly trim size and its age-appropriate premise, this book will work beautifully for teachers hoping to foster empathy for immigrant students, or for use in furthering character education aims. Jennifer Mattson*Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I read with my students who are all of Muslim faith and they enjoyed this book. It would be great to read if at a public school because my students couldn't relate to feeling different compared to their classmates since everyone at our school is of the same faith and all where similar clothes. They did say it was a great book to help others understand how the main character may be feeling.

Powerful message. Teaching through text is the way to grow... Helps students to connect with those

who are different from themselves. My students said, " We are all different but we are all the same." It is like Each Kindness but has a happy ending!

Beautiful story. Being teacher of a very diverse ethnic class, this book was perfect to discuss many themes, such as perseverance and acceptance. There are many wonderful lessons this book can teach. The illustrations are absolutely gorgeous. You can never go wrong with an Eve Bunting book. I highly recommend this book for folks age 6-adult.

Great book for our times -- growing a welcoming feeling towards immigrants in the face of rising hatred

Excellent book, great pictures. Thank you.

Another Eve Bunting book that helps children understand each other and the world.

The story is a view from an english language learner from another country. She is afraid of her first day of school. A trip to an apple farm with her class proves to be an enjoyable experience for her as she interacts with classmates during the day. She learns that they are much like her.

I had to read this for an Assignment for school. Wonderful Children's book about being in a new school in a New Country

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