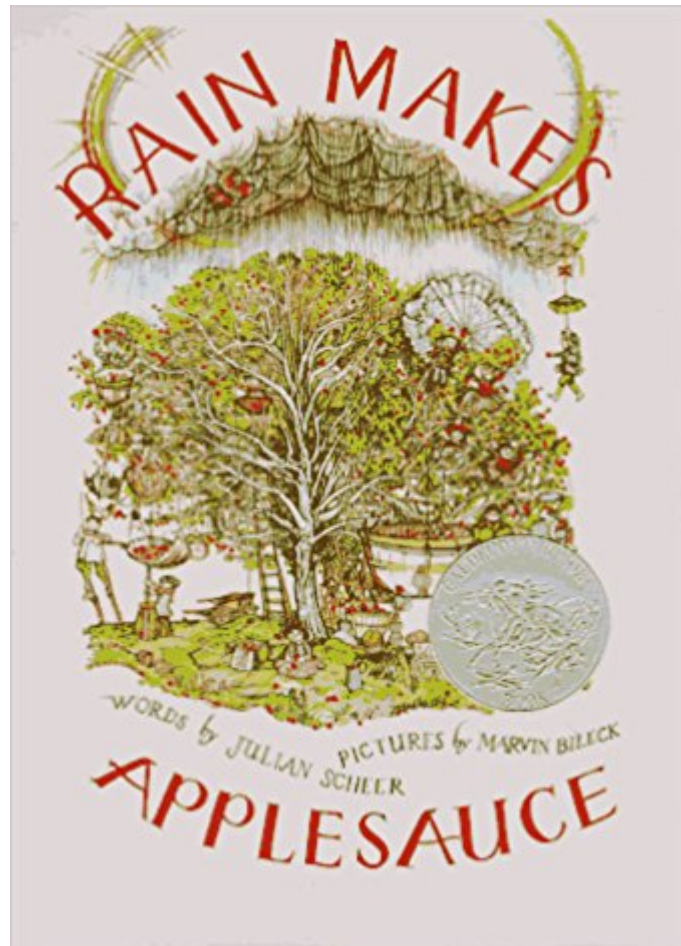




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# Rain Makes Applesauce



## Synopsis

"Rain Makes Applesauce" Words by Julian Scheer, Picture by Marvin Bileck The stars are made of lemon juice... ...and rain makes applesauce. Elbows grow on a tickle tree... ...and rain makes applesauce. Oh, you're just talking silly talk. This is a book of silly talk. It doesn't pretend to be anything else. And yet it is an extraordinary creation, in which author and artist speak to children in a very special way. The fanciful nonsense and marvelously intricate pictures are full of sly subtleties and happy surprises for both eye and ear. It is a book of absurd delights, of tiny, fey graphic details, of captivating scenes and lyrical phrases that stretch the imagination. Children will return to it again and again for new meanings, new images, new responses.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

1965 Caldecott Honor Book, 1965 ALA Notable Book, New York Times 10 Best Illustrated Books --  
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A classic volume of nonsense verse with a real story cleverly hidden inside the illustrations, still in print after more than 30 years.

Oh my goodness! What can I say but that I absolutely LOVE this book! There's an interesting story behind how I found this book and why I bought it. Nobody around me has heard of it before. I am a

30 year old mom and when I was in 9th grade in 1999, I came across a book in the school library called "The Wind Blows Backward". It quickly became one of my all time favorite books! So much so, that I have read it about a thousand times and have even bought 2 copies of it. In The Wind Blows Backward, named thus after a line from this children's book, the two main characters of the story begin to quote lines from a favorite book of their childhood. After reading the book for the 1000th time, I decided to see if their favorite childhood book, Rain Makes Applesauce, was actually a real book or just something the author of Wind Blows Backward came up with. To my delight, I found this Rain Makes Applesauce and out of sheer curiosity decided to buy it even though I have never read it. It is now my favorite book to read to my kids. My daughter, who is 6, absolutely loves this book and has almost every word memorized now and even takes turns reading it to me! I would definitely recommend anyone and everyone to buy this book. It is such a cute, fun, & silly book. I am so glad I decided to add it to our collection and hope that it will become one my kids pass on to their kids! :-D

I found this book in the closet at my grandmother's house 40+ years ago when I was little. She was a librarian and encouraged me to open it up. That's all it took. It became my very favorite book. I loved the illustrations and the writing was so funny to me as a little kid. I laughed and laughed. I looked for it several years ago and found it was out of print. Generations of kids were robbed! Now I have a little one and see that it is again available. I am so excited to read it to him. This book has stayed with me my whole life. Out of the thousands of books I devoured, this is the one that stands out the most. I have not looked at it since the 70s yet I can still close my eyes and picture the drawings contained within. THATS how much of an impression this wonderful story made on me.

At one time I collected children's books. Quality of the illustrations and uniqueness of the story were my prime guidelines. Rain Makes Applesauce was one of my favorites. The illustrations are outstanding and the verses are delightful. I recently gave and read the book to a two year old. I worried that the book was a bit too old for her. However, she loved the illustrations, giggled at the repeated refrains, and was saying them with me by the end of the book. Still one of my favorites.

So glad to find this book. It was a favorite of my youngest daughter and I wanted a copy for her daughter. That's just talking silly talk.'

All time favorite. Sense of whimsy required.

arrived in perfect condition , great price

It is a fun book.

It's a great book with excellent graphics and joyous silliness to match. I've been giving it as a well-accepted gift for as long as the book's been in print which is about 50 years--maybe more: that's the year it won the Caldecott Award), and I keep a copy on my shelves. The poem (it IS a poem) is easy to read to kids, who at least can chorus the title phrase, and the drawings are one of a kind. Get a couple of copies; say they're for kids, but keep one for your own enjoyment.

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