

LPP INSIDER

Exciting News from Little Pickle Press



Little Pickle Press is a 21st century publisher of award-winning children's media. We are dedicated to helping parents and educators cultivate conscious, responsible little people by stimulating explorations of the meaningful topics of their generation through a variety of media, technologies, and techniques.

Growing It Forward



By Dani Greer

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In her multiple award-winning picture book, *What Does It Mean To Be Green?*, Rana DiOrio sparks conversations with children about the many ways we can all help protect our precious environment. This includes "... eating foods grown locally, or even from your own garden."

When we talk about being **locavores**, it means we try to eat only foods grown within 100 miles of where we live. This can be challenging for most of us in America, as menu staples like bananas and tuna and popular treats like chocolate are not necessarily local. They must be shipped to us and we all know by now the food we buy in grocery stores travels, on average, a distance of 1,500 miles to reach our plates.

100 years ago, most people grew their own foods, and only grew "cash crops" as a small percentage of their total harvest. Today, the opposite is true, with farmers growing mostly commodity crops for cash to furnish all their living needs. Some might grow a vegetable garden to supplement what they buy at the store, but like most modern people in western societies, they grow only a small portion of the foods they eat, if any at all. Very few people grow all their own foods.

This month on our **blog**, we plan to explore many of the issues related to how we eat and ways we can be healthier and kinder to our environment through our food choices and by growing some of our own foods. We'll talk with growers who supply the local farmers markets, explore the **Farm to School movement**, learn about the growing popularity of urban farms, and even touch on subjects like seed saving and how genetically modified crops might endanger the world's food supplies.

We hope to plant some seeds that will take root in your imaginations, and perhaps help you grow some foods in your own backyards. Please join in our conversations on the **blog** and share how you manage food safety and security in sustainable ways in your home.

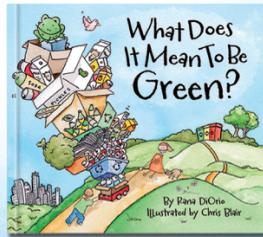
As part of our **locavore** month, we are offering a special price on *What Does It Mean To Be Green?*. See details below. We also have new **lesson plans** to go with the book, so be sure to share with teachers you know who might be interested in a fun classroom project. We even have a special **tune** created and sung by the talented and popular **Jasmine Saldate**. You can download it from iTunes **here**.

This month, we are helping children to discover **What It Means To Be Green!**

For the entire month of March, download *What Does It Mean To Be Green?* iBook and NOOK Book for FREE! Downloads are usually \$4.99, so don't miss out! All of our other award-winning titles will also be available at a discounted promotional price.

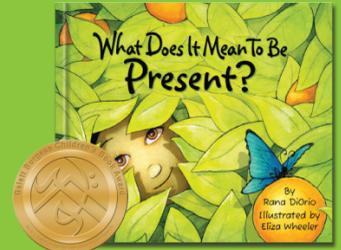
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You can also receive **FREE SHIPPING** and 25% off of your entire order with your purchase of *What Does It Mean To Be Green?* Just enter **LPPGreen12** at checkout.

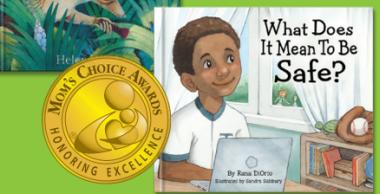
Our Latest Awards!



What Does It Mean To Be Present?
By Rana DiOrio
Illustrated by Eliza Wheeler
Gelett Burgess Children's Book Award

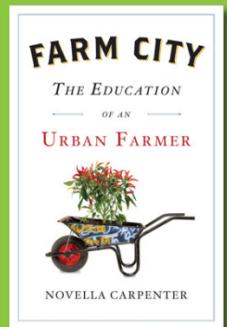


Mom's Choice!



What Does It Mean To Be Safe?
By Rana DiOrio
Illustrated by Sandra Salsbury and *Snutt The Ift*:
A Small but Significant Chapter in the Life of the Universe
By Helen Ward are both **Mom's Choice Award® Gold Medal Winners**

First Friday Book Review



Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer
By Novella Carpenter
Read the review here.

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change.org

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LPP Events

March 15-18
American Montessori Society
Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA
amshq.org/events

March 19-22
Bologna Children's Book Fair
Bologna, Italy
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