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How does your garden grow? Book-loving Lola is inspired by a collection of garden poems that she reads with her mommy. She wants to plant her own garden of beautiful flowers, so she and Mommy go to the library to check out books about gardening. They choose their flowers and buy their seeds. They dig and plant. And then they wait. Lola finds it hard to wait for her flowers to grow, but she spends the time creating her own flower book. Soon she has a garden full of sunflowers and invites all of her friends for cakes and punch and a story amongst the flowers.

Lola is a beloved character that continues to shine for young readers. Her curiosity and love of books is infectious. Parents and children love sharing Lola's stories.

Rosalind Beardshaw's beautiful illustrations highlight Lola's close-knit family and how they use stories and books to interact with their world. Lola's brightly colored and growing garden is the perfect surrounding for this bright little girl.

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Jessi says

The illustrations in this book are just PRECIOUS! I love them! The story is sweet, too- I like the fact that Lola was so interested in something she read that she wanted to act on it, and it's fun to see stories where families work together on something (in this case, planting a garden!)

Erin Buhr says

In Lola's most recent adventure, she becomes enchanted by the darling poem "Mary Mary Quite Contrary" and wants to plant her own flowers. I love the way her book of poems inspires a gardening adventure and a summer of fun. Lola gathers books from the library, chooses flower types with her mom and goes to the garden store to buy seeds. She plants her seeds, waits and cares for them and passes the time with the utmost creativity. Simple and straightforward but filled with life and color, this is a delightful planting book for young children and beautiful message about childhood. 2+

Julie says

I've liked this character for a while, and this book ties gardening with the "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" nursery rhyme. My children could relate to wanting to plant flowers, buying seeds at the garden store, and making a flower book. We're excited to garden!

Lisa says

Little Lola is excited about the book of garden poems to the point of wanting to plant her own. With the help of her mommy, Lola learns about the beauty of nature and sharing that beauty with friends and those you love.

Tracey says

Lola loves to read, especially her book of garden poems—and she decides she wants a garden of her own. Her mother takes Lola to the library and helps her select which flowers she wants to plant—and then off they go to buy seeds. After the flowers have grown, Lola invites her friends to a picnic to show off her garden.

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Wendy says

Absolutely loved this simple story with charming illustrations. Lola and her mother plant a flower garden and make their own book because Lola loves the nursery rhyme " Mary, Mary". This book is great for teaching sequencing and inspiring creativity. You'll love the finished garden.

Janet says

I love Lola and this time she wants to plant a garden and we see her and her mother planning, planting, and caring for the garden. And of course Lola first went to the library to find books on gardening before beginning her project.

Jared White says

I loved this book. I liked that reading with her Mom is one of the things which made Lola love flowers and want to have a flower garden. I liked that Lola researches (looks through) books about flowers to find out which she likes and that she used her library to find those books. I liked that once she planted her garden, she spends time doing crafts to make decorations to help pass the time until her garden starts to sprout. And I liked that, once her flowers start to bloom, she has her friends over for a garden party so they can see her garden and sample some veggies her mother grew.

The text is fairly short, which is good for the littlests, and the illustrations are lovely. For those who love gardens, I highly recommend.

Samantha says

Inspired by the nursery rhyme Mary Mary Quite Contrary, Lola plants a garden. She does her research and helps tend the garden and while she's waiting decorates and plans for a celebration with friends when the garden blooms.

Acrylic illustrations. Great read aloud for PreK-2.

Lindsay says

I love Lola so much!

Siobhan says

This is the story of Lola, a little girl who loves the rhyme, "Mary, Mary, quite contrary," and is so fascinated

by the idea of a flower garden that her mother agrees to help her plant one next to the vegetables. Lola and her mother plant the seeds, and then Lola must wait patiently for her flowers to emerge. While she waits, she makes a string of shiny bells and shells to hang among the flowers. When the flowers bloom, she invites her friends over to enjoy them. A sweet book, ideal for children waiting to see the products of their planting efforts.

Elaine says

I read this at a storytime to a group of 18 children ages 4 -5. They enjoyed it and we talked about going to the library to find books about the project you are getting ready to do, planting gardens, making scrapbooks and cooking from the garden. The illustrations are soft and colorful and Lola is adorable. I like that the author included a classic nursery rhyme and an original poem based on the classic rhyme because it is National Poetry Month, and I think its important to teach children about the value and the fun of poetry. I highly recommend this book for reading aloud at home or to a group in a storytime setting. Have fun with it!

Monique says

Lola stories are always so much fun to read and this title is no exception. This tale of "Lola Plants a Garden" explores Lola's desire to plant a garden, and with the help of her parents plants a flower garden. The illustrations are bright and cheerful and perfect for storytimes with toddlers and preschoolers.

Miss Pippi the Librarian says

Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary inspires Lola to grow her own garden with help from Mom and Dad. It's important to read the front cover with the nursery rhyme. The back cover has a Lola poem to end the book as well. Very sweet story.

Reviewed from a library copy.

2016 storytime theme: PreK Planters/Gardens

2018 storytime theme: Flowers

Misslakerria says

I enjoyed reading *Lola Plants a Garden* because it taught me that, though there are thousands of books and many different genres, there is one genre specifically tailored to my interest. I liked that fact that Lola's love of garden poems caused her to find out how to plant a garden and then she read another book to instruct her on the process. I thought that this would teach children to find books about topics that they love so that they can become an avid reader.

Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn and Rosalind Beardshaw is about a young girl named Lola, who is

inspired by a poem called “Mary Mary Quite Contrary” to plant a garden. An interest in gardening is sparked and Lola and her mother go to their local library to checkout books on how to plant a garden. After reading the “how to’s” and then planting the seeds in the ground, Lola has to wait for the plants to grow. In the meantime, Lola makes a flower book and other trinkets that she will show off to her friends once the flowers bloom. Lola shows off her new garden to her friends while they enjoy tasty treats from Lola’s mothers’ fruit and vegetable garden.

This book could be considered either an independent read or a read aloud book appropriate for grades K-2. This book will be incorporated into my classroom as both a independent read and read aloud for students. Students will be inspired to read a text (i.e. poem) and then conduct their own research in order to create a new masterpiece like Lola did in creating her garden.