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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 1–3—Beneath every garden lies a secret world down in the dirt. In this enchanting follow-up to *Over and Under the Snow* (Chronicle, 2011), Messner explores that underground realm. This yearlong adventure begins early in spring, with a young girl learning from her grandmother that the soil is still too cold and wet to begin planting. The pair make plans while earthworms and insects work in the dirt. As the year goes by, they tend to the garden, weeding, watering, and keeping away pests, and later harvesting vegetables. The illustrations are marked by rich brown earth tones, highlighted by brighter colors here and there (a red wheelbarrow, yellow boots) as the seasons reveal themselves slowly. Spreads detail the often unseen life all around the garden, such as a praying mantis that eats mosquitoes, pill bugs that chew through leaves, honeybees that pollinate flowers, and a garter snake that hunts grasshoppers. Neal effectively uses light and dark to show the contrast between night and day; an image of foraging rabbits by day is eventually replaced by a nighttime scene of skunks "[working] the night shift." Each page invites readers to linger over the quiet text, which gently moves the story along. Back matter includes an author's note and a complete listing of the many creatures mentioned throughout. VERDICT A beautiful, informative addition to any collection.—Frances E. Millhouser, formerly at Fairfax County Public Library, VA

Review

"Offers excellent coming attractions for what youngsters can expect when they try to grow something."--  
Reading Today

"Will have readers itching to get their hands dirty."--Baltimore Sun

"This is a really sweet book that explains how nature helps make a garden, with teamwork."--This Kid  
Reviews Books

"This beautifully illustrated work shines a light on life beneath the surface."--Modern Luxury: Manhattan

"The harmonious relationships above and below ground, and those between the two, emphasize the complexities of the garden ecosystem, as well as the joys of sustained engagement with the land."--The Horn  
Book Magazine

About the Author

Kate Messner is the award-winning author of *Over and Under the Snow*, *Sea Monster's First Day*, *Sea Monster and the Bossy Fish*, and more than a dozen other books for young readers. Kate lives on Lake Champlain with her family.

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