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Under The Cherry Blossom Tree: An Old Japanese Tale



Synopsis

Spring had finally come and everyone in the village was happy, despite being poor - everyone except the miserly landlord. Mumbling and grumbling, he sat all alone eating a bowl of cherries and glaring as the villagers sang and danced in the meadow. Then, quite by accident, he swallowed a cherry pit. The pit began to sprout. Soon the landlord was the wonder of the village - a cherry tree was growing on top of his head! What happened to the cherry tree and to the wicked landlord is a favorite joke in Japan. Allen Say tells the story with wit and vitality, and his beautiful drawings complement this classic Japanese tale.

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Customer Reviews

My three-year-old daughter and I happened across *Under the Cherry Blossom Tree* by Allen Say at our local library. It was different from any other kids' book we had read--strange, funny, and maybe a little disturbing. (Face it. We're talking about an old man with a tree growing out of his head.) But because of the humor, the beautiful illustration, and the poetically just ending, it soon became our favorite. One problem was that the library wanted it back. The other problem was that it was out of print. You won't know just how happy I was to find that *Under the Cherry Blossom Tree* had been re-printed until you read this book for yourself.

I stumbled across this book because I have fallen in love with Allen Say's illustrations. It is a

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