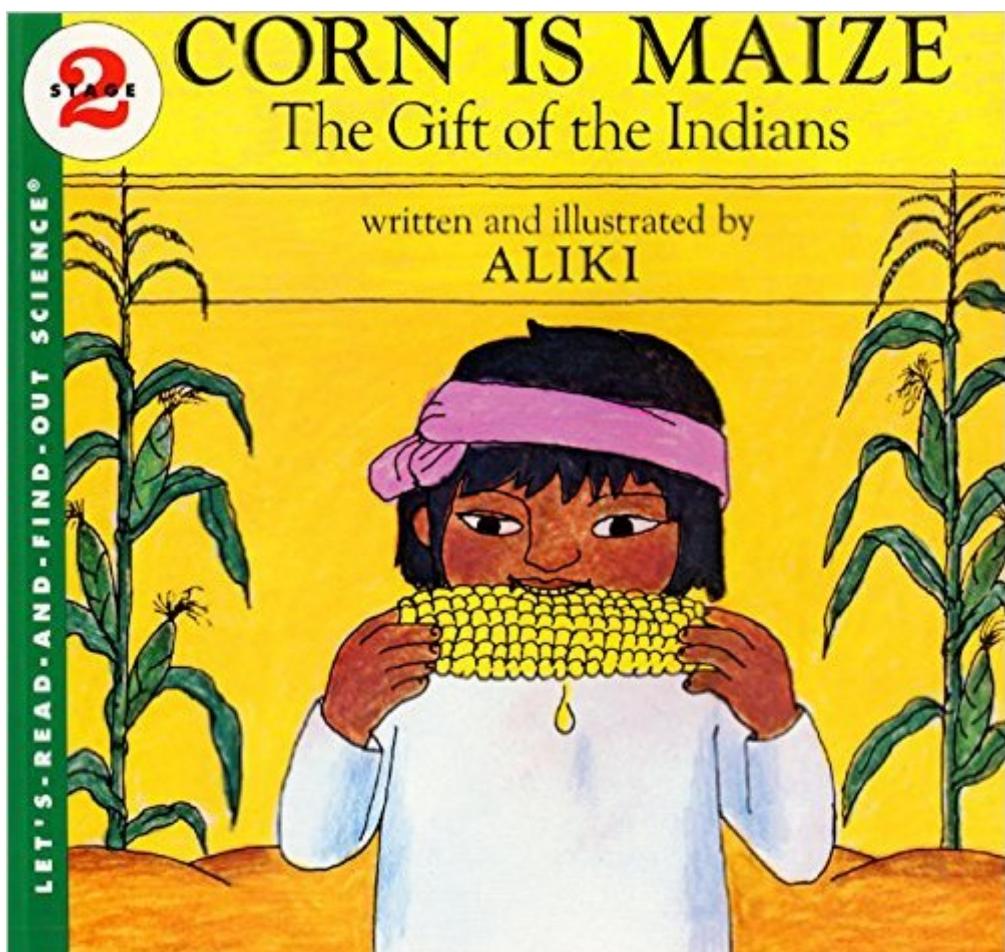


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# Corn Is Maize: The Gift Of The Indians (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)



## **Synopsis**

Popcorn, corn on the cob, cornbread, tacos, tamales, and tortillasâ "all of these and many other good things come from one amazing plant. With simple prose and beautiful illustrations, award-winning author-illustrator Aliki tells the story of how Native American farmers thousands of years ago found and nourished a wild grass plant and made corn an important part of their lives. This is a Stage 2 Let's-Read-and-Find-Out, which means the book explores more challenging concepts for children in the primary grades. Let's-Read-And-Find-Out is the winner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science/Subaru Science Books & Films Prize for Outstanding Science Series. Supports the Common Core Learning Standards and Next Generation Science Standards

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## **Customer Reviews**

This is an interesting book and the second science book that we have looked at which was written and illustrated by Aliki. In this book she covers a wide variety of aspects of Corn. She begins by explaining that a corn kernel is a seed. She then shows how sun and rain affects the planted seeds. There are drawings of developing corn with tassels and silk (boy and girl parts.) There is a smaller

drawing of the route pollen takes to get to the kernel. The pollen travels down the silk to reach the kernel egg. It is at this point that I will say that I think 4 and 5 years of age is too young for this book. (I have a 5 and a 3 and it was definitely over their heads.) But to continue-- The book discusses how other plants scatter their seeds but how corn needs people to survive. It emphasizes that scientist have never found any 'wild' corn but only the 'civilized' version we know now. From there the book divulges how native American were instrumental in developing the corn of today. It discusses how some groups used to bury a fish under each corn 'hill' and how growing beans and squash with corn made all do better. It then proceeds to show how corn was used by native Americans, how it was stored and celebrated in religion and dance, and how Christopher Columbus took corn or maize back to Europe. The pilgrims appreciation of corn is discussed as well as the many, many ways that corn and corn products are used today. Five stars. A comprehensive book about corn for children. The artwork is alternatively in color and grayscale, but this should not be a big drawback for those interested in the subject. The age range as mentioned before, should be fairly advanced, say first or second grade and above. Example of text follows so you can gage reading level, etc.: "But although scientists searched, they had never found any wild corn. Not long ago they found some. It was in a cave in Mexico where people once lived. They found scraps of plants and tiny ears of ancient corn, more than 5,000 years old. It was not like any the scientist had ever seen."

Corn is Maize is a great book on corn. It not only shows how corn is grown and the many uses. It teaches the children about Indian culture and how they shared their corn with the pilgrims. A book of history, science, and social development.

This book is great read with the kids to introduce a culture and the origins of...corns! Eating corn in the summer nights has been one of our family tradition so I wanted to have a children's book on corns for my little nephews when they visit in the summer time. It talks about the origins of corn that started over 5,000 years ago in Mexico and with the American Indians. It is a great book on the world of corns and the nourishment it brought for people of the Americas.

This book was geared to children ages 6 to 9. It was too long for average preschoolers to sit through. Our children became tired of listening to it half way through.

Quite simply, this is a book about the origin, development, and uses of corn. Explanations of the domestication of corn, the development of its varieties, and the ongoing farming of corn. It shows

how corn has been modified into a staple grain world-wide. Great book. Not just for little kids.

We have a geography program and this book gives the information we need to extend to students about corn. Pictures are colorful. Aliki always does a great job of relating to students.

I had a copy of this book as a child - one of my favorites. It is still a great combo of information and interest, I think. Bought it for my son & he couldn't wait to read it!

For my granddaughter...very cute cover illustration and information inside is true. Very good for little city girl to learn about Gram's country life and knowledge.

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