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## **Tap the Magic Tree** Christie Matheson

The acclaimed interactive picture book about the changing seasons. “Like Hervé Tullet’s Press Here, Matheson’s Tap the Magic Tree proves you don’t need apps for interactivity,” praised the New York Times.

Every book needs you to turn the pages. But not every book needs you to tap it, shake it, jiggle it, or even blow it a kiss. Innovative and timeless, Tap the Magic Tree asks you to help one lonely tree change with the seasons. Now that’s interactive—and magical!

It begins with a bare brown tree. But tap that tree, turn the page, and one bright green leaf has sprouted! Tap again—one, two, three, four—and four more leaves have grown on the next page. Pat, clap, wiggle, jiggle, and see blossoms bloom, apples grow, and the leaves swirl away with the autumn breeze. The collage-and-watercolor art evokes the bright simplicity of Lois Ehlert and Eric Carle and the interactive concept will delight fans of Pat the Bunny. Combining a playful spirit and a sense of wonder about nature, Christie Matheson has created a new modern classic that is a winner in every season—and every story time!

And don't miss the follow-up, Touch the Brightest Star!

## **Tap the Magic Tree Details**

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# From Reader Review Tap the Magic Tree for online ebook

## Kris says

Christie Matheson's books are great because they are a gentler kind of interactive book. The pictures are lovely and simple. I like this one for a one-on-one reading session rather than a storytime for a group.

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## KC says

A tree's life in a delightful rhyme.

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## Christine says

simple but fun (for babies and toddlers)

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## Zack says

Personal response: tonight I read this book with my cousins Aubrey who's five and Boston who is three. This is one of their favorite books they got from grandma for Christmas. I gave the girls a couple of books to pick from, and I think they picked this book because the cover was very colorful.

Plot: The plot of the book is the tree or the seasons and his magic and you had different task to do in order to get the tree to get the tree through the seasons. It starts with the bare Brown tree of winter, The reader he then has to tap the tree to make the leaves grow. The more they tapped the more the leaves grow. Then the reader gets to do more stuff like blow the tree shake the tree.

Characterization: filling the character in the book is the tree itself. throughout the book tree the tree changes throughout the season. There are visitors like the birds and the bees in this world and a squirrel, but they have no immediate impact on the story.

Impact of setting: The illustrations of the tree are set up on a white background to make you to make you completely focus on the tree itself. The setting of the tree begins in winter and then new leaves begin to grow until the tree is full of leaves. Then in the spring, the blossoms grow on the tree and the blossoms turn and apples. The leaves begin to change colors and the apples fall from the tree. Then the leaves turn bright red, orange, and yellow and the reader blows at the tree to blow the leaves from the limbs. And then winter begins.

Recommendation: I would recommend this book as a great book for parents to read to their young children. It was interactive and colorful and the girls had a fun time listening to me read it to them. It was a pretty fast book to read before bedtime with easy reading. It helps you to also be able to use your a badger nation and a practice you're counting and following directions.

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### **Robin says**

A fun book to share; in the manner of Press Here, the reader is encouraged to tap the page, blow the leaves, rub the trunk etc. Each action has a result: leaves sprout, then buds, flowers and eventually apples. In the fall the leaves turn colors and fall, and then we see a nest being built. Magic happens!

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### **Marisa says**

How did I miss this little gem published 5 years ago. Wonderful interactive story time book.

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### **Tricia says**

I used this book in a music program where the children made tambourines and they followed along with the actions in the book using the tambourine as their "tree". It worked wonderfully!

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### **Alison says**

A clever, interactive picture book in the vein of Herve Tullet's Press Here, Tap the Magic Tree invites young listeners to tap, rub, or shake the book, then turn the page to see how their actions have changed the "magic" tree. In this way they move a tree through the seasons and watch as it changes from bare brown to leafy green then flowers, grows fruit (apples!), changes colors, loses its leaves, and finally (with the help of the reader) sprouts leaves again. This would be a great book to use with preschool - 1st grade and dovetails perfectly with lessons about plants, trees, apples, seasons, and life cycles.

Two (VERY) minor quibbles:

- 1.) the green apples are almost the same color as the leaves, so I didn't notice that change at first
  - 2.) I'd love to see some basic nonfiction notes added to the end of the book to help parents and teachers explain, in simple terms, what happens to trees as the seasons the change. Yes, it's reasonable to assume that most adults will know how to talk about these changes, but not all will have the words to explain them clearly. Not including such notes is a (small) missed opportunity.
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### **Vivian says**

Absolutely enchanting. The children attending story time at the library were captivated by this imaginatively interactive presentation of seasons. The text prompts the magic (as suggested by the title).

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**Stella Fowler says**

It's interactive! I love interactive. There's no better way of helping a reluctant child discover the wonders of books than an interactive book. And the children who do love books just love that the book is reacting to them.

This is a lovely book. The illustrations are simple and inviting.

Unlike other interactive books, this one follows a theme. It goes through the seasons as you tap, jiggle, rub and shake the tree, which makes it even better. There are so many opportunities for teachable moments in Tap the Magic Tree.

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**Emily Davenport says**

I can't wait to read this beautifully simple and charming interactive picture book with my daughter someday!

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**Raina says**

So fun! Lots of action and surprises for kids as the pages turn.

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**Elaine says**

A great way to interact with a story and to entice young readers to the magic of books!

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**Laura says**

Great interactive book that goes through the four seasons.

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**Kerry says**

Such a fun interactive read aloud. I recommend this book to anyone teaching in an early childhood classroom or with young kids themselves.

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