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Johnny Appleseed

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Gr. 1-2. A Step 2 Book from the Step Into Reading series, this briskly told, cheerful story features Johnny Appleseed. When Johnny comes over the hill, a pioneer family welcomes him to their log cabin home, where the mother feeds him, the father accepts his help chopping wood, and the children ask for a story. He obliges with a rambling tale of his life, from his humble beginnings in a large family to his happiness at being on the road, where "all across the land, folks are enjoying apples from my trees." Wohnoutka contributes a series of buoyant paintings that capture the beauty of the landscape, the innocent godness of the people, and the slightly larger-than-life persona of Johnny Appleseed. *Carolyn Phelan*
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Customer Review

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★★★★★ **Learn About Johnny & Practice Reading with "Johnny Appleseed: My Story"**, February 3, 2006

By [Pam Tee "Harmless"](#)

This book is a Level 2 Reader which is defined as being for Grades 1 to 3. And despite being a reader it does as fine a job as any book we have read thus far in teaching young children about Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman).

The book begins with Johnny's arrival on a farm. Everyone is excited to see John again and they invite him to dinner. The two children, Will and Beth, want John to tell them one of his stories, and he says sure but not before he helps dad with the

wood splitting.

When they do all settle down after dinner, Johnny tells of his own boisterous childhood family. How he found relief from the noise of ten siblings! in the woods and how the woods became like a second home to him.

The story goes on to describe how he set off from Massachusetts to go west, and how he fell into apple planting by accident when a cider mill gave him free apple seeds. The book covers the harsh winters in Pennsylvania and how John planted seeds there and in Indiana and Ohio too.

Five Stars. Very Good read-aloud. The book gives some history and explanation of how and why Johnny ended up traveling the wilderness. In addition, it points out in a fun, non condemning way that many of the stories told about John are more myth than truth.

Text is included below so you can judge reading levels for yourself.

"I sold sprouts to folks
heading west in their wagons.
I sold sprouts to settlers living in log cabins.
One sprout cost
six and a half cents.

"Sometimes I traded sprouts
for clothes or food.
Some folks were too poor
to trade.
I game them sprouts for free.
I knew how it felt
To be poor.