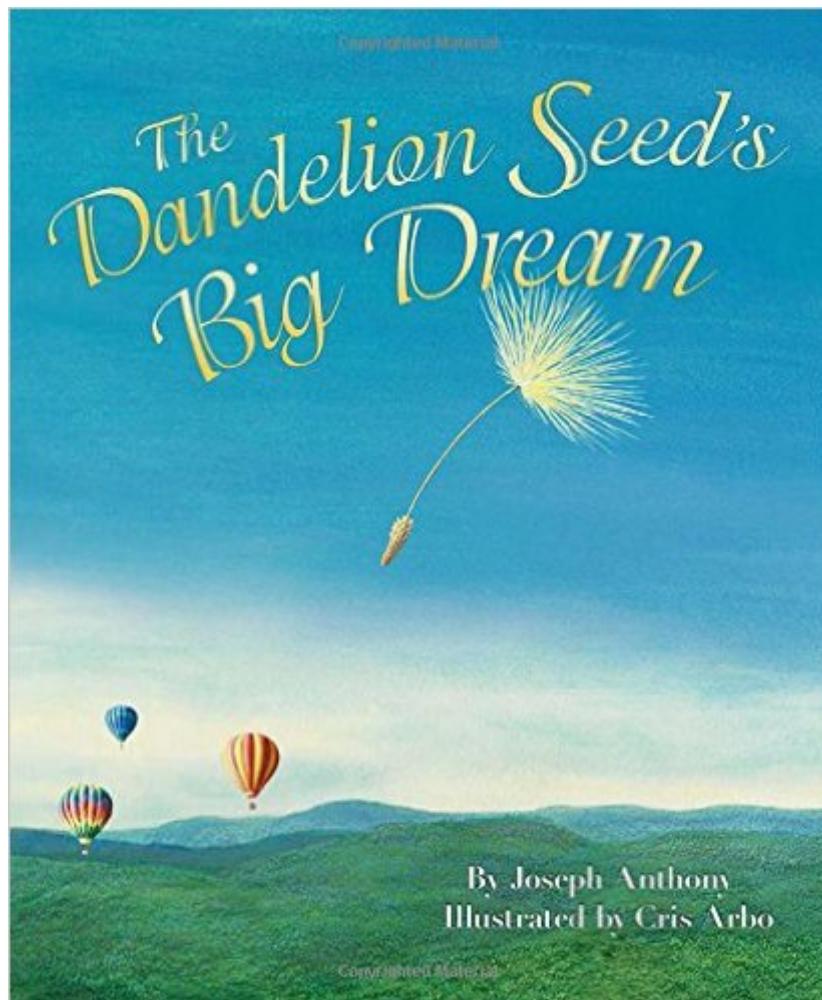


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# The Dandelion Seed's Big Dream (The Dandelion Seed Series)



## **Synopsis**

Consider the dandelion. It lives life fully, flies with beauty, survives storms, endures darkness, never gives up. It is one of nature's greatest success stories. Like dandelions, each of us can make the world a brighter place. The trick is to bloom right where we are. Back matter includes information and activities about dandelions and weeds, seed dispersal, and the theme of courage, patience, and perseverance.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

Do you consider the dandelion to be a flower or a weed? This second book in "The Dandelion Seed Series" follows the flight of a dandelion seed on its parasail from the countryside to the city as buffeted by the wind, caught in a spider's web, and trapped in trash. All through its journey, it has a dream. What is that dream? And will it ever achieve it? Author Joseph Patrick Anthony and illustrator Cris Arbo are a husband and wife team. Their first dandelion book, *The Dandelion Seed* (1997) contains the messages of wonder, beauty, and acceptance. The two also collaborated on *In a Nutshell* (1999) about an acorn and the life cycle of an oak tree. Both are available from Dawn

Publications. The Dandelion Seed's Big Dream emphasizes the themes of courage, patience, and perseverance. Because the dandelion lives life fully, flies with beauty, survives storms, endures darkness, and never gives up, it is one of nature's greatest success stories. Dandelions can grow where other plants cannot. And like dandelions, each of us can make the world a brighter place. The trick is to bloom right where we are. The "Explore More" section in the back includes further information about dandelions and suggested activities to help children understand, appreciate, and apply the story. I understand the problems that dandelions can cause in some people's yards, but I happen to like the bright blossoms of the dandelion, and I also like this book.

I agree with Wayne S's review top to bottom. I really enjoyed this book. The pictures are captivating and the simple message of perseverance is not lost on young readers. Keep going through the tough times and you will find your place and time to bloom. My children, ages 3-7, all swarmed around me when I read it and the book has now been read multiple times. As with all Dawn Publication books, I also LOVE the extra learning section in the back. I can answer the kids questions as they are asked and I feel like this sticks with them better. A great book for any library - large or small :)

A serene young child's book about a common dandelion seed. It may not sound like an enticing book, but it is in its own peaceful and contemplative way. Illustrations, vivid in color, from all different vantage points. As an adult, I was piqued from the sometimes odd and unexpected viewpoints of the pictures - how much more would they captivate a child. The book itself has its own out of the ordinary view of the world. What person ponders the plight of a common dandelion seed in this world and the impact it has? Perhaps, when a child realizes the some of the smallest and humblest of things has their own story to tell, they too know that they and all creation has a significant place in this universe. As usual, Dawn Publications has science information in the back of their books that works hand and hand with the story. Kids can learn the definition of perennial followed by the parts of the flower and what they are for, as well as some history of the plant. There are ideas for scientific observation studies as well. My only complaint here (in jest) is there isn't information about how important the dandelion is to bees, especially as a spring source of food. I love that they add these sections in the back of the books. Such a fun way to include children in the discovery of science. And as always, my SINCERE thanks that they include children of color. Any child can see themselves reflected in this book and catch a glimpse of our wonderful, diverse world

in harmony.

Absolutely loved this book and its predecessor! A book for all ages!

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