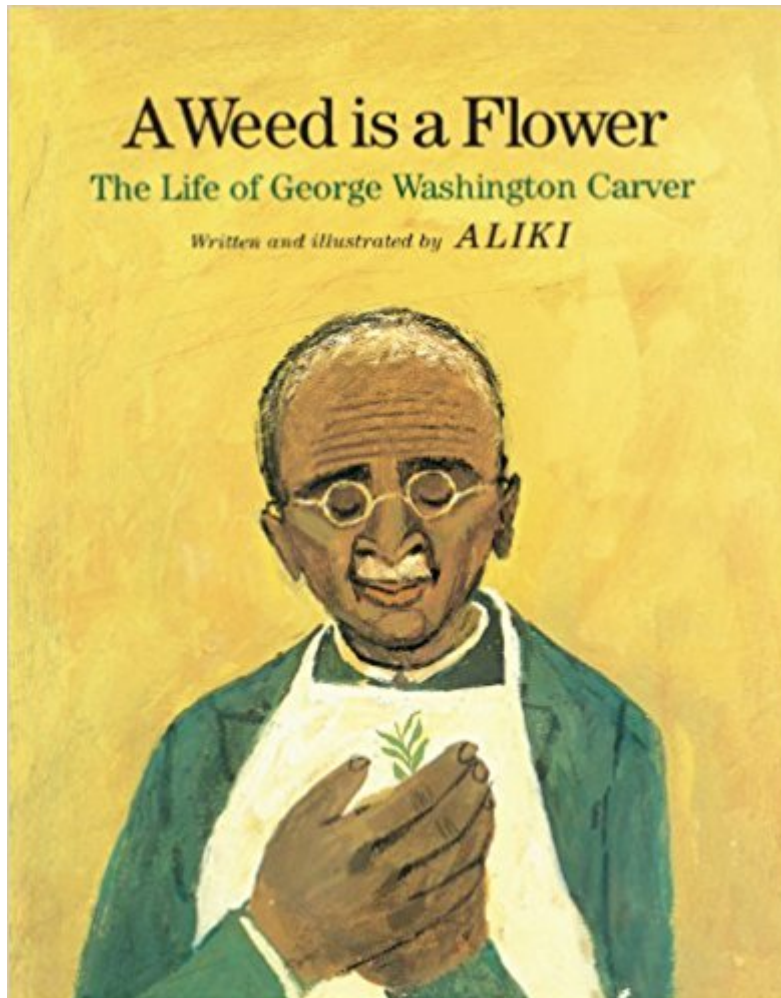




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# Weed Is A Flower



## Synopsis

Brief text and pictures present the life of the man, born a slave, who became a scientist and devoted his entire life to helping the South improve its agriculture.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I like this story about George Washington Carver. Bought it for my little kids who are scheduled to take a class on peanuts at a local nursery after having used it in a cyber school with my older kids. Great starting point for a unit study on peanuts we are doing. It is also a great story and introduction to another great American scientist and historical figure. The uses for this book are many - use it when highlighting African American figures in history, use it during units on slavery and the reconstruction, and touches on the Tuskegee institute, another important American institution - so it could also be worked into units on the great depression and WWII. The character studies are also important - can be used to highlight determination and perseverance, hardworking spirit, scientific investigation, helpful personality, and many others. I would recommend this book to anyone with young children but esp school age home schoolers and Charlotte Mason whole books learners.

My 6-year-old son had to write an essay about George Washington Carver. I decided to purchase

this book to get him interested in the life of GWC as well as a reference book for the basic facts. I was not disappointed. This well-written tale is very engrossing and my son had many questions to ask about GWC's life; he asked about slavery, about why GWC was kidnapped with his mother as a baby, as well as why young GWC was not allowed to attend school just anywhere, and so on. My son, who attends a school where he is a minority as a white child, was confused and horrified to learn that a time ever existed where people were owned and sold like property, a time when a child could not attend school based on the color of his skin. I'll admit I was a little uncomfortable at first with the deluge of questions. I was unsure just how detailed to be with a 6 year old, how to present the hard truths gently without blunting the reality that slaves faced. But amazingly, his new mind handled the concepts with amazing maturity, and his genuine shock made me grateful that he goes to a school where diversity is so strong that he doesn't even notice skin color; it is just natural variety in his young mind, like the color of your eyes or hair. The illustrations are lovely and my son paused to look over them before and after reading each page. By the time we got to the end, I had tears in my eyes. What a moving story brought to vivid life with beautiful, colorful illustrations and simple, reverent writing about a man who rose above his humble beginnings and through diligence and perseverance became an inspiration for people of ALL colors. Though this is a fact-based story, it IS a story, to be read and enjoyed from beginning to end, so it does not serve well as a quick reference guide--though it is by no means very long, and it does contain important factual details about GWC's life. However, for quick dates and specifics, you might have to consult other sources.

As a second grade teacher, I read this version of George Washington Carver's life every year to my students. The character lessons included are invaluable and the illustrations stunning. Dr. Carver's example of perseverance and excellence are inspiring to all. In spite of all that was against him; being orphaned, kidnapped, son of slaves, denied education because of his color, no financial support, he succeeded in all of his endeavors. I recommend this book to all children from 4 to 80.

The pictures are engaging. The story is the right length for those who don't readily want to read. It is also a springboard for exploring emotions as well as Historical and Social issues with children. For example, kidnapping is similar to the child slave trade being done worldwide today; one could also explore dreams and diligence; innovation; family and community; bullying; unique giftings, and so on.

Love this book! This is a wonderful book about the life of Dr. George Washington Carver. I love the

fact that this book talked about how Dr. Carver was using his research to make life better for the poor farming community around the Tuskegee Institute. He recommended crop rotation and growing more than just cotton so they could eventually get out of debt in which many were share croppers. Love how this book shows how science should be used to positively impact the world we live in. Not hidden in the back of some university's annals and away from the people who need it most.

This is my 2 year old's favorite book as well as mama and daddy's! One of our heroes is George Washington Carver. Great that there's a childrens book that so eloquently describes the life of such an incredible man who was and is so vital to modern science! Excellent hero! Better than spiderman or superman for your kids. The real deal!

I have taught with this book for many years and I find it inspiring each and every time I read it. This time I took copies to Uganda to share with a group of teachers. It is very hard to get a good education in Uganda and I wanted to give them something to inspire them and their students. They LOVED it!

I purchased this for my nephew along with other books. I think this is a great gift idea and it went over well with his parents.

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