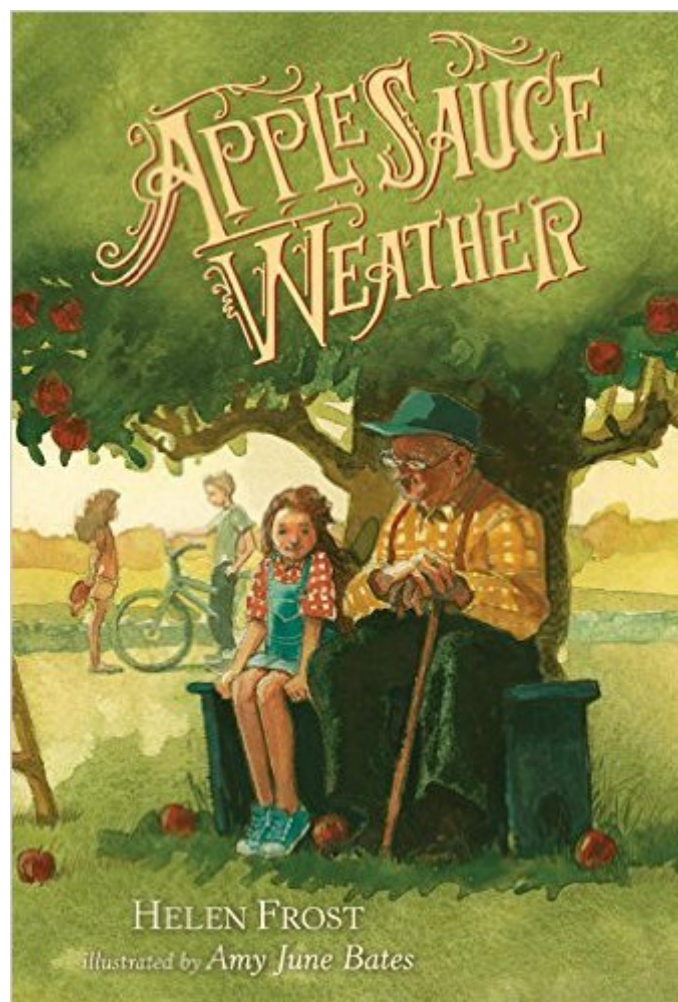


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# Applesauce Weather



## Synopsis

In a touching poetic novel, a fall apple ritual "along with some inventive storytelling" brings a family together as they grieve the loss of a beloved family member. When the first apple falls from the tree, Faith and Peter know that it's applesauce weather, even though Peter is getting a little old for such things. It also means Uncle Arthur should be here to tell his stories, with a twinkle in his eye as he spins tales about how he came to have a missing finger. But this is the first year without Aunt Lucy, and when Uncle Arthur arrives, there's no twinkle to be found and no stories waiting to be told. Faith is certain, though, that with a little love and patience, she and Peter might finally learn the truth about that missing finger. Paired with warm, expressive illustrations by Amy June Bates, this heartfelt tale by award-winning poet Helen Frost highlights the strength of family and the power of a good story.

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## Customer Reviews

For me, there is no better time than the Fall--that crisp air, the long shadows, and of course, the apples. In fact, I am headed up the Blue Ridge mountains this weekend to buy some early apples. For Faith, the first fallen apple from the tree in her yard signifies one event--applesauce weather. This is the time of year when Faith's Aunt Lucy and Uncle Arthur visit, and Aunt Lucy makes applesauce from the apples on the tree. Sadly, Aunt Lucy died the previously, and Uncle Arthur is

still grieving. Still, when the first apple falls, Faith is sure Uncle Arthur will still visit. Her brother, Peter, is not convinced and teases her. Just like her name, Faith believes in her Uncle, and she is not surprised when his car pulls up in the yard. Written in verse, both rhyming and free, Frost creates a feeling of Fall that I have rarely read. Through the black and white illustrations by Bates, the reader can visualize Faith's eagerness as well as Uncle Arthur's sadness. Told from every character's point of view, Frost creates a portrait of loss but also love--one that is enduring and accountable.

What a wonderful book. Applesauce Weather is a short novel written in verse from Helen Frost. The apples are ready, and it's applesauce weather. Lucy and Peter are waiting for Uncle Arthur to come, but Aunt Lucy passed on last year, so mom says he might not come this year. Lucy waits outside all day, Peter is not so sure, but Uncle Arthur arrives. He is a little sad and does not have any stories for the children at first, but he realizes what they are waiting for and he comes through. Every year he tells them stories about how he lost part of one of his fingers, but they are always just fun stories. Will this be the year that the children finally find out how he lost his finger? Will he be able to share all the love he had with Aunt Lucy? This year Peter is interested in Rose, the young girl that lives in Uncle Arthur's old house. Does he care about Uncle Arthur's stories anymore? The story takes place over a lovely fall weekend and includes short introductions to each section from Aunt Lucy. It's enhanced by the black and white sketches by Amy June Bates. It will make a wonderful mentor text for story-telling and for read aloud for younger students. It illustrates the importance to talking to older relatives to find out about family history and memories that some day will be gone if not told and remembered by younger ones. I loved this story and think it would be a great addition to every family library. A treasure. I received a copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

This book a collection of unrhymed poems told from the point of view of young Faith and Peter, their Uncle Arthur and their Aunt Lucy who has recently died. Every year, when the weather turns crisp and the first apple falls from the family tree, Uncle Arthur and Aunt Lucy come to visit and help make applesauce. But now that Aunt Lucy has passed away, will Uncle Arthur still come? Peter isn't so sure, but Faith "who is true to her name" is certain he will. And he does. And once Uncle Arthur arrives, he tells stories about apples and love and family that are full of light and truth. Along with stories that are the tallest of tales. Which are which? Faith can't tell. Peter thinks he knows, but he might be mistaken after all. This is a book about family traditions and the rites of passage that

connect one generation with the next. The language is simple and clear and beautiful. It's a book you can read quickly, but one that you'll want to linger over and savor. It's a good book to read to yourself, and it would be a beautiful read-aloud choice. One of the best books I've read in 2016.

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NostalgicRating: 4 StarsCharacters: RealisticPlot: Like a childhood memoryOverall: A fun

readRecommend? YesShort Review:Brilliant! This is both a love story, and a tall tale, beautifully crafted! I love the way the author chose to tell the story, the style is perfect, and truly makes the reader want to know more! I loved hearing both Uncle Arthur's story to the kids, and the memories of when he was a young boy and Lucy was just a pretty girl.

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