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Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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Book Review: APART, TOGETHER: A BOOK ABOUT TRANSFORMATION

Standing apart can be very powerful, but when joined with others, something new can take place. That is exactly what the reader will discover when exploring this book. We begin by seeing the colors yellow and blue separately but together they make green, a new transformation. Bees and flowers stand as individual entities, but together they make honey. Other items that come together to transform into something new are cakes, homes, goals, and foam. Readers will enjoy guessing what will happen on the next page when items go from being apart to being together.

The illustrations are a key part of this book. They consist of digital renditions of common objects brought to life through simple color and balance. When seeds, water, and soil come together, they make beans. The illustrated detail is not extensive; however, it is clear that these are bean stalks with some pods open to show beans inside and others ready for picking with the plants twisting around supports. This is a cleverly designed book to show readers how objects work together in nature and with human intervention.

