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Picking Patch

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Casey is so excited to pick out a pumpkin at the pumpkin patch. There are so many kinds to look at—from round and bumpy to skinny and smooth! As Casey makes his way through the patch, he spots a new friend hiding under a wagon, peeking out from behind gourds, and even sitting on top of the pumpkin he decides to choose. At the end of the day, a pumpkin isn't the only thing Casey picks at the patch. Based on a true story, *Picking Patch* is the perfect fall read for pumpkin and animal lovers alike.

Check the illustrations on each page to see a furry friend lurking in the background!

About the Author



Diane Twomley is the author of children's books *Carole Jane from Starfish Lane* and *Picking Patch*. She is a mother and grandmother who has an interesting laugh and always sees a silver lining, even when others don't.

Some of her favorite things are books, jelly doughnuts, cozy pajamas, the ocean, and the laughter of little children. She believes that you are never too old to try something new, like writing a book. Diane has always worked in jobs that allow her to help others. She spent almost twenty-five years in a middle school library, where her favorite thing was helping students find the perfect book. Diane lives in central Pennsylvania with her husband, Mike. They have raised two wonderful sons and treasure every moment with their grandson, Harper T.S. *Picking Patch* is based on the true story of how Diane and her husband met their cat.



About the Illustrator

Cheryl Grant was born and raised in the mountains of Virginia. Simple country living and love of family influenced many of her illustrations. Cheryl attended Mary Baldwin University, graduating in 1990 with an art degree. When Cheryl's son was born, she decided to stay home with him. During this time, she continued to create treasured art for friends and family. Cheryl returned to work in the early 2000s, creating a popular website that made her art available for digital download. Some of her most popular illustrations feature her adorable puppy, her two cats, and their sassy adventures. Cheryl now enjoys spending time with her grandson and watching him grow. *Picking Patch* is Cheryl's second illustrated book.

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