

Foreword Review

Olive

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In this wordless retelling of "Jack and the Beanstalk," a young girl meets a giant—and discovers the giant within herself. When a towering beanstalk sprouts overnight in Olive's yard, she climbs into the world of a giant; together, they dance the day away high above the ground. Upon her return, however, she realizes that "giant" is all a matter of perspective. Dramatic illustrations use sharp black lines and gentle shading; in a playful nod to the titular character, olive is the only color.

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