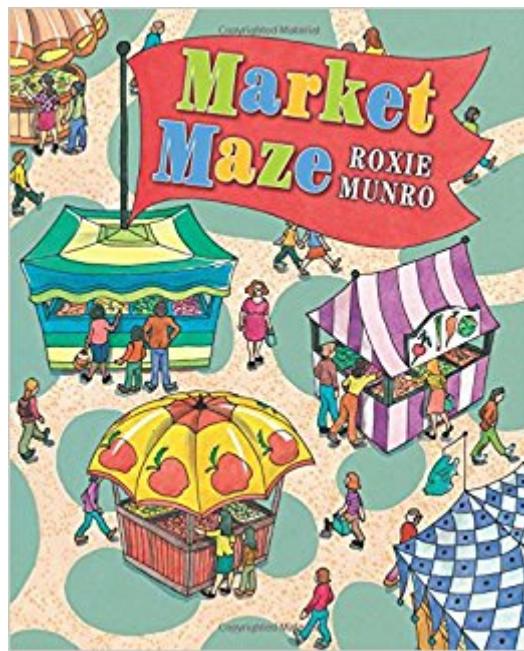


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# Market Maze



## Synopsis

Eight trucks hit the highway in a colorful and mesmerizing maze book that helps kids understand how food gets to their tables. In eleven intricately drawn mazes, eight vehicles, each carrying a different product, are on their way to the city. Fish, apples, dairy products, corn, vegetables, flowers, eggs, and baked goods all travel through colorful and minutely detailed landscape mazes to reach the city farmer's market. Information on all of the products and their journeys is included along with answers to all of the mazes. For additional fun kids are challenged to look for objects hidden on each spread.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

With an interactive maze/map, Munro demystifies for children where all the items for sale at the farmers market originate. Readers must navigate each page's directions and maze to collect and ship the items. Guide the boat to the dock's loading area. Transfer the catch to the FISH truck, go to the fish-packing plant, and drive toward town. Readers also collect apples, milk, cheese, corn, flowers, eggs, veggies, baked goods, and kids (going on a field trip to the greenmarket). Less a map than an aerial view of different areas, the illustrations lack any compass or map key, so children will need their powers of observation and deduction to notice the only dock and the only boat out to sea,

the truck marked with a fish, and the building with the same sign out front (the challenges seem to grow in difficulty with page turns). Arrows mark one-way streets (not correct paths!), and readers must puzzle the shortest way to get from one page turn to the next. Lists of items to find in the bright, busy, detailed India ink and colored acrylic ink illustrations extend the fun. The backmatter includes thumbnails marking both the shortest routes and the hidden items, and a paragraph under each goes into more detail about the featured market item. A great way to introduce kids to their foods origins and to prepare them for a greenmarket visit of their own. (Interactive informational picture book. 4-8) --Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review Though picture books in the find-the-tiny-objects genre can seem a bit aimless, this one has a clear destination: the farmers market. The large double-page spreads present diverse landscapes crisscrossed with roads and full of details and features. As trucks haul food and flowers through the countryside to the green market in town, children can pick out features such as 2 picnic areas, 2 tractors, 1 school bus, or they can trace the mazelike routes of the trucks. The meticulously drawn illustrations, which are india ink drawings colored with acrylic, offer attractive vistas as well as interesting details. Puzzle fans will particularly enjoy searching for a route through the corn maze. Answer keys are appended. From a parent's or teacher's point of view, this is a good way for kids to gain the visual discrimination skills needed for reading, while they learn about the sources of food at their local farmers markets. For kids, though, the combination of mazes and hidden objects is just plain fun. It's a winning combination. Carolyn Phelan --Booklist

Roxie Munro has created more than thirty-five books for young readers and fourteen covers for the *New Yorker*. She is an artist who embraces both the old and the new. Her fine art is exhibited in museums and galleries throughout the United States, and her innovative apps can be found throughout the virtual world. She lives in New York City.

I wish I had this book when we traveled across the US last summer. It is a perfect book for road trips, raining days, bedtime and any time, really. My boys and I loved racing to see who could find the pictures first. It requires focus and patience, which are good skills to have. I think what is great about this book is that the pictures are so colorful and interesting to look at, so it keeps the kid's attention (and Mom/Dad's too). I really enjoyed this book and rate it 4.5 stars.

I love these books. Every time I pick it up to read it to my daughter, we find something new. It's a great concept for a kids book. They get to learn how mazes work, identify hidden animals and learn

about goods and services!!

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