Thea’s science project grows unusually tall in this funny twist on the classic Jack fairy tale. Thea decides to plant some old bean seeds and watch them grow as her science project. And grow they do—into a giant beanstalk. Savvy young readers will recognize elements from the classic “Jack” fairy tale, such as a harp and golden egg, but the haughty grown-ups that Thea writes to for help do not. Thea receives letters and comical advice from a plethora of dim “experts,” ranging from botanist to symphony conductor to zoologist. Thea’s Tree playfully combines curriculum areas, including science, language arts, and storytelling into a clever tale kids will love.

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My Personal Review:
Theas Tree is a vibrant sendup of a well-known fairy tale (and dont worry, I wont spoil your fun by revealing which one). The illustrations are fun and lively, and the book is presented in a series of letters which progress to reveal a myriad of interesting career choices. A few of the occupations mentioned are botanist, curator, and orchestra director. Thea enthusiastically moves through the story and leaves the reader looking forward to another, so I hope Ms. Jackson writes more books featuring this spunky character.

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