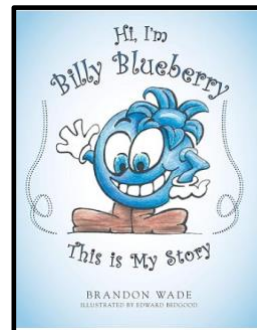


Hi! I'm Billy Blueberry This is My Story

by *Brandon Wade*

Billy Blueberry is an illustrated children's book that tells the story of Billy Blueberry. The story covers his entire life cycle from first planting of a blueberry bush, to being picked and eventually being shipped all around the world.

Georgia Connection: The author, Brandon Wade, is a blueberry farmer in Bacon County, located in southeast Georgia. The illustrator, Edward Bedgood is also from Bacon County!



Fun Facts:

- Blueberries are a good source of vitamin C, iron and fiber. They're cholesterol-free, sodium-free and an important source of potassium. They contain only 80 calories per cup.
- The harvest season for fresh blueberries in Georgia is May through mid-July.
- In Georgia, blueberries are grown commercially primarily in the southern part of the state, especially around Alma. Some blueberries are, however, successfully grown in the north Georgia mountains.
- North America produces 95 percent of the world's commercial blueberry crop.
- The blueberry is one of the only foods that is truly naturally blue in color.
- A single blueberry bush can produce as many as 6,000 blueberries per year.
- The blueberry (genus *Vaccinum*) is one of the only commercially available fruits that is native to North America.

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