

FAMILY BOOK CONNECTIONS

BOOK BRIDGES



When the Storm Comes

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Summary of When the Storm Comes

When the Storm Comes is a story about how both people and animals prepare for an approaching storm. As the sky darkens, animals and people react in their own ways as the storm gets closer. The story goes through the process of the storm and how life goes back to normal as the clouds fade.

Read Alouds



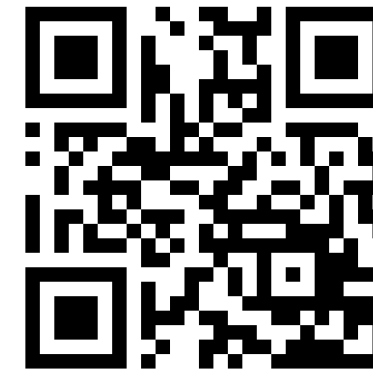
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About the Author and Illustrator

Linda Ashman is an American children's author known for playful picture books with catchy rhymes, everyday themes, animals, and nature. Before becoming a writer, she worked in business. She has written many books, including *The Nuts and Bolts Guide to Writing Picture Books*.

Tae Eun Yoo is a South Korean-born illustrator and author who moved to the United States to study at the School of Visual Arts. Her work is known for emotional storytelling and imagination. Her notable books include *Only a Witch Can Fly*, *Strictly No Elephants*, and *You Are a Lion!*. She has received honors such as the Ezra Jack Keats Book Award and recognition from the New York Times Best Illustrated list.

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[Linda Ashman](#)



[Tae Eun Yoo](#)

Questions to Ask Before, During, and After Reading

Talking about a story before, during, and after reading helps children think deeply, make connections, and build a love of reading.



Before Reading

- What do you think is going to happen in this story?
- How do you know that a storm is coming?
- What is something you or your family do when a storm is coming? Why?



During Reading

- What season do you think it is this year? What clues helped you determine your answer?
- What changes do you notice as the tree grows larger?
- How does the town around the tree change over time?



After Reading

- While you are waiting for a storm to end, what is something you could do to pass the time?
- What are some things you could do to help your community after a storm?
- How will this help?

Extending the Book with Additional Reading

Reading more books about weather helps children build background knowledge and make connections to the story. Try this book to keep the conversation going.

Talk About It

- What kinds of weather do you notice in this book?
- Which kinds of weather have you seen before?
- Which kind of weather is your favorite, and why?

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Extending the Book with Writing and Math



Writing



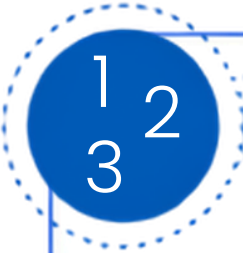
Write About a Storm

Write a short story about a time you experienced a storm. What kind of storm was it? What did you do to stay safe? How did you pass the time?



Imagine You Are an Animal

Pretend you are a wild animal and a storm is coming. What animal are you? Where do you hide? What do you do?



Math

As you read, count the different animals you see in the story. Record the totals and compare them.

Which animal did you see the most?

Extending the Book with Science



Explore Different Types of Weather

This activity helps children talk about different kinds of weather and connect them to the story.

You Will Need

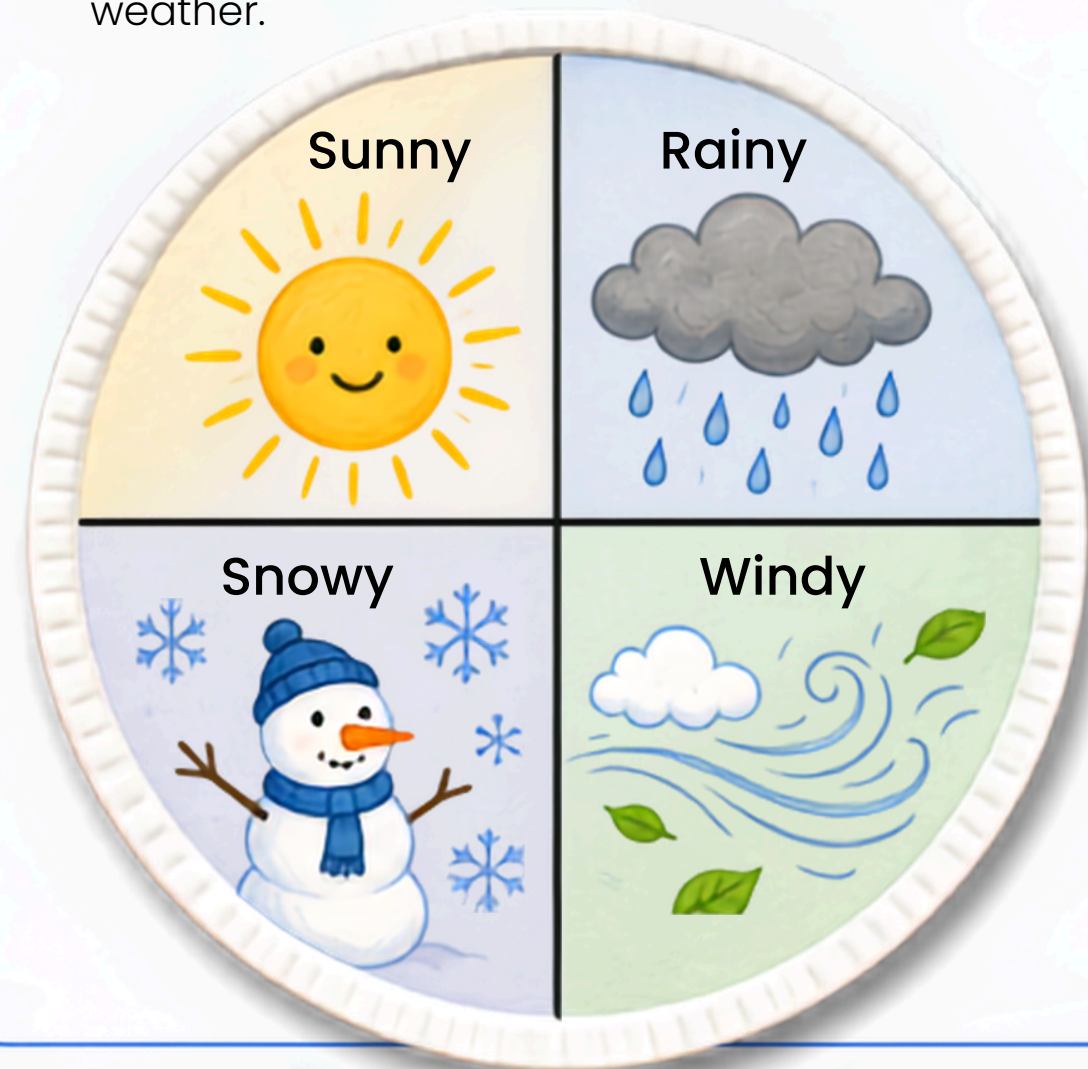
- Paper plate or paper
- Black marker
- Crayons or markers

Talk About It

- What kinds of weather have you seen before?
- What do people wear in sunny, rainy, snowy, or windy weather?
- Which kind of weather do you like best, and why?

Make a Weather Wheel

1. Read *Weather* by Kristin Baird Rattini and name the kinds of weather you notice.
2. Turn a paper plate upside down and divide it into four sections.
3. Label the sections Sunny, Rainy, Snowy, and Windy.
4. Draw a picture in each section to show that kind of weather.



Extending the Book with Social Studies



Community and Book Sharing

This activity helps children think about community and how people share resources with one another. One way communities support reading is through Little Free Libraries.

What is a Little Free Library?

A Little Free Library is a small outdoor book-sharing box. People can borrow a book, donate a book, or exchange one for another.

Talk About It

What is a community?

How does sharing books help people?

Who might visit a Little Free Library?

How is it like a community library?

Community Challenge

1. Go on a walk or drive and look for a Little Free Library near you.
2. If you find one, donate a book, borrow a book, or take one and leave one.
3. Talk about how this small library helps your community.
4. If you do not find one, imagine where a Little Free Library could go in your neighborhood.



Imagine and Discuss

Where would you place a Little Free Library? What books would you want to share?

Extending the Book with Art



Beginning, Middle, and End

Talk with your reader about what happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Then draw a comic strip to show each part.

Talk About It

- What happens when the storm is coming?
- What happens during the storm?
- What happens after the storm?
- How do the people and animals feel in each part?



Try This

Use colors and small details to show how the weather changes from beginning to end.



Beginning

What do you notice first?



My caption: _____



Middle

What is happening during the storm?



My caption: _____



End

What happens after the storm passes?



My caption: _____



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