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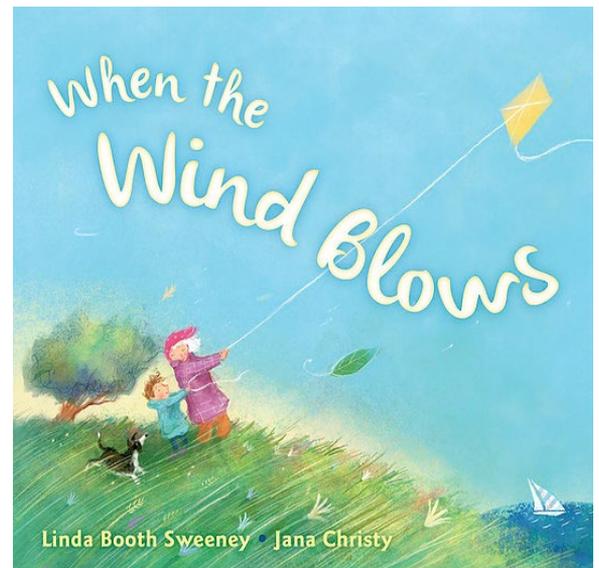
RECOMMENDING THE BEST BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

By Gerry P. Smith

## Great Books in the Forecast

A child's perception of weather is vastly different from the adult experience. Long before they grow into the tasks of driving in downpours, bringing in plants before a hard freeze or pruning tree limbs that are pushed against windows by wind, children will experience weather with a much simpler and innocent sense of wonder. Unafraid of rain on their skin, delighting in kite weather and simply mad with excitement as the first snow of winter approaches, kids see the potential for adventure in nature's changing moods.

The following titles celebrate special weather conditions through the eyes of children who see fun in the forecast!



### When the Wind Blows

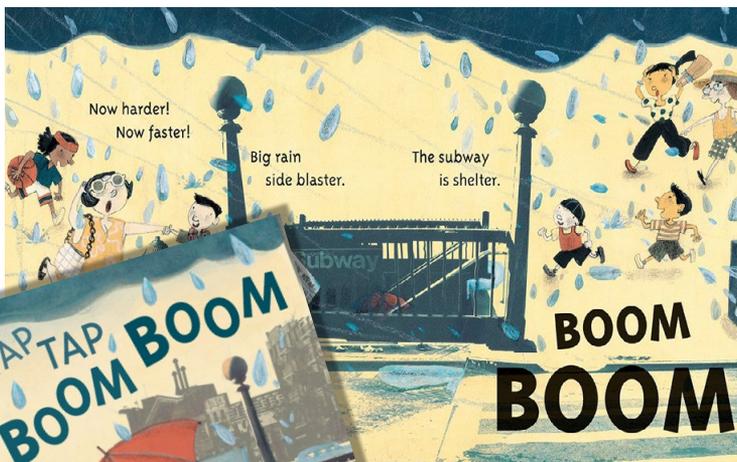
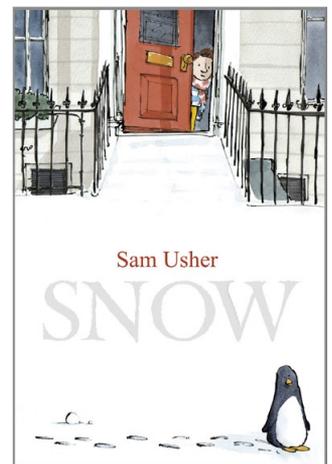
By Linda Booth Sweeney and Jana Christy (G.P. Putnam's Sons / Penguin)

When the wind picks up outside his door a young boy beckons his grandma to accompany him on a journey that will make the most of every breeze! From kites flown above the hillside to a gusty walk along the seashore, they experience together all the ways that wind touches every part of their world. Each two-page spread of rainbow-colored edge-to-edge illustrations is anchored by a simple quartet of noun/verb pairings. The sparse wording is just enough to whisper the sense of wind to the reader. Touching on the full sensory experience associated with being buffeted by breezes, this title is the soothing narration of a rich journey through a windy afternoon.

### Snow

By Sam Usher (Templar Books / Candlewick)

There is something uniquely maddening about having to wait for grown-ups before venturing outside after a new snowfall. If you need a slow-moving adult to facilitate your snow day experience, time can seem to be literally frozen. When one young boy must wait on his grandpa to accompany him out into the new snow, he pleads for speed as he monitors the snow through the windows. In the beginning, he wants to be the first kid making tracks in the snow, but as time slowly passes he's becoming worried that he will be the last in his neighborhood to step into the winter wonderland. It's only when his grandpa finally gets ready to venture out, that the snowy adventure in store for them both makes the waiting worthwhile!



### Tap Tap Boom Boom

By Elizabeth Bluemle, Illustrated by G. Brian Karas (Candlewick Press)

The city sidewalks are crowded with pedestrians as the first droplets of rain presages the storm that's about to break. The tapping tempo of the rain punctuated by the booming thunder provides the constant score behind the bustling of people rushing to escape the weather. With sparse text that reads a bit like beat poetry, the hypnotic sounds and rhythms of a thunderstorm drive the narrative of controlled chaos among strangers who are now merging together with a common goal of escaping the deluge. Refreshing in its approach, *Tap Tap Boom Boom* explores weather through the actions and reactions of the people caught in its wake.