

Books About Weather

NONFICTION

Allaby, Michael. *How Weather Works*

This book not only shows how the weather works, but also includes educational experiments and activities for the whole family.

Breen, Mark. *The Kids' Book of Weather Forecasting: Build a Weather Station, "Read" the Sky and Make Predictions.*

Kids discover what makes the weather tick and learn how to predict what's ahead. They are also invited to participate in hands-on activities.

Conrad, Heather and deForest Walker. *Lights of Winter: Winter Celebrations Around the World*

Children's picture book about winter celebrations around the world: Solstice, Yule, Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Teng Chieh, Diwali, Soyal, Las Posadas, Zagmuk, Saturnalia.

Freedman, Russell. *An Indian Winter*

Taken from study of the Mandan people in North Dakota during the winter of 1833, this thoughtful book uses the paintings by Karl Bodmer as illustrations.

George, Jean Craighead. *One Day in the Alpine Tundra*

The piece of land as the focus of the story is in the Grand Teton Mountains. It's there where we watch the animals prepare for the coming winter.

Jackson, Ellen and Jan Davey Ellis. *The Winter Solstice*

In picture-book format, this introduces the winter solstice customs and beliefs of the ancient Britons, Scandinavians, Romans, and Peruvians, as well as certain Native American sun ceremonies.

Kahl, Jonathan D. *Weather (Audubon Society First Field Guide)*

The book begins by helping the children learn how to observe and understand weather. The next section of the book acts as a field guild. The book ends with many different reference sources.

Lavender, David. *Snowbound: The Tragic Story of the Donner Party*

Here's a look at winter as killer as, in 1846, part of a wagon train tries to survive a winter in the Rocky Mountains.

Locker, Thomas. *Cloud Dance*

This book details the many types of clouds and the weather associated with them. For example, it explains that cumulous clouds bring snow.

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *Snowflake Bentley*

Mary Azarian used woodcuts to illustrate this Caldecott Award-winning picture book biography about a man whose passion was to photograph snowflakes.

Morgan, Sally. *Weather*

This is a book all about weather and the climate—and how weather affects everything in our lives.

National Geographic. *Weather (National Geographic My First Pocket Guides)*

This easy-to-use book can be used in the field or as an at-home reference. Photographs are used to illustrate weather happenings, and fun facts are sprinkled throughout the book.

Simon, Seymour. *Winter Across America*

Simon uses informative and beautiful color photographs to illustrate the book about animals and plants surviving through winter from the Arctic to California.

Wick, Walter. *A Drop of Water*

This remarkable book uses photography to explain the properties of water. The section on snowflakes is the applicable part for this theme.

PICTURE BOOKS

Brett, Jan. *The Mitten*

A little boy loses the mitten his grandmother made for him. Before he can locate it, it becomes the shelter for a series of animals.

Briggs, Raymond. *Snowman*

This wordless book uses a comic strip format to contrast the world of the snowman who comes to life with that of the boy who created him.

Cole, Brock. *The Winter Wren*

Simon and his sister Meg set out to determine why winter is lasting so long. To wake up spring, they must first conquer winter.

Figueredo, D. H. *When This World Was New*

Enrique Sanchez illustrated this story about a child from the Caribbean experiencing his first snow in New York City.

Keats, Ezra Jack. *The Snowy Day*

In this Caldecott Award winner, an inner city child enjoys a day in the snow.

Mendez, Phil. *The Black Snowman*

Carole Byard illustrated this story about a snowman who comes to life and brings hope to an African American boy.

Neitzel, Shirley. *The Jacket I Wear in the Snow*

A cumulative format in this book makes fun of the overdressed child in winter.

San Souci, Daniel. *North Country Night*

Simple prose and lovely illustrations show animals in the winter night.

Shulevitz, Uri. *Snow*

In this a delightful fantasy, a child is the only one in a grey village to recognize the beginning of a snowstorm.

Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon*

John Schoenherr won the Caldecott Award for the illustrations in this beautiful book in which a young child is taken for a rite of passage hunt through the winter night to spot an owl.

NOVELS

Bledsoe, Lucy Jane. *Tracks in the Snow*

This short novel tells of a search in a snowstorm for a babysitter who may or may not be in trouble.

George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves*

To her small Eskimo village, she is known as Miyax; to her friend in San Francisco, she is Julie. When the village is no longer safe for her, Miyax runs away. But she soon finds herself lost in the Alaskan wilderness, without food, without even a compass to guide her.

Hobbs, Will. *Far North*

With the brutal subarctic winter fast approaching, Gabe and Raymond soon find themselves stranded in Deadmen Valley. Trapped in a frozen world of moose, wolves, and bears, two boys from vastly different cultures come to depend on each other for their very survival.

London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild*

This a tale about unbreakable spirit and the fight for survival in the frozen Alaskan Klondike.

McSwigan, Marie. *Snow Treasure*

Children outwit the Nazis in Norway when they smuggle millions of dollars right by them using sleds in the snow.

Paulsen, Gary. *Winter Room*

An extended family in northern Minnesota uses winter as time to hear the stories told by Uncle David. Those stories range from funny to tragic.

POETRY

Alarcon, Francisco X., and Maya Christina Gonzalez. *Iguanas in the Snow / Iguanas en la nieve: And Other Winter Poems / y otros poemas de invierno*

This bilingual collection invites us to celebrate winter—by the seashore, in the city of San Francisco, and in the ancient redwood forests of the Sierras.

Florian, Douglas. *Winter Eyes*

Small, quiet poems and pictures capture how winter feels to a small child, especially the physicalness of it, from “sloppy slush” to “grumpy” sun, and the wind “that hustles rusty leaves along.”

Frank, John. *A Chill in the Air : Nature Poems for Fall and Winter*

A collection of short poems which reflect the seasonal changes as fall arrives and slowly turns to winter, winter brings storms and shorter days, then finally begins to fade into a hint of spring.

Prelutsky, Jack. *It's Snowing! It's Snowing*

This small book of poems covers many of the aspects and moods of winter.

Yolen, Jane. *Once Upon Ice*

Color photographs illustrate this anthology of poetry about winter.