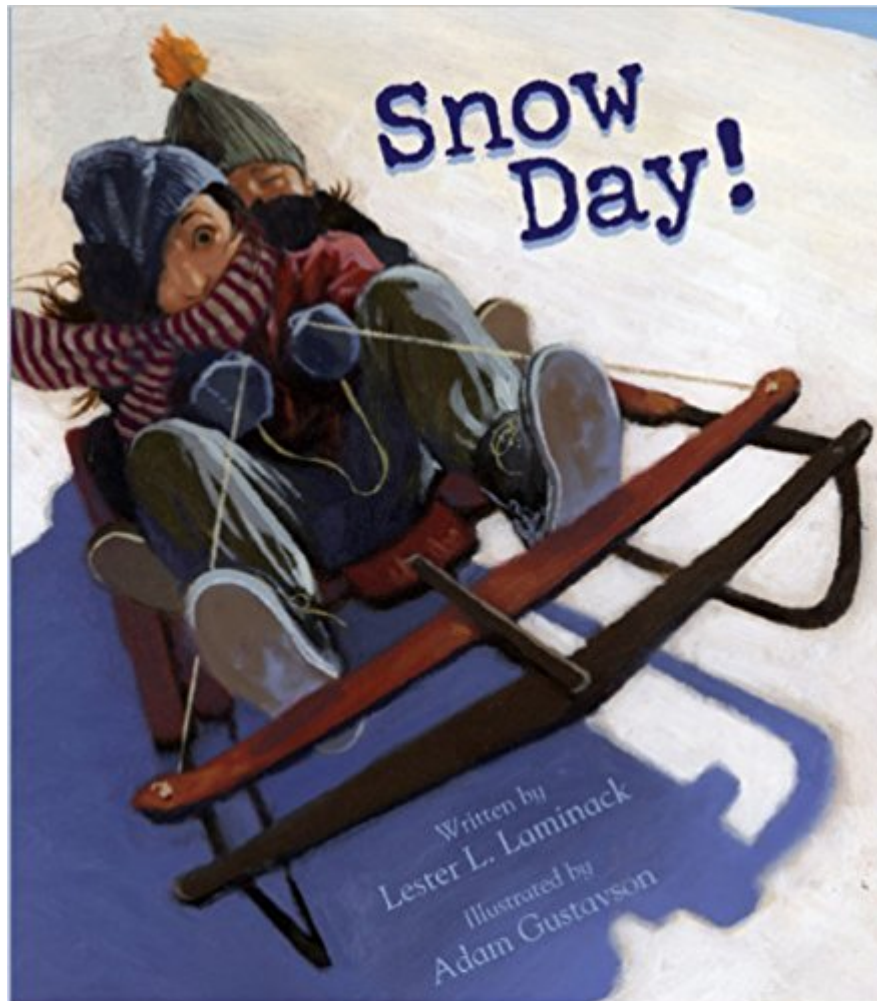




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Snow Day!



Synopsis

When the television weatherman predicts a big snowfall, the narrator gleefully imagines the fun-filled possibilities of an unscheduled holiday from school. Piling under warm blankets. Sipping hot chocolate in snowman mugs. Building a snow fort. Sledding in the neighbor's field. In scene after snowy scene, from sunrise to sundown, a pair of siblings, with their father in tow, show how they would make the most of their day off. But when the family wakes up the next morning, they are in for a disappointment. No snow! As the family members pile into the car so they won't be late for school, an unexpected twist reveals who wanted the snow day most of all. Adam Gustavson's expressive illustrations comically capture the excitement of pure possibility in author Lester Laminack's thoroughly original tale.

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K-Gr 3 As a father cooks, a brother and sister watch TV, gleefully celebrating when the weatherman predicts an overnight snow. The unidentified first-person narrator contemplates the possibility of a snow day, describing plans to cuddle on the sofa, go sledding, build a snow fort, and read. However, the expected snowfall does not occur, and as the family members hurry to get ready for school, readers discover that the narrator is actually the father, who is a teacher. Unfortunately, the

surprise ending, which is reminiscent of Julie Danneberg's *First Day Jitters* (Charlesbridge, 2000), does not carry the book. Because the snow play is predicted rather than experienced, the story offers few of the sensory descriptions of wonder found in many titles on this topic. Gustavson's sumptuous oil paintings bring life to the spare text. The mostly two-page illustrations are rich in color, texture, perspective, and kinesthetic energy. Stick with titles such as Ezra Jack Keats's *The Snowy Day* (Viking, 1962), Uri Shulevitz's *Snow* (Farrar, 1998), Will Hubbell's *Snow Day Dance* (Albert Whitman, 2005), and Lynn Rae Perkins's *Snow Music* (Greenwillow, 2003) to celebrate the season. Laura Scott, Farmington Community Library, MI --School Library Journal

After hearing the weatherman forecast snow, two young children gleefully fantasize about various activities they can do if it snows enough to close school. Each activity snuggling on the sofa with hot chocolate, building a snow fort filled with a zillion snowballs, sledding seems to include their father. Unfortunately, the snow doesn't appear, leaving the family members rushing through their morning routines so as not to be late for school. Then comes the surprise: the narrator is the father, who happens to be a teacher. The illustrations, in muted oils, show the jubilant family anticipating the snow and the activities that they would undertake. The figures fill the pages giving a sense of intimacy, and the scenes are viewed from a variety of perspectives, adding to the excitement and chaos. Children (and parents) will identify with the strong wish for a day away from the routine, as well as the mad rush when things don't pan out. Randall Enos --Booklist

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Very cute story with a surprise ending!

I am a big fan of Lester Laminack, and *Snow Day!* is my favorite of his picture books. The kids want a snow day, and the forecasters are predicting a possible snow storm. They go to bed hoping for tons of stay-at-home snow! Will they get enough snow to cancel school? You'll have to read it to find out! My favorite part of *Snow Day!* is the ending. I won't tell you how it ends, but I bet you'll be surprised!

Great story that children listen to and can't wait to hear what comes next.

Love this book! Great for lessons on voice and point of view.

a cute story that ends with a great surprise for the reader!

Perfect as a part of my classroom reading program.

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My students loved this, especially since we don't usually get snow in Savannah. The surprise ending made the laugh. Must read.

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