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In The Rainfield



Synopsis

Angry Wind, boastful Fire, and mild Rain hold a contest to determine who is the greatest. In a satisfying ending, real power is found not in anger or violence, but in calm and gentle behavior.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I wasn't sure what my two would think of "In the Rainfield". The artwork is pretty abstract and the story... well, you never know what a 4 year-old boy and 6 year-old girl will like. BUT they really, really took a liking to this fable about who is greatest: Rain, Wind, or Fire. [My son will even leave off playing with Thomas the Tank Engine to come and hear it read--lol.] And they thought the images derived from a multi-media collage were great. Five Stars. [A-]. Good Read-aloud. The story is engaging as are most classic old tales be they from ancient Greece or Africa. If your child/ren like Aesop or similar fables consider adding "In the Rainfield" to your shelves.

"Who is the greatest?" is a wonderfully crafted tale of the battle of natures' elements. The story illustrates the true beauty of such powerful elements of nature; fire, wind and rain. The author, perhaps unknowingly, provides a wonderful affirmation, that in nature, as in life, the race isn't always won by the strongest or swiftest; that one can be gentle, yet strong. The illustrations are superb. Representing the elements as people is a brilliant touch...visual personification, if you will. The marble blending of colors is a perfect way to represent nature, with all of the elements existing in

harmony. "Who is The Greatest?" is a beautiful addition to any public library or personal collection and a must have for all who work with children. Share the wonder of nature with the children in your lives. This book is the perfect place to start.

Lovely story and illustrations. Children really enjoy it.

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