



Monthly Booklist

April 2008

Picture books for young children
about the rain.

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema, illus. by Beatriz Vidal. (1981) Ages 4-8
A cumulative rhyme in the style of “This is the House That Jack Built,” relating how Ki-pai brought rain to the drought-stricken Kapiti Plain in Africa.

Come On, Rain! by Karen Hesse, illus. by Jon J. Muth. (1999) Ages 3-7
A young girl eagerly awaits a coming rainstorm to bring relief from the oppressive summer heat.

Peter Spier’s Rain by Peter Spier. (1982) Ages 3-7
In this wordless book, siblings explore a rainy day through a series of mishaps and discoveries.

Rain by Manya Stojic. (2000) Ages 3-7
On an African savanna, animals use all their senses to anticipate a rainfall that breaks the heat.

The Rain Came Down by David Shannon. (2000) Ages 4-8
When rain falls, everyone in town is crabby and quick to anger—but the mood changes as soon as the sun comes out. Old-fashioned clothing and manners add dimension to the story.

Rain Feet by Angela Johnson. (1994) Ages 1-3
Bright yellow accents enliven this board book, with text so brief that it can easily be memorized.

Rain Play by Cynthia Cotten, illus. by Javaka Steptoe. (2008) Ages 4-8
Collage pictures and rhyming text depict a joyful group of children caught in a summer storm.

Rain Rain Rivers by Uri Shulevitz. (1969) Ages 4-8
This simple story is set in a city, but the arc of the story encompasses the wide world as it follows the rainfall through streams and rivers to the sea.

Rain Song by Lezlie Evans, illus. by Cynthia Jabar. (1995) Ages 2-6
A rural family enjoys a thunderstorm in a lyrical, yet accessible book filled with -ing words.

Rainy Day! by Patricia Lakin, illus. by Scott Nash. (2007) Ages 3-7
Four friends argue about how to spend a rainy day. All can agree on a visit to the library.

Ruby’s Rainy Day by Rosemary Wells. (2004) Ages 2-4
Ruby wants to make sure that Max stays dry when he goes out to play baseball...but it takes so long to suit up in brightly-colored outerwear that the rain has ended by the time he gets outside!

Who Likes Rain? by Wong Herbert Yee. (2007) Ages 2-7
A little girl is bored by an April shower, but she gradually awakens to the wonder of the weather. Rhyme and a guessing-game structure are just two of this book’s many literacy features.