



STORMY NIGHT

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See a video of the book read aloud here: [Stormy Night](#)

**** REMEMBER: HAVE FUN AND THE KIDS WILL TOO! ****

OVERVIEW

ABOUT THE BOOK

When thunder shakes his house and rain pounds the windows, Bear is frightened. Bear comforts his sweet stuffed rabbit Floppy by singing him a song. Bear makes the storm seem not so scary. But the weather bangs more outside. Eventually, Mama Bear, then Papa Bear come to Bear's room to check on Bear and end up staying with him, as he comforts them. Bear chooses a good book to read to Floppy during the storm. After a particularly loud thunder and lightning strike, Bear's parents cuddle close to their little cub, using the same song and reassuring touches Little Bear had used with them. Before Bear knows it, the storm has passed, because even storms need their sleep . . . and so do bears. (amazon.com; School Library Journal)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Salina Yoon is a local author who lives in San Marcos with her husband and two sons. Born in Korea, in 1972, Salina Yoon moved to the United States when she was four. She spoke no English, and initially learned many words and phrases watching Sesame Street. She attended the Art Center College of Design, in Pasadena, California. Since 1998 she has created and published more than 160 books for young readers. She writes: "I work at home in my studio. Well,... it's really just a spare bedroom. It's got a little drafting table, computer, armoire full of supplies and a flat files cabinet for artwork and paper. I've received hundreds (maybe thousands) of rejections over my career, but I don't let that stop me from doing what I love. I keep going until I get it right." (salinayoon.com; amazon.com)

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

(see above)

THE READ ALOUD

BEFORE READING

Use these before reading the story to help students activate background knowledge and make predictions:

- What does "stormy" mean?
- What do you see on the cover that suggests a storm?
- Who do you think this story is about?
- Where is the bear sitting?

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TOPICS & THEMES:

- Weather
- Feelings

Tips for every book!

POWER PHRASES:

I WONDER...

I NOTICE...

TELL ME MORE...

DIGGING DEEPER:

"Tell me more, why do you think that?"

"How do you know that?"

"Why do you think they feel like that?"

"Interesting, did you notice anything else?"

- Do you think this story is about a real bear or a pretend bear?

DURING THE STORY

Use these while reading the story to help students interpret the action and content.

- What is lightening? What is thunder?
- Why might the storm be scary?
- (p. 8) What does Bear do when he's startled?
- (p. 10) What made Bear feel better?
- (p. 16) (reader: read the title of the book that Bear reads to Floppy)
- (p. 17-18) Why are these letters that spell BOOM so BIG?

AFTER READING

Use these after reading the story to help students understand what they just read.

- What did Bear learn about storms at the end of the book?
- How did the book make you feel at the end?

BRINGING THE BOOK TO LIFE!

- What makes you feel better when you are scared?
- Do you like to read stories with your family/favorite stuffed animal?

COOPERATIVE LEARNING

- If you've ever seen a storm, put your finger on your nose. If you were scared, put your other finger on your nose.

EXTENSION ACTIVITY

- Draw a picture of something that scares you.
- What's the weather like today?