

The Snow Thief

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Animals, winter

Book Brief: Squirrel experiences snow for the first time and loves it—until it mysteriously disappears, leading him to suspect a snow thief. This enchanting winter adventure, paired with vibrant art, explores the magic of seasonal change and the emotions it brings, complete with bonus material on the changing seasons.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about squirrel.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What happens in the winter time?"

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, watch to see squirrel's first snow day."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why did squirrel think he ate a snowflake?
- Who is squirrel afraid of?
- What happened to his acorns?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Squirrel experiences his first snow day. Describe his experience with the snow.

Extending Our Thinking: Squirrel was surprised when the snow was gone. Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students explain what happened to the snow.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about winter.
 - [Snow Globe Wishes](#) (2019)
 - [Over and Under the Snow](#) (2011)
 - [The Mitten](#) (1989)