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**Title:** The Cloud Book

**Words and Pictures by:** Tomie de Paola

**Reading Rainbow Book**

“The skillful blend of fun and information makes this book a great success.” – *School Library Journal*

“…a beguiling mixture of entertainment and information.” – *Publishers Weekly*

**First Line:** “Almost any time you go outside and look up at the sky, you can see clouds.”

**Last Line:** “So you see, clouds are fun, silly, and very interesting.”

**Cloud Index:** altocumulus, altostratus, cirrocumulus, cirrostratus, cirrus, cumulonimbus, cumulus, nimbostratus, stratocumulus, stratus

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**Title:** W is for Wind A Weather Alphabet

**Written by:** Pat Michaels

**Illustrated by:** Melanie Rose

**Back Cover:** “*W is for Wind: A Weather Alphabet* is a marvelous collection of facts and observations that will engage readers of all ages. Pat Michaels proves that science can be more than a theorem-filled textbook. His approach to meteorology will entertain and enlighten both the casual and serious student of this fascinating force of nature.” – Jerry Hodak (WXYZ-Detroit)

A – Atmosphere

B – Barometer

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**Title:** Do Tornadoes Really Twist? Questions & Answers About Tornadoes & Hurricanes

**By:** Melvin & Gilda Berger

**Illustrated by:** Higgins Bond

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**Title:** Weather

**By:** Seymour Simon

“Nor’east to sou’west winds:…high and low barometer;…probable areas of rain, snow, hail, and drought, succeeded or preceded by earthquakes with thunder and lightning.” – **Mark Twain on New England weather, December 1876**

“Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.” – **Charles** **Dudley Warner in the Hartford Courant, August 1897**

**Glossary:**

**Cirrus clouds** – Thin clouds very high up in the sky.

**Cumulus clouds** – Puffy, cottonlike clouds that are usually associated with warm, sunny weather.

**Front** – The area where one air mass meets another. Storms and thick clouds are often found along fronts.

**Greenhouse effect** – When Earth’s atmosphere prevents most of the sun’s heat from escaping into space.

**Insolation** – An abbreviation for incoming solar radiation, or rays of light and heat from the sun.

**Meteorologists** – Scientists who study the weather.

**Smog** – Fog polluted with smoke that forms above cities. Most smog is caused by automobile exhaust.

**Stratosphere** – The part of the atmosphere right above the troposphere. The stratosphere is where many clouds are formed.

**Stratus clouds** – Flat clouds that can sometimes be found very close to the ground. Fog is made of stratus clouds.

**Troposphere** – The lowest part of the atmosphere, starting at Earth’s surface and going up about seven miles. The air in the troposphere gets colder as you go higher.

**Wind belts** – Areas where recurrent wind patterns, such as trade winds, are found.

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**Title:** The Storm Book

**By:** Charlotte Zolotow

**Pictures by:** Margaret Bloy Graham

**A Caldecott Honor Book**

**Back Cover:** “It is a day in the country, and everything is hot and still. Then the hazy sky begins to shift. Something is astir, something soundless. A summer storm sweeps over countryside, city, and seashore. People and animals alike listen to the rrrrrMMMMMMMDDDDDDDRRRRRRR R R R of the thunder and the patter of the rain, and wait for the storm to end. And when it does, something very special happens.”

“An outstanding book.” – ***The Horn Book***

**First Line:** “It is a day in the country, and everything is hot.”

**Last Line:** “And she slipped her arm around him so gently he didn’t notice, as he watched the beautiful sunlit colors arching over the world.”

**Vocabulary:** parched, buttercups, daisies, rambler roses, hollyhocks, limply, quivering, latticework, hazy, parched, sways, Queen Anne’s lace, straining, torrent, slants, buffet, strain, sandpiper, skids, swiftly, herds, subsides, cling, glistening, twitterings, arching

**Similes:** “The little boy can almost see the heat quivering up like mist from the earth.”

“He waits and he sees dark clouds beginning to form, throwing their shadow over the parched fields, moving one after another until they cover the sky and the world is black as night.”

“Shooting through the sky like a streak of starlight comes a flash so beautiful, so fast, that the little boy barely has time to see the flowers straining into the storm wind.”

“The lightning was like a wild white wolf running free in the woods and the lamp like the gentle white terrier who came when the little boy called.”

“In the mountains the rain comes down like a waterfall.”

“It beats a loud tattooing pitpatpitpatting on the roof, and the wind rising and falling in the trees sounds like the sea breaking against the shore.”

**Hyphenated Words:** storm-darkened, swish-swishing, loop-fenced, boot-deep, cloud-rending, storm-torn, wind-driven, sweet-smelling, full-noted, clean-smelling, bird-singing

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**Title:** Hurricane

**By:** David Wiesner

“We wouldn’t wish a real hurricane on children, but this book will give them a taste of the magic of the moment when the lights go out.” – ***School Library Journal,*****starred review**

“The Caldecott Honor recipient for the dreamlike picture book *Free Fall* offers another work to delight children and spark their imaginations. Wiesner’s detailed, exquisitely rendered paintings draw the reader into his story of a hurricane’s progress with all the sweep and immediacy of a film sequence…This is an exuberant, absorbing slice of life.” – ***Publishers Weekly***

“This picture book explores imaginative extensions of reality, but is all the more involving for its basis in ordinary child life…Robust and real, this one is guaranteed to get them outdoors.” – ***Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books,* University of Chicago**

**First Line:** “I can’t find Hannibal anywhere, Mom, “ David said.”

**Last Line:** “And if it fell, it would land in our yard.”

**Vocabulary:** securing, peered, indignantly, sustained, gusting, safari, expedition, stalking, helm, horizon, journeyed, rumbled

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**Title:** Hurricane!

**By:** Jonathan London

**Illustrated by:** Henri Sorensen

**Book Jacket:** “Batten down the hatches! There’s a storm brewing! One moment, the sun is shining on the slopes of El Yunque, the largest mountain in eastern Puerto Rico. The next, everything has changed. The sky has turned deep purple, and you feel as if the air has been sucked from your lungs. That can mean only one thing: A hurricane is coming!

 On a wild, storm-wracked night, a young boy and his family face danger together and are drawn closer to one another and their community. This true-to-life adventure, illustrated with vibrant oil paintings by Henri Sorensen, is based on Jonathan London’s experiences surviving a hurricane as a boy.”

**First Line:** “The day of the hurricane started a lot like any other day.”

**Last Line:** “The sparkle of sun on the water was brighter than ever.”

**Vocabulary:** scorpions, El Yunque, Puerto Rico, loomed, cliff, coral reef, stingray, sea urchins, snorkels, langostas (lobsters), stilts, thrashed, burst, shutters, scribbled, slung, crammed, whimpered, barracks, bustled, sagging, shattered, kerosene lamp, palm fronds, shack, shantytown, sparkle

**Similes:** “Schools of tropical fish flashed by like flocks of birds turning in a wind.”

“Rain slammed into us like a crashing wave.”

“All the way to the shelter, we drove through rain so solid, it was like driving underwater.”

“The barracks shivered and creaked like an old ship at sea.”

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**Title:** A Visit to William Blake’s Inn Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers

**By:** Nancy Willard

**Illustrated by:** Alice and Martin Provensen

**Winner of the Newberry Medal and a Caldecott Honor Book**

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The Wise Cow Makes *Way, Room, and Believe*

Blake Leads a Walk on the Milky Way

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The Tiger Asks Blake for a Bedtime Story

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**Title:** It Figures! Fun Figures of Speech

**By:** Marvin Terban

**Illustrated by:** Giulio Maestro

**Back Cover:** “Suppose you want to describe a bumpy road. You could say, “The road was bumpy” – OK, but not very interesting. Or you could say, “It was like riding on square tires.” Or, “The road was a washboard.”

 Descriptions like these create very specific pictures in the mind of a reader or listener. Each involves a figure of speech, a way of putting words together that makes your meaning clear, vivid, interesting, and dramatic.

 In this book, Marvin Terban, the master of wordplay, introduces and explains sic important figures of speech – simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, alliteration, hyperbole, and personification. Examples from the work of great writers, including Mr. Terban’s own comic originals, are followed by practical suggestions for creating your own figures of speech and using them effectively.

 Want to write livelier, more colorful stories, essays, poems, and letters? It figures!”

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**Title:** Time of Wonder

**By:** Robert McCloskey

**The Caldecott Medal**

**First Line:** “Out on the islands that poke their rocky shores above the waters of Penobscot Bay, you can watch the time of the world go by, from minute to minute, hour to hour, from day to day, season to season.”

**Last Line:** “Where do hummingbirds go in a hurricane?”

**Vocabulary:** island, bay, snorting, porpoises, acrobatic, herring, lobster, ripple, gliding, distant, cormorants, ferns, unfurling, sparkling, schooners, fiery, glacier, grinding, silhouettes, tide, driftwood, heron, croaks, eider ducks, fishhawks, gazing, brisk, rustling, birch, robins, swallows, migrating, crows, gulls, feuding, hummingbirds, petunia, loons, anchor, skiffs, moorings, pennants, solemnly, cackling, scalloping, sloops, yawls, ketches, shackling, battening, generator, nibbles, scurries, surge, sways, tolling, slashes, wallows, Parcheesi, bolt, terrace, seeking, jagged, iodine, petunias, clams, mussels, barnacles, quartz

**Hyphenated Words:** age-old, fiddle-heads, belly-whoppered, dog-paddled, hundred-pound, two-inch, bell-buoy, hair-over-eyes, out-of-doors, storm-flattened, good-by

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**Title:** One Day in the Prairie

**By:** Jean Craighead George

**Back Cover:** “Henry Rush is spending the day at the Prairie Wildlife Refuge, determined to photograph a prairie dog doing a back flip. But while he watches and waits at the edge of prairie dog town, he fails to notice the electricity humming through the air. Or the buffalo anxiously pawing the ground. Or the purple-blue cloud building over the prairie grass.

 A tornado is forming to the west. And when the dark funnel touches down, it will wipe out everything in its path…”

**Chapter 1**

**Vocabulary:** restlessly, despite, buffalo, tingles, mammoth, ancestors, killdeer, preen, snatches, droning, stampede, tramples, glances, refuge, burrow, meadowlark, curlew, blue heron, shallows

**Chapter 2**

**Vocabulary:** charm, industry, biotic, antelope, falcons, festoon, Appalachian Mountains, Rocky Mountains, fertile, pampas, Argentina, Ilanos, South America, steppes, Eurasia, velds, South Africa, gouged, reeds, sedges, parcel, Wichita Indians, spared, cultivation, Europeans, remnant, drought, deluge, Texas Revolution of 1836, Civil War, Oklahoma, Kansas, extinct, estates, refuge, flourishing, speck , salamanders

**Chapter 3**

**Vocabulary:** shriek, burrows, horizon, spiral, ozone, hoofs, inconspicuous, scurry, pantries, mend, sentinels, weasels, minks, marmot, shrillness, quintessential, harem, bull elk, bellows, antlers, startle

**Chapter 4**

**Vocabulary:** milling, nudges, bunts, stalks, pasqueflowers, buttercups, swatches, Townsendia, caterpillars, vanish, bellow, asters, massive, mammothlike, silhouetted, wind devil, mane, tilted, harem, emperor bull, monarch butterfly, Mexico, Pennsylvania, hierarchy, tolerate, deluge, insulate, withering, labyrinths, corridors, irritable

**Chapter 5**

**Vocabulary:** rival, graceful, pivot, tarantula, den, twilight, dusk, blithely, lunges, staggers, defeat, inspired, cuds, prey, abdomen, paralyzed

**Chapter 6**

**Vocabulary:** twitching, leaps, rodent, haunches, flailing, larva, antennae, migrating, hastily, ominous, billowing, avalanche, vast, badgers, raging, funnel, trample, buffets, descends

**Chapter 7**

**Vocabulary:** fire hydrant, terror, torrential, debris, lark, ruffled, swath, preen, soars, vanishes, sentinel, gust, darning needle, spiral

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**Title:** The Long Winter

**By:** Laura Ingalls Wilder

**Illustrated by:** Garth Williams

**Back Cover:** “The town of De Smet is hit with terrible, howling blizzards. Snow has reached the rooftops, and no trains can get through with food or coal. The people of De Smet, including Laura’s family, are starving. It is young Almanzo Wilder who finally understands what needs to be done. He must save the town, even if it means risking his own life.”

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**First Line:** “The mowing machine’s whirring sounded cheerfully from the old buffalo wallow south of the claim shanty, where bluestem grass stood thick and tall and Pa was cutting it for hay.”

**Last Line:** “The sun was shining warm, the winds were soft, and the green grass growing.”

**Make Hay While the Sun Shines**

**Vocabulary:** whirring, wallow, shanty, quivering, shimmering, blazed, scorching, swarms, hovered, gauzy, swiftly, gnat, stubble, gophers, scampering, chirruped, plodded, steadily, whirring, fluttered, cling, garter snake, hunched, calico, flickering, whirred, homesteaders, windrows, haycocks, dawn, trampled, jolted, pitchfork, sloping, trickled, sunbonnet, braids, whiffletrees, broad, clambered, prickly, stable, clumsily, quivered, lugging, stout, slough, haycock, muskrat, gnawed, pattering, plunged, calico, parching, Declaration of Independence, twinkled, sober, shanty, battens, tar-paper

**An Errand To Town**

**Vocabulary:** hustle, chirruped, whirring, clattering, dreaded, sunbonnet, limp, hitching posts, clutcher, tagger, rustling, crackled, smothering, whirr, swaying, yielding, trampling, stubble, haycocks, drawled, haunches, gleaming, glossy, primly, rivets, timidly

**Fall Of The Year**

**Vocabulary:** equinoctial, kindling, shawl, sod, trudged, wilted, preserves, quarts, gloated, gallon, horrid, threshed, winnowed, husked, shocked, lugged, crimping, tidy, muslin, fretfully, thimble, steadily, dimly

**October Blizzard**

**Vocabulary:** quilts, huddled, kindled, crackled, chattered, blazing, furiously, stable, chattered, teakettle, washbasin, muskrats, kettle, cambric tea, dribbles, molasses, staggered, fiddle, thaw, rosin, whimpering, muffler, blur

**After the Storm**

**Vocabulary:** crackling, sizzled, tingling, squinted, scudding, tingled, trudging, prickled, bellow, seized, horrified, briskly, auk, trousers, nestling, jackrabbits, stable, pleaded

**Indian Summer**

**Vocabulary:** desperately, ruffling, briefest, dazzled, hazy, protested, persuaded, Indian summer

**Indian Warning**

**Vocabulary:** carved, shriveled, scalp-lock, heap, swirled, stock, sober, haul, hustle, gasped, harness, despised, ripple

**Settled in Town**

**Vocabulary:** vacant, depot, pigeonholes, marvelous, flexible, slates, curtains, merchandise, dreaded, fluttering, stovepipe, partition, strawticks, crackling, plumped, gable, boldly, varnished, draft, brushwood, hollow, lumberyard, scarcer, firmly

**Cap Garland**

**Vocabulary:** dread, heavyhearted, vanished, gasped, desperate, steadily, tangle, platform, indigo, swiftly, leap, fringed, timid, patent, varnished, grooves, slates, bodice, rapped, depot, consumption, flannel, scouring, squealed, moaned, bowed, limply, patent, thumping, pupil, stumbled, muffler, snatch, whirling, smothering, particles, whirled, staggering, flung, confusion, huddled, swirling, delicate, numb, trudging, fury, vanished, sobbed, depot, fumbled, coil, crackled, drifts, sifted, frostbitten, fumbled, coil, crackled, drifts, sifted, drowsily, posse

**Three Days’ Blizzard**

**Vocabulary:** clinched, stout, snatched, petticoats, sod, buckwheat, molasses, griddle, reflector, hearth, ironstone, partition, kerosene, harrowed, threshed

**Pa Goes to Volga**

**Vocabulary:** dazzling, chariot, gazing, squinting, glittering, billowing, keen, dandled, hospitably, bashful, persuade, prying, relinquishment, fluttered, distress, boarders

**Alone**

**Vocabulary:** crocheting, soberly, unraveled, whirl, gnat, flickered, tingled, prickled, flatirons, shriveled, chattered, quivering, shrill, unclenching, speck, shivered

**We’ll Weather the Blast**

**Vocabulary:** clatter, shrilling, washbasin, humdinger, clothesline, fragrant, amber, chilly, roused, conscience, parboil, gloom, urged, objected, contradicted, prompt, quarreling, blushed, weary, gallant

**One Bright Day**

**Vocabulary:** scouring, inquired, eagerly, churning

**No Trains**

**Vocabulary:** sluggish, wailed, objected, brass, spout, slate, thawed, stoutly, murmured, mending, braided, tussle, scoured, clothesline, rousing, ceaseless, dusk, peephole, scudding, jiffy

**Fair Weather**

**Vocabulary:** stale, gazed, drearily, sloshed, reproachfully, burst, glare, cringing, dreadful, igloo, shuddered, whiffle-trees, brisk, tingle, pried, panes, ford, hinder, confounded, beeline, slough, rassling, plunging, snorting, wallowing, threshing, tramped, deceitful, trample, thawed, mother-of-pearl, descendants, sloughs, harness

**Seed Wheat**

**Vocabulary:** whirling, quivered, heifer, flatiron, banner, flutters, sawhorse, rasping, whittling, bin, chore, profit

**Merry Christmas**

**Vocabulary:** ceaseless, mob, hospitality, shingle, frail, contrive, hustled, twilight, tremble, wages, spare, perforations, wistfully, petticoat, embroidered, suspenders, bolts, calico, brine, codfish, handkerchiefs, stock, clambering, squealed, gurgle, peaked, trousers, somersaulted, depot, shriek, whirling, swirled, wick, bale, turnips, flicker

**Where There’s A Will**

**Vocabulary:** kindling, drafts, kinking, tingled, newfangled, telegraph, pity, grist mill, sourdough, yeast, saucer, tapering, shawl

**Antelope!**

**Vocabulary:** cartridges, venison, shrill, eaves, dimly, antelope, pricked, jingling, bits, prancing, reins, mare, chattered, vanished, risk, intend, canter, bewildered, huddle, enormous, ceaseless, piercing, pastures, colt, whickering, whinny, arched, galloping, stable, stall, manger, lather, heaving, currycomb, flanks, blizzard, hearth, molasses

**The Hard Winter**

**Vocabulary:** gaily, burst, gristle, sear, reluctantly, bushel, dispatchers, foreman, tapering, engineer, locomotive, throttle, plumes, glaring, brunt, perseverance, contend, hustle, windowpanes, cowering, fury

**Cold and Dark**

**Vocabulary:** ceaselessly, scoured, whirled, twilight, hearth, slough, listless, mope, briskly, plighted, vengeance, splendid, defiance, chariot, wield, spear, staunch, oppression, tyrant, recited, Paul Revere, murmured, drowsily, gopher, stable, drifts, lodged, chipper, cram, onslaughts, whimper, flickering, yowling, hyenas, rasping, kernels, eternity, wailing

**The Wheat in the Wall**

**Vocabulary:** meekly, startled, grate, studding, antelope, luxury, howling

**Not Really Hungry**

**Vocabulary:** roused, recitations, wearily, flaking

**Free and Independent**

**Vocabulary:** mechanically, whittling, provisions, tintype, methodically, molasses, retorted, reflector, eaves, foolhardy

**Breathing Spell**

**Vocabulary:** bachelors, clamor

**For Daily Bread**

**Vocabulary:** routing, buckskin, gelding, flushed, furrowed, wavelets, floundering, trampled, persuade, heave, glints, intense, gaunt, rasp, wisp, bleak, zenith, hazy, chafed, floundering, snatched, partitioned, trickled, forethought, retorted, chapped, meditatively, piercing, plunging, floundering, trampling, gingerly, treacherous, plodded, unclasp, drooping, trampled, brunt, luminous, blotting, bulky

**Four Days’ Blizzard**

**Vocabulary:** menacing, savage, darning, timidly, clenched, soothingly, mansions, raged

**The Last Mile**

**Vocabulary:** trudged, flank, plodded, blotted, neckyoke, gleam, abruptly, blur, vacant, clumped, lugged, receipt, retorted, hastily, bridle, whinnied, barred, supple, curried, tingle, skinflint, shrunken, jutting, justice, tramped, snarlingly, palaver, filthy, despised, ration, thud

**It Can’t Beat Us**

**Vocabulary:** kindled, coarse, pouncing, snarling, rage, trickling, eaves, blissfully, Chinook, tenderly, scampered, marvelous

**Waiting for the Train**

**Vocabulary:** battened, tar-paper, brimmed, acquainted, reflecting, clamoring, stranded, freight, mire, clanging, fragrant, smokestack, emigrant, dismay, savagely

**The Christmas Barrel**

**Vocabulary:** departing, upended, pleated, whaleboned, basque, beamed, fascinator, flannel, leather, silk, fringe, plush, plaid, embroidery, perforated, delicate, mass, cranberries, shrieked, clasped, chortled

**Christmas in May**

**Vocabulary:** polish, wick, dawn, mass, crimson, cream of tartar, saleratus, sage, glee, plodding, melody, chorus, alto, contralto, soprano, tenor, bass