Snow Day!

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Synopsis
When the television weatherman predicts a big snowfall, the narrator gleefully imagines the fun-filled possibilities of an unscheduled holiday from school. Piling under warm blankets. Sipping hot chocolate in snowman mugs. Building a snow fort. Sledding in the neighbor's field. In scene after snowy scene, from sunrise to sundown, a pair of siblings, with their father in tow, show how they would make the most of their day off. But when the family wakes up the next morning, they are in for a disappointment. No snow! As the family members pile into the car so they won't be late for school, an unexpected twist reveals who wanted the snow day most of all. Adam Gustavson's expressive illustrations comically capture the excitement of pure possibility in author Lester Laminack's thoroughly original tale.

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Customer Reviews
Nothing thrills the heart of a child more than the prospect of a day home from school. So when the weatherman predicts an overnight snowfall, his words jump-start the imagination. What will we do tomorrow when we’re snowed in? The mind reels at the possibilities! But as with many dreams devoutly to be wished, stark reality shows up with vastly different plans. This picture book confirms the fact that no matter how old you are, the term "snow day" just might be the most exciting and
magical phrase in the English language. Lester Laminack’s story is “spot on.” Adam Gustavson’s colorful and realistic illustrations provide snapshots that lead readers into believing they know how the book will turn out. Gotcha! A great read-along for parents and children, and it’s difficult to judge who might enjoy the story more.

"Did you hear that? Did the weatherman just say what I thought he did? Did he say...SNOW? Oh please, let it snow. Lots and lots of snow." -- From Snow Day! Let me tell you, I thought this book rocked when I "just" read it through. And my 12 year old? He LOVED it. But now that I’ve heard the companion CD that comes nestled within a plastic pouch in the book cover...WOW! Now, I can’t NOT read Snow Day! without hearing the delightfully giddy southern drawl of author Lester L. Laminack reading his book! I love it that we’re not sure who the narrator is until the end. (And the companion CD features the author sharing his inspiration for the book--and she happens to make an appearance in Snow Day!, too!) The artwork by Adam Gustavson is amazing--so vibrant and full of expression! Every time I read this book, I smile. It’s that enchanting. (And when I had my son read a whole stack of books and rate them, this one received HIGHEST praise--“10 out of 10 stars!”, he exclaimed.) If you’re looking for an adorable kid’s book that pays tribute to the longed-for snow day, you MUST get this book! I’ve read and reviewed dozens, and I have to say, it’s one of THE best children’s books I’ve ever come across. And the companion CD? How wonderful that it features book narration (with and without prompts) AND a brief talk from the author! Highly recommended!-- Janet Boyer, author of Back in Time Tarot

This is a sweet story about a possible snow day at school. Since I teach along the Texas Gulf Coast, we rarely see snow. When we had an "ICE" day, I read the book to my 5th graders and they loved it. Laminack writes wonderful stories and the illustrations are amazing. Another book by Laminanck, which I highly recommend is SATURDAYS and TEACAKES. Both books are good mentor texts for grades 3rd -5th.

I am a big fan of Lester Laminack, and Snow Day! is my favorite of his picture books. The kids want a snow day, and the forecasters are predicting a possible snow storm. They go to bed hoping for tons of stay-at-home snow! Will they get enough snow to cancel school? You’ll have to read it to find out! My favorite part of Snow Day! is the ending. I won’t tell you how it ends, but I bet you’ll be surprised!
What a fantastic book! My sister who teaches kindergarten lent this book to my children (ages 2 and 4). The illustrations are wonderful and the paperback book is large in size. It’s a great story about the anticipation and excitement all students have about snow days. The narrator details grandiose plans for a potential snow day. The best part is the surprising twist at the end. We enjoyed the book so much we bought it as gifts for my daughter’s teachers.

This book was introduced to me at a teacher’s workshop. This book is great for upper elementary literacy lessons - including writer’s and reader’s workshops - as well as a great wintery bedtime story. It is great for teaching point of view. This is a fun story with a cute twist at the end!

This book is so much fun! I loved it and my students do too, we all enjoyed the unexpected point of view that is revealed at the end. As a teacher who never gets as many snow days as I want, I can certainly relate to this story!

As I live in a snowy part of the country, when I saw the title I knew I had to purchase Snow Day! I knew my students could relate to the character’s anticipation of a day off from school - little did I realize how much *I* would relate, too! Fun read aloud for elementary age students.

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