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A summer storm brings relief from the heat—and a surprise—to a farm family.

It's a hot day on the farm, and a little girl, her brother, and their mother are trying to cool off by the pond. Suddenly, dark clouds roll in. A thunder-boomer is on the way! The storm brings pounding rain and hail—and an unexpected visitor: a soggy wet stray kitten. Colorful descriptions of the storm are accompanied by lots of playful sound effects, making this free-verse poem perfect for reading aloud. Charming watercolor illustrations capture all the drama, humor, and tenderness of the text.

## Thunder-Boomer! Details

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## From Reader Review Thunder-Boomer! for online ebook

### Melissa says

A sudden thunderstorm rolls into farmland and a families home. The family must quickly run around and put things up on their land and in their home. As they finish putting things out of the thunderstorms harm they wait for it to pass. Once the thunderstorm finishes they go outside to inspect the damage and find a surprise waiting for them under their pet chicken.

Illustrations for this story are bold and vibrant with a bit of fun laughs added to them. I liked the illustrations very much because it did an excellent job in explaining how a "thunder-boomer" can come upon one suddenly.

(Children's Notable Book, 2010)

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### Diane says

A farm family experiences a rainstorm and ends up with a little furry surprise.

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### Rebekah says

A family from the country prays for a thunder boomer on a hot sunny day. They get their wish and a huge storm comes in. The illustrations throughout the story were very colorful and detailed, and even though the characters were cartoons, they show lots of expressions. There is a lot of onomatopoeia throughout the story. This book would be good to use in a grammar lesson especially if you wanted to show the students how to use onomatopoeia effectively. A teacher could also read this story to his or her class on a rainy or stormy day just as a break. The only thing I would change about this book would be to not have so much going on on one page. Spacing the pictures out onto different pages would allow the reader to focus on one thing at a time.

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### Anthony says

On a hot arid day, a sudden summer storm brings with it rain, wind, and hail. A family rushes to get to shelter, and after the storm passes by it leaves a welcome relief from the heat, and a surprise for the family.

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### Jayna says

All ages

A thunderstorm rolls in and catches the family off guard. They scramble to put away the farm animals, get the laundry off the line, and get the dog and favorite chicken inside. After the storm, the chicken finds a little kitten and the family decides to keep him and name him Thunder Boomer after the storm.

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This would be good for a story time about weather. Also you could use this to illustrate narrative. The family has a process that they must complete to keep everything safe from the storm. You could have the children relate the process that they take for different activities.

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### **Sarah says**

I really enjoyed the illustrations and story.

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### **M.J. says**

For those who love a cracking good thunderstorm this wonderful book puts you right in the middle of one! But there's more going on than just the wild weather... after rescuing the washing, a reluctant chicken and getting under cover the sun comes out once more and reveals a surprise in the form of a storm-bedraggled kitten.

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### **Felicia says**

This is one of the most beautiful children's books I have read. I love the non-rhyming verse which makes reading it aloud flow so well. The illustrations are priceless. It is the perfect illustration of a summer thunderstorm on a farm. My favorite part is the illustration "prologue" that starts right on the inside of the cover...and then you realize that same character is in several illustrations in the book before he officially enters the story. This so cool with a children's book like this that you read over and over again...it made for an interesting discovery the 10th time we read it. I am in love and with the illustrator and author would do more collaborations.

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### **Tyler says**

Thunder-Boomer is a wonderful story that is about a family of four that lives on a farm and enjoying the day outside. They have a dog, Scooter and a chicken named Maizey. While Dad is on the tractor in the field the rest of the family is outside by the pond. While they are relaxing a storm moves in and they rush back to the house when they notice Maizey is out in the storm. Dad and Scooter goes back to get her. Maizey is upset about something. After the storm clears they go back outside and Maizey goes hunting for something. To everyone's surprise Maizey has found a kitten. "A gift from the storm!" Dad replies. They come up with the name of Thunder-Boomer. This story is so well written and the illustrations are great! It has sound effects in it as well that make it a fun book to read! I enjoyed this book very much and i am thinking that i should buy this book to read to my class in the future. What an awesome book!

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### **Courtney says**

This is about a little girl, her brother, her mother and her father who all live together on a farm. There is a

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storm coming close to their farm. They get inside, before the storm really starts. They wait out the storm, and have a few laughs. They call a thunder storm, a thunder boomer. This could be a good book for K-3rd grade. You could read this book when there is a thunder storm outside, or to talk about storms to calm down children's nerves. The illustrations are cute, the only thing that I do not like about them is that the mom looks as young as the daughter.

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### **Jacqui Robbins says**

When a storm hits the family farm, it leaves behind something unexpected and purring.

Things you will love about this book:

1. The poetry. It is free verse -- metered, not rhyming -- and when you read it aloud, it makes your mouth happy.
  2. The mood of the book itself mimics the rising storm: the tense humidity, first sprinkles, booming hail, and lush, wet calm afterwards.
  3. The illustrations are lovely, with lots to look at and parts of the story on the endpapers.
  4. The kitten is really, really cute and will make your children say "Ohhhh!"
  5. If you are lucky, your toddler will call it "Fun-dah BOOM!" which is pretty much the cutest thing ever.
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### **Friend of Pixie (F.O.P.) says**

"I hope this heat breaks soon...We need a thunder-boomer," says the mother in this charming book about a thunderstorm on a farm on a hot, restless summer day. As the storm comes in, the family prepares, bringing in the laundry from the line, the family, and the chicken from the barn. The chicken is acting strangely though and they eventually discover afterward that she'd been sheltering a kitten, who then braved the storm alone. When they find him, despite being drenched, he gives them a big purr. Thunder-Boomer has found a home. Logan had a good laugh over dad's underwear getting caught in the wind and flying through the air. And of course he loved the story of the rescued kitten. Watercolor and pen illustrations are wonderful.

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### **Gabrielle Blockton says**

Date: November 25th, 2014

Author: Shutta Crum; Illustrated by Carol Thompson

Title: Thunder-Boomer

Plot: A family is having a typical hot day at home until a sudden thunderstorm erupts and chaos erupts.

Setting: Family Home

Characters: Main Character; Mom; Dad; Tom; Scooter (dog); Maizey (Rooster); Thunder-Boomer (cat).

Point-of-View: First-Person

Theme: Family; New Beginnings; Mother Nature

Style: Picture-Book; Poetic-Narrative; Fiction

Copyright: 2009

Notes: Hated it. I tried to read this book on a late night and found myself falling asleep. NEXT!

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### **Kelsey says**

Shutta Crum's picture book, bursting with onomatopoeia, features a farming family on a hot sunny day praying for a "Thunder-boomer" to break the sun's awful heat wave. Mom's prayers are quickly answered as a storm blows in. The family races to find shelter and rescue Maizey the favorite family chicken who is caught in the rain. As the storm continues, hail pellets clink and ping against the house. With a house full of chaos and a frazzled chicken, the storm finally comes to an end and the family goes outside to assess the damage. Maizey is still in a tizzy and the little girl discovers that she has been protecting a small kitten during the storm. In honor of the momentous storm, the family decides to name the kitten Thunder-Boomer. This action-packed book describes a farm family's experience of a well-awaited storm. With her colorful pencil drawn illustrations, Carol Thompson brings Crum's farm scenes to life. This book would be a great way to introduce the concept onomatopoeia to elementary students. They could then create a story that includes several examples from this story as well as many of their own. I really enjoyed this book. It had me in anticipation as I turned each page.

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### **The Library Lady says**

I love this. The layout is unusual--small type for the main text, a lot of pages with several small pictures on the text page, plus a larger spread on the opposite leaf. The large pictures have accompanying sounds--the "putt-putt" of Dad's tractor, the "plap, plap" of Tom paddling his feet in the pond, and the "swish swish swish" of Mom fanning herself.

As the storm hits, the energy of the art picks up as well--you can feel the family rushing to get themselves and the animals inside, and you shiver as the hail comes pounding down. And then things calm, and the family is able to check for damage--and find a special surprise.

There is too much going on here for toddlers, but this book will be wonderful for the oldest preschoolers and for grade school picture book readers. Highly recommended.

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