

The Mitten

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Animals, sharing and community, winter

Book Brief: Nicki loses his white mitten in the snow, and one by one, woodland animals crawl in, from a mole to a bear, creating a hilarious climax when a tiny mouse joins them. Meanwhile, the reader glimpses Nicki's snowy adventure in the page borders.

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BEFORE READING

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

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

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, pay attention to Nicki's adventures with his new white gloves."

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "How would you feel if you lose something special to you?"

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Ask students to predict which animals Nicki will find on his travels by looking in the page borders.
- Where did the animals go? Why?
- Why did the animals keep letting the new animals in?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Nicki returns home with his two white gloves, but one is larger. Explain what happened.

Extending Our Thinking: Nicki's mitten encounters many animals. Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students retell the story of Nicki and his white mittens.

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 books by Jan Brett.
 - [Alice in Winter Wonderland](#) (2024)
 - [Hedgie's Surprise](#) (2000)
 - [Goldilocks and the Three Bears](#) (1992)