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Once there were four kittens who had never seen snow. The first three kittens are wary—snow is cold, it's wet, it covers everything. As the seasons pass and winter begins to loom, the three skittish kittens worry. But the fourth kitten is getting excited. Snow will cover everything! "I can't wait!"

A Kitten Tale Details

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Bailey Hogan says

This is a good book to read a loud to younger children who might have the tendency to be wary and unsure of the unknown. It is a good lesson to teach that new things might be scary but it's always good to try and you might like it. The text and pictures are very simple and easy for young children to follow along.

Lorilynn Pumphrey says

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Book Format - Print

Reading Level - Ages 2-4

Genre - Fiction

Lit Requirement - Predictable Books and Word Play

Summary: The dreaded snowfall is soon to come and the kittens are not ready for it, except for one. When this kitten goes out in the snow to be adventurous and play, the others decide it's not so bad!

Response: This book is cute and can be a great way to begin the winter season and to learn a little more about your kids! Great questions could be "Do you like the snow?" or "What are some things you like to do in the snow?" Overall, I would recommend this book!

Kathryn says

I found nothing inspiring about the story but the illustrations are absolutely charming! Something about these kitties just tugs at my heartstrings, they are oh-so-adorable! I think I hear them purring now! ;->

Elaine says

As the seasons pass, four playful kittens anticipate what it will be like when snow comes for the first time in their young lives. Three dread the cold, wet drifts that will be "heaped to their whiskers," but the fourth kitten, depicted as the most mischievous in Rohmann's bright, expressive relief and monotype prints, can't wait. When the dreaded first snowfall comes to pass, the three scaredy-cats hide at first, but ultimately realize the fourth kitten had it right all along – snow is fun! For its understanding of children's natural fear of the unknown and encouragement of a positive outlook, I would recommend this book for preschoolers. The elegantly spare text also makes it a good option as an early read-alone book.

Matthew says

A story about being bold and not allowing yourself to succumb to the fears of others, this would appeal to a younger elementary grade audience. Three kittens are afraid of their first winter, but the fourth one looks forward to its arrival. When it arrives, he runs out into the snow, welcoming it happily. When the other kittens observe his bravery and the fun he's having, they all adopt his bold stance and fun is had by all. It's simple, but well done.

Dolly says

A cute story about four kittens experiencing the changing of the seasons, anticipating the cold of winter. Adorable kittens, decent narrative. Quick read. We've borrowed this one a couple of times from the library.

Lia Brent says

This cute and cuddly tale by Eric Rohmann is all about not expecting the worse from a new experience. Yes, snow is wet and cold. But can it be fun, too? Yes! We all need reminders to look on the bright side when something is unfamiliar to us. And the kittens – what a beautiful and playful way to illustrate that point. Embrace the unusual with open paws!

Alexandria says

This is a story about four kittens who have never seen snow. Readers follow the kittens through the changing seasons, watching as one kitten eagerly awaits in anticipation, while the others grow leery of the unknown, snow. The colorful yet simple illustrations were made using Japanese woodcuts, which ultimately helped contribute to the powerful understatement of this story. While the facts and feelings were presented in the overall text, readers were able to draw from their own experiences and emotions to contribute to the overall mood. This is probably one of my favorite pieces of Rohmann's work because it portrays the importance of adventure and how trying something new can be rewarding.

Uses in the Classroom:

A Kitten Tale would be a fabulous story to use to teach young children about the four seasons of the year. Rohmann's colorful illustrations make it easy for students to see the differences between summer, fall, and winter. Since Rohmann does not include the season of spring, students can create their own illustrations, using any media, of the four kittens experiencing it, making sure that they include its common characteristics (new life, budding plants, etc.).

Rilee says

This book is full of bright and colorful illustrations that take four kittens on a journey through the four seasons. One kitten in particular eagerly anticipates seeing snow for the first time. The final pages of the book are the most exciting for the kittens as they experience winter. This fun, loving, and sweet tale is great

for young children at any time of the year.

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Sheri says

Three nervous Nellies and one adventurous Pollyanna anxiously await their first snow. The timid cats soon learn that fun adventures await those brave enough to get out there and try new things. Super cute illustrations!

Alice says

3.5 stars Sometimes when a group is saying "this is stupid" and they have no first hand experiences...it may be hard to stand up and say "this is cool" Such is this book. All the kittens say that don't want winter to come because snow is wet and cold.

When it snows one cat goes out and plays "It is WET AND COLD" and he is having a blast....so the other 3 kittens decided snow is a blast too!

Alicia Riley says

Very cute story about three kittens afraid of snow and one brave kitten who not. Adorable art work too.

Melanie Stockman says

This is a children's book yes, but they're fun to read before bed. It's light and cute so it's not something I need to really let sink in before going to bed.

Books about cats/kittens is even better! The illustrations were adorable. The side summery on the cover puts the overall message more in depth; which is to not let the fear of the unknown keep you from discovering new adventures!

Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says

Very cute! This story takes the kittens through four seasons, from spring to winter. Rohmann certainly has observed how kittens behave. In one picture, there are two bowls of kibbles on the floor. Instead of all the kibbles being in the bowls, Rohmann has shown some of them on the floor outside the bowls--so true and

typical at my house. I'm not sure that all cats enjoy the snow, but young ones seem to. Cute story! Cat lovers will enjoy it.

Kate Hastings says

Simple tale about four little kittens, three who dread snow and one little kitten who can't wait! Nice for toddlers.
