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It's December 24th, and the old farmer settles down for a winter's nap, wondering how Christmas can come when there is no snow! It is in his dream that he imagines a snowstorm coming and covering him and his animals—named One, Two, Three, Four and Five—in a snowy blanket. But when the farmer awakens, he finds that it has really snowed outside, and now he remembers something! Putting on his red suit, he goes outside, puts some gifts under the tree for his animals, and presses a button near a Christmas tree, creating a most surprising musical treat for children everywhere.

"Few in number are the parents who have made it through their toddler's years on just one copy of Carle's **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**. **Dream Snow** has similar ingredients: a simple story, lively collage-like illustrations and a fun gimmick for little hands . . ." —**Time**

"This is a simple, well-told story about a simple farmer. . . . Viewers. . . will want to get their hands on it." —**The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books**

"Carle fans and toddlers learning the basics will . . . enjoy the gentle text and creative design features." —**Booklist**

"The pictures are in Carle's trademark richly colored and textured collages that capture the snowy magic of Christmas." —**Kirkus Reviews**

## **Dream Snow Details**

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## From Reader Review Dream Snow for online ebook

### Josiah says

Children's Christmas literature needed a contribution from Eric Carle, and this quiet tale of a farmer tending to his five animals on Christmas is just what I would have expected from him. The art is colorful and exotic, exciting and innovative even after so many years of Eric Carle originals, and the story has the feel of a second nativity, combining the eternal majesty of the Biblical manger scene with a celebration of Santa Claus's exemplary generosity as he tours the world to bring us gifts every year. The narrative engenders affectionate feelings I can't quite explain, but they're definitely there.

When a farmer drifts off to sleep in his favorite chair following a hard day's work on the farm, he dreams of snowfall covering his land, his animals, and himself, then awakens in the waning hours of night to find that the year's first snow arrived while he slept. It will be a white Christmas after all. Wasting no time, he bundles himself in warm red clothing and grabs the sackful of gifts for his livestock, looking for all the world like Santa Claus stopping by for a visit, and goes to see his animals and spend the first hours of the holiday with them. Is there any doubt the farmer cares deeply for his barnyard critters, who to him are like family?

There isn't much to *Dream Snow*, and the story's pieces don't all fit together in a way that makes obvious narrative sense. That's why I don't rate it higher than one and a half stars. But I did enjoy the book, and Eric Carle's fans are bound to love it. Whether you're young or old, try giving *Dream Snow* a read if you're looking for a simple, effective lift for your holiday spirits.

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### Fritz Loehrke says

Cute story with nice repetitive counting and one, two, three, four, five big flaps like on an advent calendar to open to view the animals.

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### Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Wonderful tale of giving - children will warm to the simple lesson taught and enjoy the interactivity offered by the book.

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### Stephanie Weatherly says

Loved this Christmas story by Eric Carle. My kids love that it utilizes numbers and they can read along with me. They also really enjoy the flaps to open on each page.

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### Alicia says

The preschoolers in my class really enjoyed this book. They liked guessing which animals were under the snow. They thought the animal names were hilarious (one, two, three, etc.) and of course, a tree named tree was just too funny for them. The button at the end just made their day, and they had to press it several times.

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### **Suzie says**

Eric Carle book with a push button of music at the end. Not sure it gets better than this for a three and a six year old! The story line was a bit lacking, but the beautiful illustrations won me over.

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### **Kathryn says**

Children will probably enjoy the interactive nature of this book. Lift the snow-blanket (flaps) to discover what farm animals this farmer actually has. Also, there's a fun musical surprise at the end. However, this book really didn't do to much for me and doesn't live up to some of Carle's other glorious books, in my perspective.

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### **Monica says**

Beautiful art. Lovely story. Peppermint tea and honeyed bread. Falling asleep dreaming of snow. Waking to snow. Presents for animals. Great book!

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### **Britt Guild says**

I love to read this book as winter begins and snow covers everything like a white blanket as the book describes. It is a fun interactive book as each page has a plastic overlay that covers up the animal or farmer with white falling snow. Each animal is named a number, so it's a great book for counting and naming animals. It is also a book about kindness and bringing the holidays to everyone in a special way.

This is a unique book that allows students to interact with the book as they turn each page and predict what will happen as the story continues. I could use this book for directed reading and listening. I can ask students many questions throughout the story and even give students the opportunity to retell the story. I can assess how students understand numbers as each animal is named a number. I can determine if they understand number sequence while they retell the story. This book could also be used in choral reading as there are many repeated sentences throughout the story. This book is appropriate at the kindergarten to first grade level.

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### **Laura (Book Scrounger) says**

A fun Christmas book for preschoolers, and #15 on my "25 Days of Christmas Books" blog series:  
<https://www.theproblemsite.com/book-s...>

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## Brooke Seidel says

**Title:** *Dream Snow*

**Author:** Eric Carle

**Genre:** Non-fiction Concept book

**Theme(s):** Christmas, winter, dreaming, counting, farms

**Opening line/sentence:** On a small farm there lived a farmer. He only had a few animals.

**Brief Book Summary:** There is a farmer that lives on a farm with his animals named One, Two, Three, Four and Five. He takes a nap and dreams of snow piling up on him and his five animals. When he wakes up he sees snow everywhere and realizes that he is not dreaming! But he soon realizes that he forgot one thing. He puts on his red outfit and puts five gifts under the tree for all of the animals in honor of Christmas.

**Professional Recommendation/Review #1:** Kirkus Reviews

The venerable and prolific Carle (Hello, Red Fox, 1998, etc.) offers a quiet Christmas story with a little music at the end. A farmer lives alone on a small farm with so few animals that he calls them One, Two, Three, Four, and Five. Oh, he also has a tree named Tree. One night near Christmas he falls asleep in his favorite chair after his peppermint tea, and dreams that he is covered in a white blanket. On successive pages, One the horse, Two the Cow, Three the sheep, and so on are each covered in a snowflake blanket, accomplished by an acetate page of flakes and an amorphous shape that when turned reveals the animal. When the farmer awakes and finds it has snowed for real, he dresses himself warmly, decorates Tree, and strews gifts for all five animals under it. When he shouts "Merry Christmas to all!" he pushes a button that children can push, producing a lovely Yuletide tinkle. The pictures are in Carle's trademark richly colored and textured collages that capture the snowy magic of Christmas. Adults may be charmed to see that Carle dedicates the book to Barry Moser, who modeled for the farmer, although from the photo on the back cover Carle and Moser could pass for brothers with their shiny pates and neat white beards. Cotton candy. (Picture book. 4-7)

**Professional Recommendation/Review #2:** "This is a simple, well-told story about a simple farmer. . . . Viewers. . . will want to get their hands on it." —The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

**Response to Two Professional Reviews:** Both reviews seem to think very highly of this book. They seem to think it is visually appealing and has great Christmas spirit for children. The reviews seem to think children will enjoy this book greatly and find great pleasure while reading it. The story is creative and fun for kids while also helping kids with counting.

**Evaluation of Literary Elements:** There is a great conflict that occurs in this novel. When the farmer wakes up from his dream he realizes that it actually is snowing and he almost forgot to give his five animals presents for the holiday! The farmer does a great job at overcoming his conflict and getting dressed quickly while also giving the animals their presents. The conflict is resolved perfectly.

**Consideration of Instructional Application:** In my own classroom I could have students draw five different winter items. This could be snowflakes, Hanukkah candles, Christmas trees etc. Then after the children are done drawing five of their winter objects they must label them by numbers. This will help the students count what they are drawing while also getting into the winter spirit!

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## Miguel says

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Recomendado para crianças a partir dos 3 anos, Sonho de Neve estimula os pré-leitores a contar e nomear animais, através de repetições. Outro aspecto a salientar deste livro, que é apanágio na maioria das obras de Eric Carle, é possuir uma vertente interactiva. Neste título, algumas páginas têm janelas para destacar, espreitar e descobrir imagens escondidas.

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<http://silenciosquefalam.blogspot.pt/...>

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### **Cassie says**

I have always been a fan of Eric Carle, So when I saw this I had to get to get for my Goddaughters. This book is so great for young kids, it teaches them about hard work and to be kind to animals, but it also teaches counting and a few basic farm animals. I love it. I will probably reread this book every Christmas.

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### **Mariah says**

The story plot to this wasn't anything special, but the illustrations and creativeness in this book was amazing! Highly recommend it!

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### **Sandy says**

It's Christmas but where is the snow? As the farmer sat down in his chair at the end of a tiring day, he dreamt of snow. Inside of his dream, the snow covers him and all of his farm animals with a white blanket. It was a peaceful dream and when the farmer woke up, he was surprised to see that snow had actually fallen outside. Quickly putting on the proper clothing, he runs outside grabbing a box and a sack for which he had already prepared. He seems to be in a hurry. The animals, safe in the barn, watch as the farmer races past them, he's shouting and the animals question what the farmer is about to do. Excitement fills the air as the farmer pulls items out of the sack and the box. For, this is not just another day, it is much more.

I didn't realize this was a lift-the-flap book until I started reading it. As the farmer is sleeping, the pages where he dreams about his animals, these pages are lift-the-flap pages. If children can remember what number he names his animals, these pages would be a great memorization tool or it's a great way to see what animals are under each flap. I liked this book, it was a cute story and I liked the illustrations, as they weren't overwhelming with colors and activity. The story has some great words in it and there was definitely love between the pages.

I want to thank YABC for a copy of this novel for I received this book as a part of YABooksCentral.com 12 Days of Christmas. This is my own opinion of this children's book.

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