

Storm Whale

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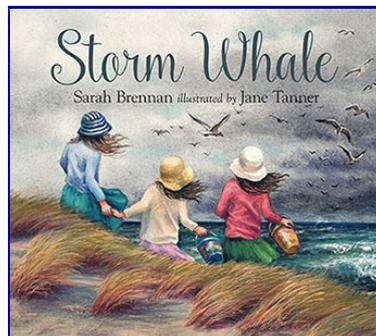
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A captivating and beautifully illustrated story about three sisters who find a stranded whale on the beach.

Bleak was the day and the wind whipped down when I and my sisters walked to town ...

With a powerful, poetic text, wonderful to read aloud, and illustrations full of life and movement, *Storm Whale* celebrates the majesty and vulnerability of nature and our place in it.



Themes:

- Whales
- Nature/Environment
- Holidays
- Family
- Beaches
- Resilience

Discussion Questions:

- The text of this story is very poetic. Describe how this type of writing adds to the feel of the book.
- Do you think it would have the same impact if it wasn't written this way? Explain.
- Do you think the three girls are on a family holiday when they find the whale on the beach? What clues are there?
- Have you ever been to the beach for a holiday? If so, where did you go?
- What is your favourite thing to do at the beach? Make a list of ten things that you might find there - think back to all the things that the girls found on the beach.
- What are some of the activities that you might do on holidays that you don't do at home?
- Have you ever seen a whale?
- How would you describe what the three girls did to try and save the whale?
- How did their emotions change from when they found the whale stranded on the beach to when they realised that the whale had made its way back out to sea?

Activities:

- In small groups, conduct a research assignment as to why whales 'beach' themselves. Include in your research if there are any environmental factors that might contribute to this happening.
- Share with your class your memories of your favourite holiday. You might like to bring in something that you got or found when you were there.
- The illustrations in this book are beautiful. Re-create your favourite scene from the story, using paint or pastels.
- Imagine you are one the girls who finds the whale. Write a letter or postcard to someone at home, detailing what you did and how you felt.