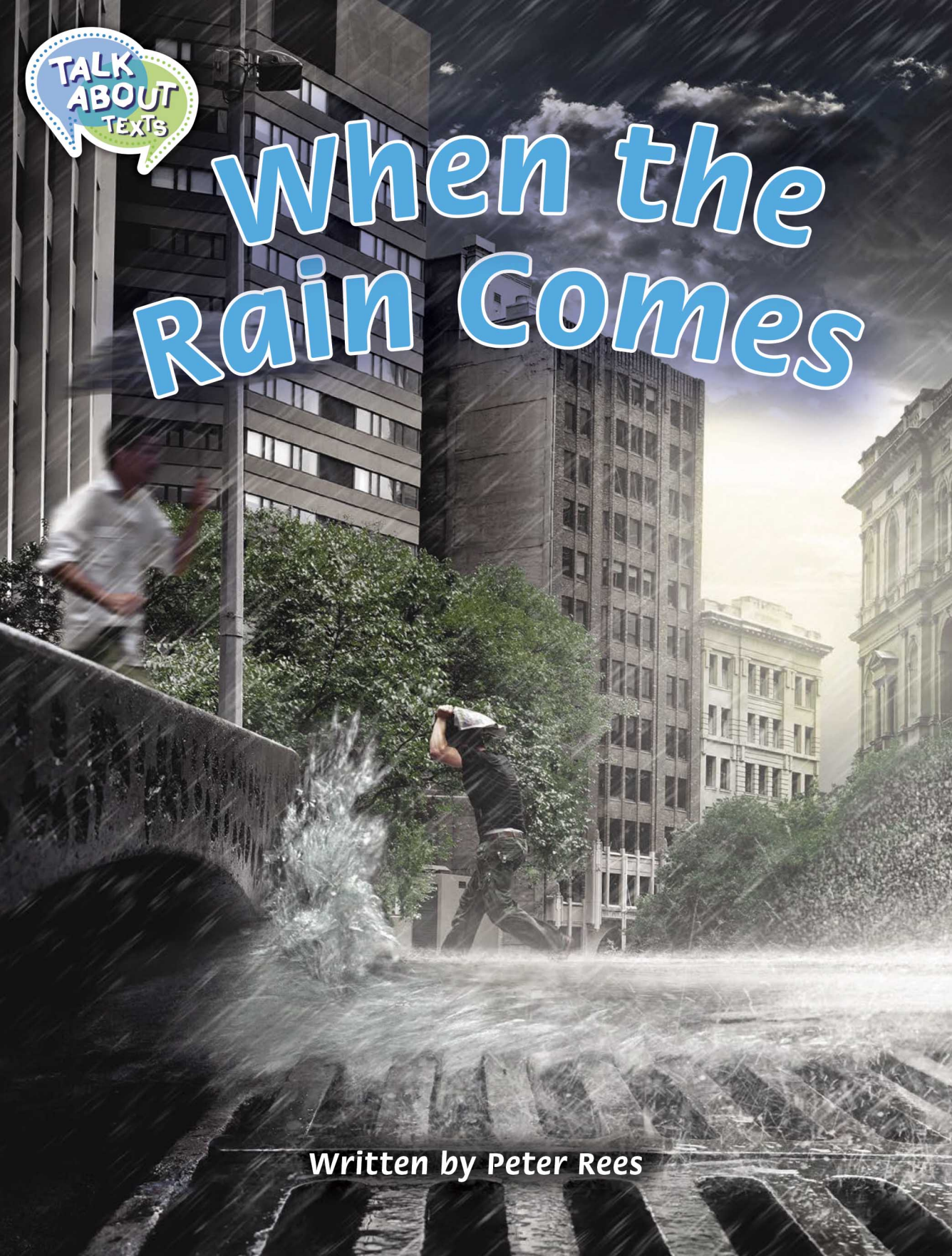

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Here Comes the Rain!

What do you do when it rains? Do you stay inside? Do you run outside to splash in puddles?

Love it or hate it, we need rain. It gives us water for drinking, washing and growing food. It helps fill dams that we use to make electricity.

How much it rains and how often it rains affects the lives of people everywhere. In some places there is a lot of rain in a small amount of time. In other places there is very little rain for a long time.

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Farmers use rainwater to water crops on farms.



Welcome Rain

The people of India wait for the rain after the summer. Summer in India is very hot. By the end of summer, the start of the **monsoon** is welcome. This is the season when the wind changes, and dark rain clouds appear in the sky.

For four months, rains soak India in monsoon season. The rain cools the air and makes the gardens bloom. Then it's over. The heat returns.

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More than 80 per cent of India's yearly rain falls during the four-month monsoon season.

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Too Much Rain

Sometimes, an area gets too much rain. Floods occur when there is too much rain too quickly. The dry land cannot soak up the water fast enough.

In 2017, northern Australia was hit by a **cyclone.** It caused heavy rain. Rivers overflowed and flooded towns. Hundreds of farms lost their crops. Many highways were blocked by **flash floods**.



In Queensland, Australia, people escaped from the floodwaters by boat.

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Heavy rains and flooding often occur at Lake Inle in Myanmar. The people who live around this lake have a clever way of dealing with the extra water. They have built floating gardens in the lake. They grow flowers and vegetables on them.



Floating gardens allow crops to keep growing during floods.

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Desert Rain

People in **deserts** learn to survive without rain. But even in deserts it rains sometimes. The effects are beautiful.

Death Valley in California is one of the hottest deserts on Earth. But every spring, something amazing happens. Rain showers cause flowers to suddenly bloom wherever you look. Some years, a 'super bloom' occurs. Then the whole desert turns into a sea of flowers. Many tourists flock to Death Valley to see these super blooms.

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Super blooms usually happen after a rainy winter. These desert sunflowers bloom for a short time only.