Snow Day



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"Let's help ourselves to a good meal," said Hansel.

"I'll eat a piece of the roof, and Gretel, you eat from the window. That will be sweet."

Nibble, nibble, little mouse

Who is nibbling at my house?

Grimm's Fairy Tales, 1812

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CHAPTER ONE



Morning Snow

One morning in Bloomsville, snow fell like a blanket. It stuck to the ground, mailboxes, and power lines. It quieted the sounds of cars. However, it did not quiet the sounds inside the Hansel house.

"A winter storm warning is in effect until 8:00 p.m. tonight," a voice

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announced on the radio. "All local schools are closed, and all school activities are cancelled."

Lia jumped out of bed. "Hurray!" she cheered and peered out her window. Sure enough, snow covered her yard with a glorious sparkle. She hoped it was the packing kind so she could make snowballs and snow people. She quickly dressed, threw on a sweatshirt and some socks, and ran into her brother's room.

"Timothy, there's no school today!"

Timothy rubbed his eyes, and as the words sunk in, he pushed off his blanket and smiled. "Let's go play!"

The siblings rushed downstairs.

Mrs. Hansel already had on her coat. "I have to pick up Dad—he's having car trouble."

"Can we play outside?" Lia and Timothy asked.

"Your sister's in charge, so listen to her until I return." Mrs. Hansel checked her phone and crinkled her

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eyes with a worried look. "Sarah!" she called.

Sarah straggled downstairs in her pajamas, with the family dog, Olli, yapping at her feet.

Mrs. Hansel told her, "Take care of things while I'm gone, and I'll be back as quickly as I can."

"Okay," Sarah sighed, and Mrs. Hansel left.

Lia and Timothy appealed to their sister. "Can we go outside?"

"I don't care," Sarah said groggily. "I'm taking Olli and going back to bed."

Lia and Timothy put on their winter gear and went outside.

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Book Club Questions

1. What problems do Lia and Timothy face in the story?
2. How are Lia and Timothy resourceful?
3. Is Lazlo really a witch? Explain your answer.
4. Which parts of the story are most realistic? Why?
5. Why is a quote from "Hansel and Gretel" included in the book?
6. What would you do if you got lost during a blizzard?

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