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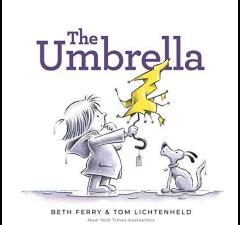
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Weather can impact our mood, especially when we have too many rainy days in a row. The little girl in the story is ready to head outdoors no matter the weather, while everyone else is dim and grim. She goes to a store and finds a yellow treasure: a beat-up umbrella. It is free, and the reader sees why when it falls apart when the girl runs home. She is disappointed and goes outside again later. Each piece of the umbrella has sprouted into a new umbrella! Now everyone is as happy to be outside as she is. The world becomes sunny again all because of this one little girl.

The illustrations tell the entire story. Very few words are included within the text. Words rhyme across the pages. Examples are "Drip ... Drop ... Nonstop," and "Coat? ... Boat? ... Read the note?" The limited text on each page corresponds with the limited color scheme used. Each page is in grayscale, except for the yellow umbrella, until the end of the story. Once everyone has an umbrella, the sunshine comes back. This is a delightful book that will add joy to everyone who reads it.

