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Description:

Uri Shulevitz won a for his illustrated edition of Arthur Ransome's , and has won numerous other awards for illustrating his own books. Not surprising, then, that he'd create such a lovely book as *Snow*, a touching story about childish hope, grumpy pessimistic grownups, and the wonder of snowfall. Will the snow come? (Oh, please?) In the first scene there is none, but the second has--if you can find it--a single flake. Then there are more--but they melt. And then, finally... joy! These are for a children's book: so many illustrators try to out-do each other with lurid effects and excessive brightness, but many of Shulevitz's exquisite panels are close to monotone. He paints whole cityscapes in a dozen shades of gray, with small human figures who you notice (at second glance) have coats of gray-green, gray-blue, or gray-brown. The adults have tiny Edwardian parasols or handle-bar moustaches. The abstract, atmospheric, folktale effect is heightened by a pared-to-the-bone text, just a few words per page. "'It's nothing,' said man with hat. Then three snowflakes. 'It's snowing,' said boy with dog." *Snow* perfectly captures the transformative nature of snow and the result is magical. Click to see a . Illustrations and text ©Uri Shulevitz, reprinted with permission

from Farrar, Straus and Giroux. (Ages 3 to 6) --*Richard Farr* --This text refers to the edition.

From Publishers Weekly In this companion to *Dawn and Rain* and *Rain Rivers*, Shulevitz uses text as spare as a December landscape to cast a spell of winter magic. Despite predictions to the contrary ("No snow," said radio; "It'll melt," said woman with umbrella), a boy and his dog spy a single snowflake and rush outside in gleeful anticipation. Sure enough, one snowflake turns into two, two into three, and before long snow is "dancing, playing, / there, and there, / floating, floating through the air." In a lovely fantasy sequence that hints at the wonder children find in snowfall, a trio of Mother Goose characters climb down from a bookshop window to join the boy and his dog as they frolic through the city streets. The Caldecott Medalist works a bit of visual alchemy as the tale progresses, gradually transforming the chilly gray watercolor washes with flecks of snow, until his cityscape is a frozen fairyland. Pure enchantment from start to finish. Ages 3-up. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the edition.

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