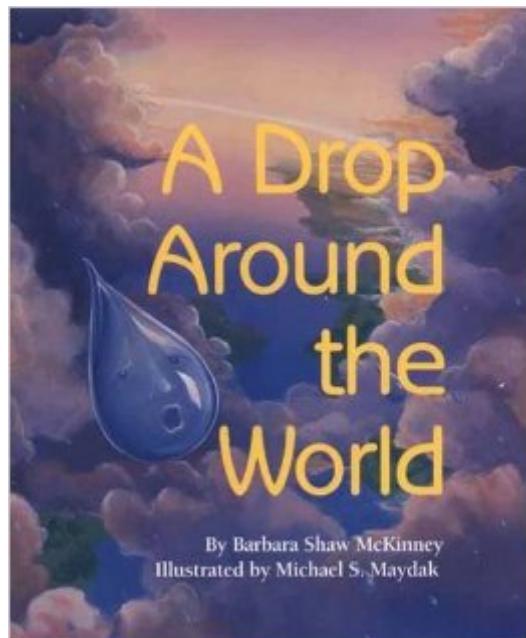


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# A Drop Around The World



## Synopsis

This book is a year-after-year favorite with teachers. It engagingly leads readers around the world following a drop of water--whether as steam or snow, inside a plant or animal, or underground--teaching the wonders and importance of the water cycle. (There is lots of geography, too.) Four pages of science about the qualities of water are included. A teacher guide is also available (sold separately).

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 7

## Customer Reviews

Who would have ever thought the water cycle could be so entertaining! As an Environmental Educator, I am very VERY picky about children's nature books. Many are too technical to become a household favorite. Many others are too "watered down" (sorry very bad pun) to have any value in the classroom as a content book. Once in a very long while will a book be able to accomplish both goals. "A Drop Around the World" does this and much more. lists it as suitable for ages 4-8 -- a conservative estimate, at best. Like only the best children books can, it appeals to all ages. And like only the best EE books, it has educational messages for young and old. At first, my 3-year-old was mainly concerned with searching out the "protagonist" drop from the rest of the water on each page. Now he also enjoys identifying all of the animals, so expertly drawn, as the pages go by. I myself get

caught up in the text. I marvel at how factual and informative McKinney can be and still maintain an engaging and unforced rhyme scheme. And finally as an added bonus, even the artwork is virtually flawless. I'm pleased to say that after close inspection I have found only one error. On the African Rainforest pages there is a Harpy Eagle which is a species only found in South America. Few \$60-\$80 ecology textbooks fair as well under my scrutiny!

A clever poetic presentation integrates Language Arts and Science in a creative way. In addition to accuracy of content information, the author, Barbara Shaw McKinney incorporates literary devices: figurative language, alliteration, onomatopoeia, and personification. The opportunities for learning are endless as children read across the curriculum. I particularly like the symbols that appear throughout the text, where the drop demonstrates the water cycle properties. They are further explained in the end pages titled, "A Magic Show Starring H<sub>2</sub>O." During subsequent readings, my students enjoyed dramatizing Drop's travels. "A Drop Around the World" lends itself well to interactive dramatization. For example, by pairing an action and sound effect with each water property/symbol, students are able to reenact Drop's journey, totally engaged in the text. On another level, children are anxious to locate the drop on each page as it is revealed by the context of the story. A "must have jewel" for innovative teachers attempting to engage the imagination of their students! Barbara Shaw McKinney's love of Nature's Magic is contagious as evidenced by the response of my students. They loved it! I can hardly wait to see what wonders her next book will unearth!

I am an environmental educator for a Soil and Water Conservation District. I use this book with elementary aged students. I read it before doing an activity where the children go on their own "water journey" and pretend that they are raindrops. The book serves as an excellent background and visual reference for the children when they go on their own journey. The illustrations are beautiful, factual and informative. HIGHLY recommended for all ages!

I'm a 4th grade teacher and this is a great introduction or conclusion to the water cycle. The story takes us on an adventure of where Drop the main character goes- cow's stomach, on mountain peaks, floods, coral reef, etc. The vocabulary goes right along with water cycle and cloud vocabulary. There is also more advanced words but detailed colorful pictures for scaffolding. The kids enjoyed finding Drop on each page. This book could also be used for geography, sequence of events, and maybe context clues or learning new vocabulary. My only con was that it took awhile to

read. You will need 30 minutes to read aloud and give kids a chance to process and share what happened on each page if you have ELLs. This is a must have for intermediate and higher grades!

**A Drop Around the World** This book follows a drop of water around the world thru many watery avenues. It is interesting as well as educational for kids. My son's Montessori school had this book on their wish list so I bought it and donated it to them. I also purchased a copy for us at home. This helps teach water conservation. There isn't an actual plot or story. The drop of water runs in a stream, is drunk by a cow, comes out in her milk. It also is evaporated and returns as rain and later as snow. All the different ways that water is part of our world. My boy is 4 but this book was interesting at 3 and will continue to be of interest for more years to come. If you want your child to be environmentally aware this is an excellent book.

This is an example of a marvelous children's book. Through pictures and relatively simple text, it expands children's awareness of the watercycle. Because it illustrates water's cycle "around the world", it gives the reader a sense of the interconnectedness of humanity with one of its greatest resources - water.

I bought this book to go with my curriculum on the water cycle. It was recommended by the state of Louisiana in one of their example units. I absolutely love this book! The illustrations are beautiful. Since the book is written as one very long poem, it adds interest to the topic of the water cycle. I would recommend it to anybody that would like an entertaining book that also educates.

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