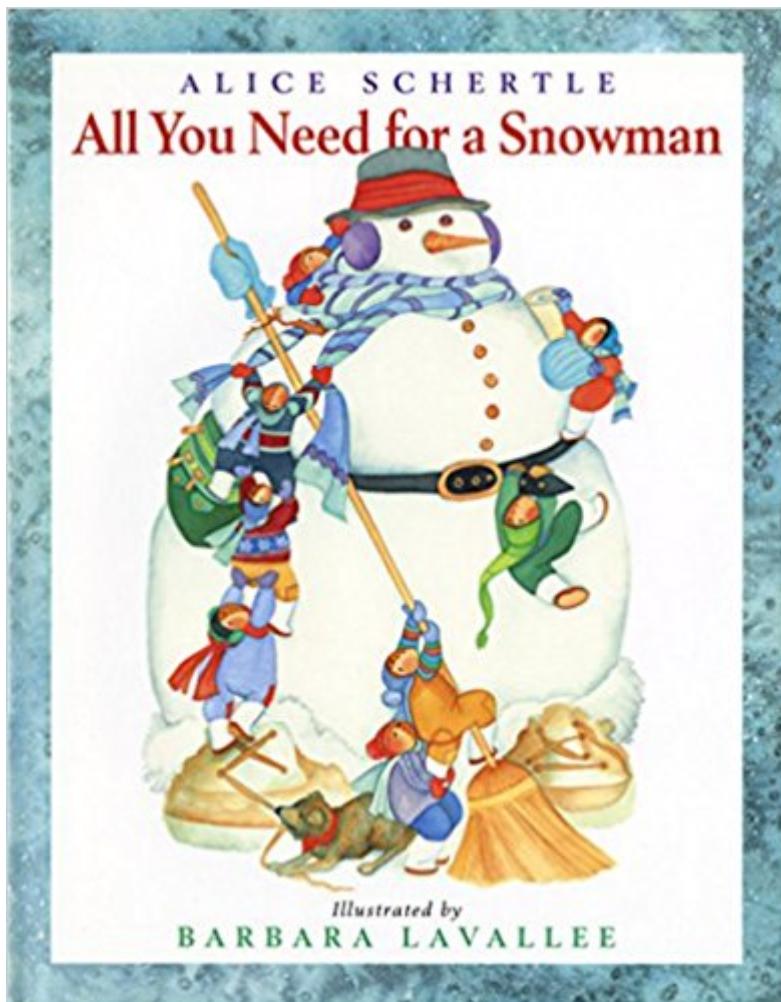


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# All You Need For A Snowman



## **Synopsis**

One small snowflake fluttering down--That's all you need for a snowman.Â Â Â Â Or is it? In these pages, an exuberant crew is summoned to create a snowman of heroic proportions.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

While this deceptively simple book starring children building a snowman is ultimately about community-how human beings, no matter how small, can help each other create something bigger than themselves-youngsters will find the lilting language and action-filled illustrations to be just plain fun. Schertle's (How Now, Brown Cow?) text deftly describes what goes into making a snowman: "Billions of snowflakes/ piled in a mound,/ pat them/ and pack them/ and roll them/ around/ into one big ball." Her refrain-"That's all you need for a snowman. Except..."-encourages readers to turn the page for each new component. The watercolors, meanwhile, feature children in padded winter jackets who work together. As in childhood, the snowman looms larger than life. As they roll that "one big ball," for example, the children appear to be hugging the edge of a snow-white planet. They place saucer-size bottle caps on the snowman's face-"Surprise!/ Snowman's eyes!"-and add a broom taller than a house. The completed snowman is so huge that the book needs to be turned sideways to view it. Lavallee's illustrations, in the style of her work in Mama, Do You Love Me?, emphasize the children's profiles, shadowing one half of each face as if each character possessed both light and dark skin. A wintertime treat. Ages 2-5. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Working cooperatively, the children of this snow-clad chalet village build two huge snowmen. In colorful winter clothing, these plump and squat kids, with their two-toned faces, swarm the white pages as step-by-step they create a snowman so big that readers must turn the page sideways for a full view. The text is bouncy and light, and rolls along like hand-packed snow. A heavy use of the word "except" entices children on to the next page. Finally, they see two snowmen of Paul Bunyan proportions. The skill of both the author and the artist gives this book energy. Toddlers will be thoroughly satisfied. Martha Topol, Traverse Area District Library, Traverse City, MI  
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I tend to look at a book's illustration's first in deciding whether or not to buy it, then I read the story. This book rated a ten on both accounts. I gave my great nephew several winter themed books for Christmas due to the fact I could get such a good deal on . They were and still are a big hit at his bedtime.

My 3 yr old son absolutely loves this book and I was pleasantly surprised with the simple rhyming story and how nice it reads aloud. I couldn't disagree more with a previous reviewer's insinuation that this book is depicting a hidden sexual message simply because the two snowmen are male at the end. Last time I checked two men ("snow" or of any other type) can be friends without it meaning anything else. Ridiculous. Like I said, a great inexpensive read - words flow beautifully and the pictures are sweet and great for kids.

This will be a great book to use in the classroom with pre-k students as we study winter and snow. The children will find it easy and fun to make their own snowman.

A really lovely Winter story to share. My 2 year old loved talking about the illustrations and really enjoyed discussing what you need to make a real snowman.

We are in the middle of a snowman unit, and this gives them many ideas for making their own snowmen.

Lovely detail, but not big enough for entire-class read aloud.

I read this story to my pre-school class they loved it. After the story they made their own snowmen. They especially liked the illustrations in the story.

Funny story about what you need for a snowman.

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