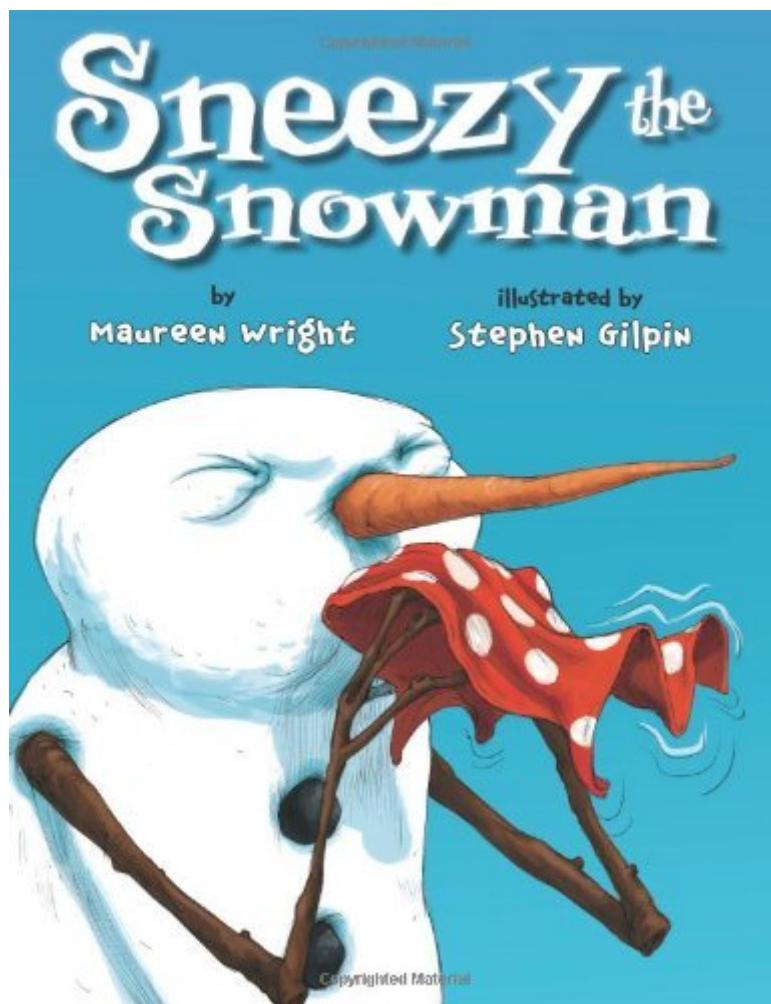


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# Sneezy The Snowman



## **Synopsis**

B-R-R-R-R! AH-CHOO! Sneezy the Snowman is cold, cold, cold. To warm up, he drinks cocoa, sits in a hot tub, stands near a warm fire â€“ and melts! But the children know just what to do to build him up again â€“ and make him feel "just right". Hilarity chills the air with playful mixed-media illustrations by Stephen Gilpin as Sneezy attempts to warm himself with some silly results.

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## **Customer Reviews**

What a fun book! Sneezy is a cold snowman, and when the kids help him get warm... well you probably can guess what happens! They finally figure out a way to keep him around which involves some stylish outerwear and lots of ice cream. The author has written a delightful book that works very well as a read aloud. The rhyming is spot on, and after just a time or two of practicing, I had the rhythm mastered pretty well. It flows beautifully, and there are plenty of opportunities for the reader to ham it up a bit. There's a nice repeating refrain that is sure to have any group of kids joining in. The illustrations here are excellent. They are large and bright, making them perfect for group sharing. The artist also manages to include some delightful details for any child who wants to peruse these pictures further. Sneezy is the star because he is so expressive! He's not like most

other snowmen out there, in that his facial expressions are much more fully realized. Even the small cardinals are expressive and their faces are hidden! I'm not sure how the artist did that, but these illustrations are incredibly engaging. My only complaint about this one and it really is not enough to even take away any of its well deserved five stars is that it's a bit long. I probably wouldn't try this one with young preschool groups. Older preschoolers and kindergartners will no doubt love it. A solid recommend.

I am pretty picky when it comes to winter or Christmas books. I like to find books that focus a little less on Santa & more on love & kindness & the spirit of the season. I really enjoy this one & the kids have a lot of fun with it too. I read this story along with a snowman game at my kids' preschool & 1st grade class parties this past year & it was a big hit with both age groups. The kids like the fun repetition of the story & they like to do big exaggerated sneezes along with Sneezy. I liked that the children in the story all share their things with Sneezy. One girl even gives Sneezy the coat off her back. So the kids get a fun story & mom gets to talk about the importance of giving. Win win!

This book is such a fun read. . . my son can almost recite it and he's 4. Over the winter Maureen and a friend were selling washcloth puppets and one looked like Sneezy so now when we read the book we act it out with our puppet and have a blast! The book is completely creative and will be an easy read for little ones who are just learning to read as well. Maureen has done it again with this book and we are also looking forward to the second in the "Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep" series.

Cute Children's story! The children's book market is glutted with stupidity. I much prefer the older Children's classics to most of what is published today, but this story is the exception. I bought it on a whim, just so I'd have something in my kindle to read to my granddaughter, when my bookshelf of classic hardcovers was not available. I'm so glad I did! We both love this story, and I have read it to her again and again. Finally, she is able to read it to me, and we still enjoy the simple rhyme and the cute little story.

This was a waste of money for us, unfortunately. We used it as a learning opportunity though. Sneezy is very rude. The children are freezing, giving him all their clothes and he never says please or thank you. He demands them to fix him. Just all around rude!! Our kiddos pointed out his rudeness without prompting and told us how he could have asked nicer or been appreciative. We won't be reading this again though.

Has no one noticed that Sneezy never says thank you or please? The kids keep giving him their clothes to keep him warm, while they shiver in the cold. But he never acknowledges their gifts; he just keeps demanding more things, and complaining about how cold he still is. When he does something stupid (for a snowman) and melts, he demands that they "Make me brand new!" But he never apologizes for making the stupid decisions, nor does he say thank the children for rebuilding him multiple times. The message it gives children about helping others in need is nice, but the lack of reciprocal manners is disturbing. Sneezy needs to acquire some gratitude and needs to learn how to show it. My daughter won't be reading this.

Funny thing is my daughter has never seen snow or a real snowman. She saw a Christmas one, and was so fascinated that I got her this book. It is by far her favorite. It spring, we live in Miami Beach, and she still wants me to read it to her every night. She loves the sneezing, the "too hot" moments, the "ice cream" moment... It is very cute. And long enough to make her wind down for bed.

Read this on kindle unlimited. The illustrations are very cute, colorful and funny. The Snowman keeps being attracted to warm things that disagree with him and make him melt. It's actually very silly and funny, but he is not very nice to the kids. He takes and takes and makes the children work for him instead of making them happy or having fun. It should be called the Selfish Snowman. It's okay... I didn't find any solution in the end, they just went for ice cream. Don't know how I used this in a classroom, maybe have the children finish the story. I also would have liked to see a new shape of the snowman every time he asks the kids to make him new again.

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