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The weatherman has predicted snow, and Lola absolutely cannot wait. She just loves snow. "Why can't it be winter ALL the time?" she asks her brother. But on an adventure to the Arctic, Charlie shows Lola why never-ending snow might not be so perfect for kids. How could Lola go swimming or wear her favorite stripe-y party dress if it were always cold? Once again, Lauren Child brilliantly and hilariously captures every-kid feelings and emotions—this time about the magical first snowfall of the year.

To see these lovable siblings in action, be sure to check out the hit animated series *Charlie & Lola* on Disney Playhouse!

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babyhippoface says

After a day spent playing in the snow, Lola is saddened to see that the snow has all melted by the next morning, and she wishes it would snow every day. On an imaginary trip to the Arctic to see polar bears, then to down to the Antarctic to meet some penguins, patient and wise big brother Charlie helps Lola understand why having a blanket of snow every day wouldn't be as wonderful as she thinks it would.

Child's signature collage illustrations add a tremendous sense of energy to each page. While many of the books in this series lack the extra spark that set "I Am Too Absolutely Small for School" apart, this title still holds tremendous appeal for children.

Josiah says

I really like this book very much. In general, I prefer the original *Charlie & Lola* picture books that were written by Lauren Child, but this television adaptation is, in my view, just about as good as those Lauren Child originals.

The sense of wonder that Lola has in eagerly watching for the appearance of the year's first snow is exciting, and easy to identify with by all of us who have felt similar happiness in waiting for snow. I love the eupeptic joy that is always Lola's voice, and this book is a total delight to read.

Laura says

I think this is a lovely book for EYS or KS1 children. The perspective is very much written from a child's and I think that it would be accessible for many children. The book is about Lola and her fascination and love of snow. She would like it to snow everyday but her very loveable brother Charlie helps Lola realise that it would not be as exciting or special if it was snowing everyday. He gives her many different scenarios and places of where it snows everyday and she soon realises that it should only happen occasionally so she can look forward to it.

madziar says

Rodze?stwo czeka a? spadnie pierwszy ?nieg. Jest tylko jeden dzie?, ale sprawia im wiele rado?ci i ucz? si? docenia? jego wyj?tkowo??. Odwiedzaj? oba bieguny, tam gdzie ?nieg le?y ca?y rok.

Cheryl says

I think this is my second favorite Charlie and Lola book. Charlie gets to be a fantastic big brother, at not too

much cost to himself. But I'll read anything by Child, honestly.

Sara says

The style and the way this book is written make the book unique. At one point, the picture was upside down, but the letters remained the same; at another point, the written text was in loops around the smaller pictures. The story of these siblings and about how much Lola loves snow days is endearing and very innocent. Lola does not understand why it cannot snow everyday. Therefore, her older brother has to explain to her, by using different examples, that if it snowed everyday, then snow wouldn't be special. However, an item that bothered me a bit is that Lola kept saying the line, "snow is my favorite and my best," which does not make much grammatical sense. Since it is a goal of all teachers to teach the proper way to speak and write to our students, the fact that Lola keeps repeating this line could be a bit misleading to students.

RC says

Charlie and Lola: Snow is My Favorite and My Best is a creative, fun story about a brother and sister waiting for the first snow. Written from the children's perspective the story describes Lola's love of snow and her disappointment when it melts. Charlie explains why snow melts and why, ultimately, it is a good thing. This is a great read for explaining snow and for helping children through seasonal changes. It is also a great example of siblings getting along. The pictures flow with the text, occasionally turning and engaging the reader and the book. Very creative and beautiful.

Krystal says

I can't wait to break this one out at Christmas. I read it every year.

Gerry says

The irresistible comic duo of Charlie and Lola are here once more ... and I really REALLY like them!

The weather forecast has said it will snow (whenever are they right? - particularly in this rain-ridden "summer" of 2017!) and Lola is excited for she declares that snow is her favourite and her best and she wants it to begin immediately, never mind waiting until the following day.

Charlie says she has to wait until it gets cold enough to snow but Lola is impatient and when they go to bed she continually asks Charlie as they try to get to sleep - at least as Charlie tries to get to sleep for Lola is afraid to go to sleep for as she says, 'I can't because it might come while I'm sleeping.' She gets up throughout the night to check if it has started and eventually in the early hours of the morning the snow begins to fall. She is really, really excited!

She wants to go out and play in it at once but Charlie tells her to wait till the morning and then they can sledge with their friend Marv and his dog Sizzles. And he adds, 'You can build a snowman if you want.' Lola

is pacified and when the morning arrives she wakes the household with shouts of 'It's all gone extremely white.'

The pair venture out and spot Marv with friend Lotta, who, with Lola, makes snow angels as Lola decries 'Snow is my favourite and my best.' Lotta agrees it is her best, too! They all go on a sledge, build a snowman and a snow doggy for Sizzles before they go home for some hot chocolate. Over their drinks Lola says that the following day she might put snowdog and Sizzles on the sledge for a ride and Lotta says that she will build a snow kennel to which Lola adds, 'Yes. We can have lots of snow puppies!'

But Lola is devastated when she goes out the next morning for all the snow has gone. They go home with Lola complaining, 'Why can't we have snow every day?' Charlie tells her that it is because snow is special rather like birthdays but Lola can't accept that for she simply asks, 'What's wrong with having birthdays every day?' Charlie tries to tell her that she wouldn't like snow every day but her answer is, not surprisingly, 'I would. Snow is my favourite and my best.'

The pair of them then imagine the Arctic and polar bears, one of which is going for a swim to which Lola says 'I'd like to go swimming. Where's the beach?' Charlie tries to explain that there is no beach and that it is too cold for swimming. So they imagine they are in the Antarctic and there are penguins, which Lola thinks are going to a party because they are so smart in their black and white. And she then wishes that she was wearing her party dress to accompany them but Charlie once more explains that it is too cold for that and she would have to wear her coat all the time. 'Oh yes, I forgot,' says Lola.

They imagine sliding on the ice with the penguins but Lola then wants to go home. Charlie can't understand this and asks why because he understood that snow was her favourite and her best. Lola says, 'I do like it, Charlie. But I'm just a little chilly!' So home they go where Lola explains that although snow is her favourite and her best she understands that if it did snow all the time there would be things that they couldn't do and she did not want that.

She is just a little sad because the snow has gone but Charlie makes her feel better with something he pulls out of the freezer. Can you imagine what it was? ...

Well, okay, I will give it away, it was a teeny weeny snowman. But he began to melt so Charlie suggests putting him back in the freezer but Lola wants to do something else with him and that is watch him melt!

Whatever, there is no doubt that snow is Lola's favourite and her best and Lauren Child's stories of the couple are really, really well up in the list of favourite and bests of mine!

Vivian says

We LOVE sharing "Charlie & Lola" stories in our library story times. We have two performers -- one who takes Charlie's part and one who takes Lola's part.

I gotta say, the pre-school age children don't get the page where Charlie and Lola are pictured upside down while standing in Antarctica. The children kept prompting us to turn the book the other way.

Amy says

Sadly, imaginary friend Loren Sorenson doesn't show up in this one, but Charlie and Lola are kooky little kids all the same. Henry is fascinated by snow melting, by making a snow dog, by sledding, by being sad and then not, by the fact that Santa Claus doesn't have a phone, by the idea of liking something "best". Basically we can barely get through the text what with all of his questions and comments and poring over the pictures and skipping ahead. He would probably rate this one five stars.

Cik Aini says

Read aloud session with my kid and he loves it!

Kelli says

Snow is my favorite and my best, too! Well, not really but I keep telling myself that! I love everything about Charlie & Lola...especially the memories of reading this (in my best British accent) to my kids.

Ayaat says

This book was interesting because it had lots of lovely pictures including Charlie and Lola and their friends having a lot of fun in the snow. I like all the Charlie and Lola books.

Natasha says

Super cute story and a great example of siblings that love each other.
