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The Water Hole

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Base, Graeme. *The Water Hole*. Illustrated by Graeme Base. Harry N. Abrams, Inc, 2001. ISBN 0810945681. \$18.95. Unpaginated.

Reviewer: Vicky M. Turner

Reading Level: Preschool; Primary; Intermediate;

Rating: Outstanding;

Genre: Contemporary realistic fiction;

Subject: Animals--Juvenile fiction; Rain and rainfall--Juvenile fiction; Water--Juvenile fiction;

Counting from one to ten and back again with lots of adventures on the way is one of the concepts of this wonderful book--that and finding hidden animals and learning about what happens when there is little rain. It also allows the reader to travel around the world. Oh, by the way, was everyone looking for the hidden frogs???

Each page concentrates on the geography, animal life and climate of each of ten areas of the world. Represented are: Africa, India, South America, the Himalayas, North America, China, Europe, the Galapagos Islands and Australia. This book is an extremely detailed account of the earth drying up and then being replenished with a marvelous soaking rain. Don't miss this one.