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Shall I Knit You a Hat?

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Klise, Kate. *Shall I Knit You a Hat?* Illustrated by Sarah M. Klise. Henry Holt, 2004. ISBN 0805073183. \$16.95. 32 pp.

Reviewer: Gillian Streeter

Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Christmas stories; Picture books;

Subject: Rabbits--Juvenile fiction; Knitting--Juvenile fiction; Christmas--Juvenile fiction;

A mother rabbit and her child prepare for a Christmas blizzard by secretly designing and making knitted hats to keep their friends warm. The gifts are delivered just in time for the blizzard, and rabbits and friends alike are warmed through the spirit of giving. Although there is no actual plot beyond the theme of giving, this simply written story is a gentle and pleasant read, suitable for a holiday bedtime story. The illustrations are the main draw of the book: the indoor pictures are bright, child-like, and have a cozy holiday feel to them that contrasts with the cool ones used for the blizzard. A simple delight for the holiday season.