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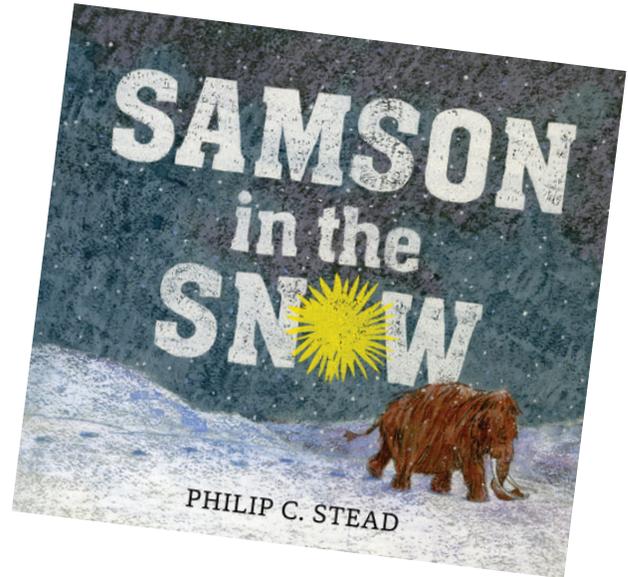
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Book Review

Title: Samson in the Snow
Author: Philip C. Stead
Reviewer: Whitney Troxel
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press
Publication Year: 2016
ISBN: 9781626721821
Number of Pages: 40
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Dependable



Review

On sunny days Samson the Mammoth likes to tend his dandelion patch while he waits for a friend to appear. One day, a little red bird appears and asks if she can take some flowers to a friend who is having a bad day. When it starts to snow, Samson starts to worry about the red bird. He decides to look for her and make sure she is okay. Along the way, Samson finds a little mouse in the snow who is also looking for someone. They search together and find the red bird. Samson takes the bird and the mouse to a warm cave and the three become friends as they wait for the storm to pass.

Samson in the Snow is a heartwarming story about caring for others and making new friends. On a rather touching note, Stead dedicated the book to "Anyone Who Is Having A Bad Day." The beautiful illustrations will definitely help to lift the spirits of the disheartened. Samson's sweet and loving personality clearly shows in both the text and illustrations. The story does end abruptly leaving the reader wanting one or two more sentences of hope for the future. However, Samson in the Snow remains a wonderful addition to any child's library.