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Flat Stanley: On Ice

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Book Review

Title: Flat Stanley: On Ice
Author: Lori Haskins Houran
Illustrator: Macky Pamintuan
Reviewer: Kristie Hinckley
Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers
Publication Year: 2015
ISBN: 9780062189820
Number of Pages: 29
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

On a cold winter day, Stanley Lambchop and his brother, Arthur, decide to play in the snow. Arthur wants to make snow angels with his brother, but ever since his brother was flattened, Stanley can't making snow angels. They decide to go ice-skating on the frozen lake instead. Stanley doesn't need skates because his flat feet glide perfectly across the ice. As it begins to get warmer, people start to leave the lake. Stanley keeps on skating, but the ice suddenly cracks! The bystanders instruct Stanley to lie down on the ice while they make a rope to reel Stanley back in.

Flat Stanley: On Ice is an engaging level two I Can Read! book that is perfect for developing readers. There are longer sentences, and the story includes language play that young readers will enjoy. For example, one friend says, "Here's to Arthur Lambchop, who kept his cool when things got warm!" Children will be reminded to be positive as they read this story about Stanley. Even though he was flattened through an unfortunate event, Stanley still makes the best of life and finds "flat discoveries" often. Problem-solving is also an important theme in this book. Children have the opportunity to improve their fluency and expression with the dialogue in this book.