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The weather girls take readers on an adventure through the seasons, changing their clothes and activities as they go. Starting with the swimming and playing of summer, the girls continue on, teaching about the apples and sweaters of fall, snowmen, snowflakes and mountains of winter, and finally the breezes and colors of spring. All these adventures culminate in a summary of each season, how they relate to each other and how they affect animal and plant life.

The Weather Girls offers a fun chance to teach young readers the basics of seasons in a simple, comparative way. Each scene is easily identifiable within its season and easy to relate to real life experiences. The minimalistic watercolor illustrations offer a variety of perspectives and an additional layer of interest by introducing all the girls at the beginning and allowing readers to follow each specific girl through the book. The two-page spread at the end gives parents and teachers a natural place to stop and review the material, adding an additional level of understanding as appropriate. While the weather of each season is a minor plot point, the descriptions are tied mostly to temperature. Other weather characteristics are often neglected, leaving the title of the book to be slightly misleading.