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### The Elephant's Umbrella

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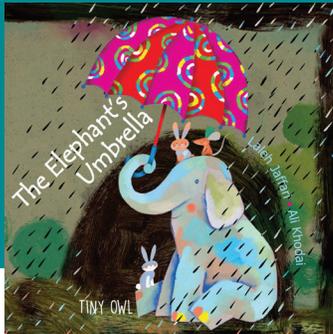
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## Book Review

# The Elephant's Umbrella

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Toddler, Preschool

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20

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Tiny Owl Publishing

The elephant is known to invite all to gather and enjoy the protection the umbrella provides. When the wind sweeps the umbrella into the possession of other animals, it is quickly discovered that generosity is not a virtue that everyone shares. The umbrella has no interest in providing shelter to those that want to hunt or use her protection to take honey from bees. The dazzling umbrella makes a dash into the wind and enjoys a sweet reunion with the generous elephant and his friends.

A gust of wind and a multicolored umbrella demonstrate the value of generosity and true altruism. The enchanting illustrations are mesmerizing, with the multicolored pattern of the umbrella keeping the reader's attention as it floats throughout the jungle. While the storyline teaches that generosity is a desirable trait, it could have been developed in a bit more detail. The umbrella visits only two other animals and leaves because of their self-centered motives, making it challenging to fully understand why the umbrella doesn't want to be there. However, this is overall an entertaining read with stunning illustrations.