Rainstorm
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Reviewer: Kate Reynolds
Reading Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Dependable
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A young boy is stuck inside on a rainy day. In his boredom he discovers a key that leads him to an old chest. In the chest is a ladder, which leads to a tunnel which leads to a staircase which opens out on a lighthouse balcony. On the island where the lighthouse stands it is bright and sunny and he finds himself playing games and making new friends.

Lehman's watercolor, gauche and ink illustrations are bright and attractive, but the story told by the pictures doesn't leave much room for creative interpretation. However, little children will enjoy making up dialog and narrative along the way anyway.