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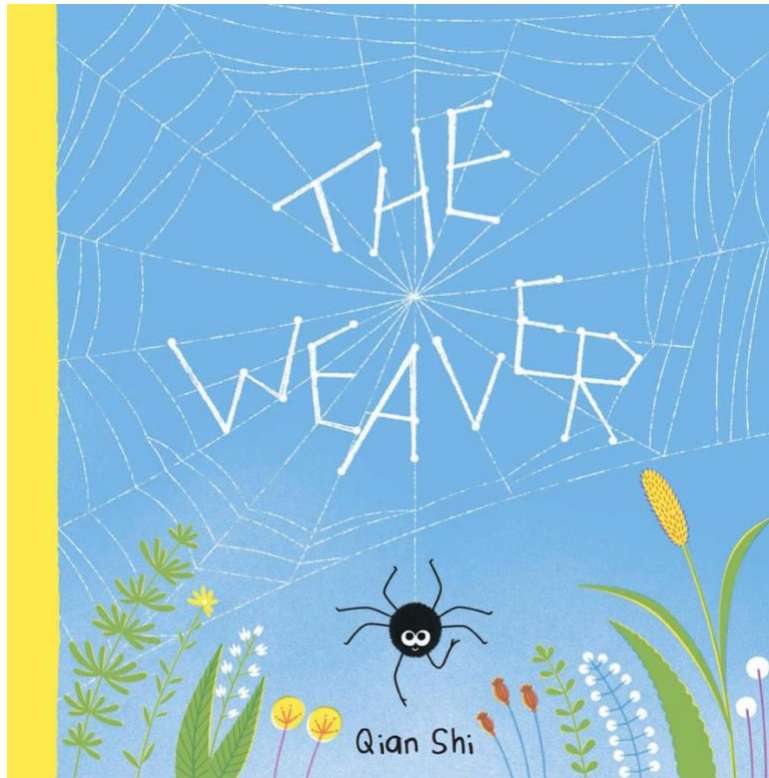
Review of *The Weaver*

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Child/Student Reviewers: Aiden & William, Kindergarten B



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Adult Review: Evi Tri Prasetyaningsih

The Weaver (2018) is a children's book about a spider named Stanley. He needs to go with the wind to find a perfect spot to live. He likes to weave and collect things. When he finds a place, he starts to spin and collect items such as seeds, twigs, leaves, and all the precious things that he cannot name and bring them back to his house. However, the rain ruins everything, leaving only a leaf for him. He tries to tie it tightly, but the wind makes his last treasure gone. He has nothing now, and then he starts to weave again. On the other day, his web looks fantastic. He draws the shape of the things he has collected.

I shared this story with two of my students, who are 5 and 6 years old. I read for them in a different timing and place. Although they had mixed reactions, they enjoyed the reading as well as the illustration. Aiden (5 y.o.) likes to hear about insects. When he saw the picture, he started to ask what the book was about to me. During the reading, he also drew Stanley, the spider.

William (6 y.o.) was also very excited to listen to the story. He was particularly attracted to the illustrations. He also asked about the story. He also tried to find out where to buy the book, because he wanted to share it with his friends.

The Weaver (2018) has a sweet story that shows how a spider lives and weaves the web. *The Weaver* (2018) tells us the story of Stanley the spider who loves to collect things and, unfortunately, loses everything when the rain and wind come.

This story tells us that we can collect or save the things that we want. However, we can also lose it in no time. In this book, Stanley weaves his web and draws the things that he already treasures before. The value of the story is to keep memories in our hearts. Although the value can be hard to understand by my students, they did enjoy reading the book. Moreover, I suggest to other teachers, who want to tell this story, to improve and elaborate on the value in a more natural way as the children can imagine the situation.

Student Review: Aiden & William

Aiden:

What is that?

Spider?

What is the name?

(draw the spider)

William:

Spider!

Wow, bagus gambarnya! (Wow, the picture is excellent!)

Ini beli dimana? (Where did you buy it?)

Note: To listen to the reviewer's recording during story reading, please follow this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB_ciosCickUiNGVVYTlzTXpySiVhbHFma253blpUMTIZUXU4/view?usp=sharing



Stanley The Spider by Aiden