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Blizzard: A Story Of Dakota Territory



Synopsis

A homesteading farmer, his pregnant wife, their daughter, and the grandmother wake to a beautiful winter morning on the prairie. And then it descends upon them - the infamous Children's Blizzard of 1888. Who will survive? With characters from *Rosette: A Novel of Pioneer Michigan*, *Blizzard: A Story of Dakota Territory* captures in one sod shanty the dramatic effects of a storm on the bodies and spirits of people who have internal storms of their own. Cover painting and design by Betsy Marsch, illustrator and cover designer for *Rosette: A Novel of Pioneer Michigan*.

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Customer Reviews

Can you even imagine being caught in a blizzard? I can, I lived in snow country in the north.

However these pioneers didn't even have a home that was fitted out to protect them from the weather. They didn't have a proper barn for the animals even if they could get to them. This storm hit so suddenly Rosette barely had time to get herself and her granddaughter in the cabin. Rosette's

son DeWitt and his wife were caught out in it, and she was close to having her baby. Would they make it to town? Would they turn back to the cabin or perish in the blizzard? To find out please read the book, I found it very interesting, tense, a story worth reading.

Cindy Rinaman Marsch's "Blizzard" sets a new standard in survival stories. Experience the intimacy of a tight-knit family amidst a natural disaster, with all the lyricism and physicality interwoven. The gorgeous, detailed prose is worthy of Jack London or Hemingway and will evoke the same emotions as "To Build a Fire" and "Old Man and the Sea". This is the opposite of formulaic "survival" stories. This could also be turned into a short art-house film.

What a fascinating story of life in the Dakota Territory in the late 1800's. The story concerning the Blizzard is quick, fast, and dangerous. The story about the Churchill family during the Blizzard is so intense that the reader will find that this is a page turner that is worth the read.

You can almost feel the wind and snow pouring into the little soddy house on the Dakota prairie. This short book gives only a little taste of the Children's Blizzard of 1888 when so many, mostly children, died in the snowstorm that caught so many unprepared. These people were pioneers who had suffered through many severe storms but were nonetheless lulled by the mild morning and were quickly overcome by the speed at which the weather changed into a terrible blizzard.

Cindy Rinaman Marsch totally conveyed the courage of the homesteaders, and the Interior of the shanty with its meager supplies. Any book that can get my mind so engaged in the story that I'm still pondering the "what ifs" a day later, as this short tale did, is a well written and enthralling story. I highly recommend The Blizzard, by Cindy Rinaman Marsch.

Interesting tale about the blizzard of 1888. Makes me want to read more about this 'children's blizzard'. The author really gives an excellent description of the snow, landscape, and isolation on the plains.

Very gripping but short in length. I read it on a warm afternoon but then hesitated to go outdoors because I could still feel the cold mood of the story.

Short story of survival on the rugged plains of Dakota Territory. Lots of trivial details that help make the story seem more real but drag the pace down to a crawl. Not very long, thankfully but did provide some unique insights into just how hard life was to early settlers on the prairie and how cruel winter storms can be. Having grown up in neighboring Minnesota I can relate to awesome power of midwest winter storms and I remember reading of deaths on Dakota farms caused by fierce winter blizzards.

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