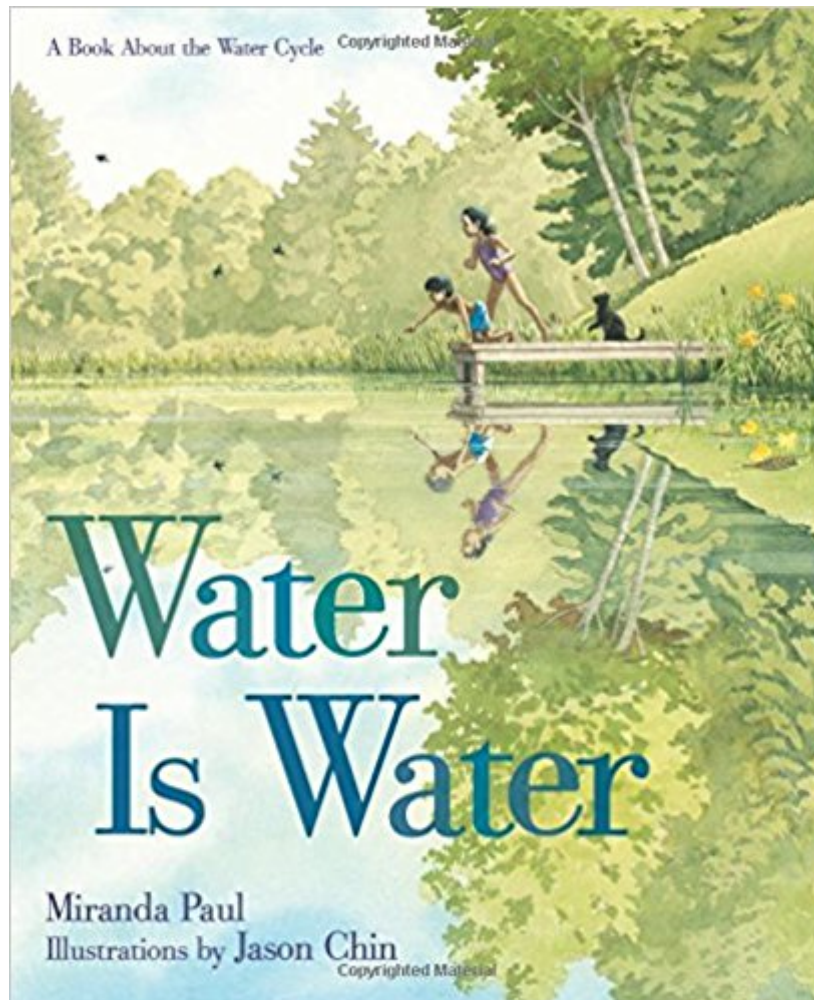




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# Water Is Water: A Book About The Water Cycle



## Synopsis

Drip. Sip. Pour me a cup. Water is water unless...it heats up.Whirl. Swirl. Watch it curl by. Steam is steam unless...it cools high.This spare, poetic picture book follows a group of kids as they move through all the different phases of the water cycle. From rain to fog to snow to mist, talented author Miranda Paul and the always remarkable Jason Chin (Redwoods, Coral Reefs, Island, Gravity) combine to create a beautiful and informative journey in this innovative nonfiction picture book that will leave you thirsty for more.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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—“A biracial brother and sister explore the out-of-doors (and a bit of mischief) through the four seasons in this poetic look at the many forms water takes on its trip through its cycle . . . An engaging and lyrical look at the water cycle. —Kirkus Reviews —“In this gentle and very cleverly rhymed book, basics of the water cycle are conveyed through what otherwise looks and feels like a narrative picture book. An effortlessly multicultural cast of kids floats, darts, and dallies through various seasons of the year, while Paul uses each spread to introduce the next phase of water. Example: "Misty. / Twisty. / Where is the town? / Fog is fog unless . . ." -page turn-"it falls down. / Patter. / Splatter. / What is that sound? / Rain is rain unless . . ." You rather want to know how the line ends, don't you? This excellent rhythm, which often uses ideas and images beyond what you'd expect, is matched by Chin's playful, soft-hued, but always realistic watercolor-and-gouache paintings. Chin is especially adept at portraying light sources, whether they be an early morning glow through kitchen windows, a foggy street through which a school bus creeps, or the blinding golds of autumn sunshine through leaves. A two-page section at the back supplies a bit of the science behind these everyday miracles. —

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There are some authors or illustrators that I automatically buy the works of just because I know that they will be fabulous. Jason Chin is one of those illustrators. This book is so beautiful, I enjoyed just looking at it. The diverse characters portrayed was a great touch. The text is also beautiful the way the poetry highlights the water cycle, the various states that water appears in throughout. I loved the

fact that not only is the book itself a work of art but it's also a great teaching tool that works wonderfully for teaching younger children about a very important aspect of the world. A book that I recommend you get your hands on if you can.

Hands-down one of my favorite picture books. The writing is lyrical and lovely. I'd love to hang the illustrations on the wall, they are so beautiful. Plus - the information in both the lyrical text and the author's note is solid!

This beautiful book is wonderfully executed, both the narrative and the illustrations. The whole thing gives you the feeling that you want to dip your toes in. While it has a lot of educational value, it is also just a fun, peaceful read!

excellent book and a good way to generate interest in science for younger students.

Easy to understand, beautifully illustrated, lyrically written. About the water cycle.

This is a wonderful book, in which the poetic verse keeps you turning the page as the forms of water change from puddles, to sleet, to fog, to rain, and so on. This is a great nonfiction application to learning about the many forms of water. Chin's illustrations fill the pages, and are seen through the eyes of a child. I believe his medium is watercolor, and just breathtakingly lovely to linger over.

Very nicely illustrated book. Good basic information. My only complaint is that the age range provided was 5-8 years. This book is more like 4-5 years old book. So, if you have a 4-5 year old, it's a great "beginner science" book for them.

With the sense of wonder and relish for life common to young people, this book teaches the water cycle better than any other explanation that could be offered. This is a masterful portrayal of change through seasons of discovery, experienced through the eyes, hands, and breaths of children.

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