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# The Rhino Who Swallowed A Storm



## Synopsis

When little Mica Mouse is scared by thunder booming outside her cozy home, Papa Mouse reaches for just the right story to comfort her. Hugging her close, he begins to read *The Rhino Who Swallowed a Storm*. In this poetic book-within-a-book, a happy little rhinoceros is overwhelmed by a storm that sweeps away everything he loves. Swallowing the storm just makes him feel worse, so Rhino sets off on a whimsical journey toward healing. Along the way, he meets many friends, including a kind spider, a brave kangaroo, a wise tortoise, and an uplifting whale. With their help, Rhino lets go of the storm inside and learns to see the light in a world turned gray. Mica Mouse is soothed by the story and Papa's gentle reminder that even though bad things sometimes happen, the world is full of people who care. In his first children's book, longtime Reading Rainbow host LeVar Burton gives us an engaging resource to help children express their feelings and navigate through difficult experiences. The "Take a Deeper Look" page at the end of the book even provides discussion questions to facilitate a healing dialogue.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

## Customer Reviews

Big, scary events can stay with kids long after adults have emotionally moved on. How do we help our children, with their strong emotions and developing coping skills, learn how to let out the pain and open themselves up for healing? LeVar Burton, co-founder and beloved host of Reading

Rainbow, addresses this issue in his charming book, "The Rhino Who Swallowed a Storm," co-written by Susan Schaefer Bernardo. A story within a story, "The Rhino Who Swallowed a Storm" introduces us to young Mica Mouse, who becomes frightened when a storm crashes outside her home, bringing back memories of a hurricane which destroyed her home a year before. Papa Mouse knows just how to make Mica feel better. He begins reading a story about another animal who experienced a scary storm: Little Rhinoceros. And thus begins the story of Little Rhinoceros, whose "world was delightful/and chock full of magic" /until out of the blue, the magic turned tragic." A storm rages through his beautiful world and "tore it apart,/and took away everything/dear to his heart." Little Rhinoceros' reacts by swallowing the storm, keeping it bottled up inside him, until he discovers that other animals want to help him feel better and get rid of the storm turning his world grey and lonely. With gentle encouragement from a little spider, a kangaroo "hero," bees, a wise tortoise, and a joyful whale, Rhino begins his journey of healing by letting go of the storm and bringing color and love back into his world. Once Rhino's story ends, we return to the cozy home of Papa and Mica Mouse, where Papa reminds Mica that "You're never really alone when bad things happen.

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