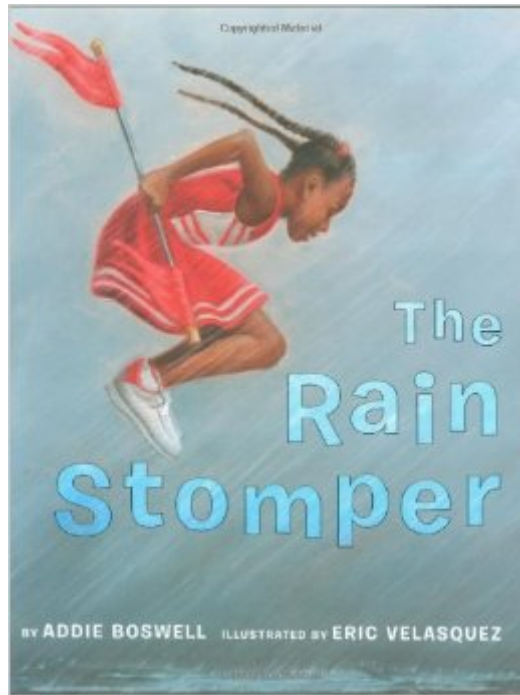


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# The Rain Stomper



## Synopsis

Today is the day of the big neighborhood parade. Baton twirler Jazmin is ready to lead the way for the dogs and kids, music and fun. But then the clouds crowd in. The sky darkens. Thunder roars. And the rain begins. SLAP clatter clatter SLAP SLAP! Is Jazmin's parade ruined? Or can she use her spirit, her fearless energy, and her mighty baton to save the day? Award-winning illustrator Eric Velasquez's artwork in oil paint on watercolor paper is a perfect complement to debut author Addie Boswell's lyrical, rhythmic words.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1st - 3rd

## Customer Reviews

I've been pleased over the last several years to see more and more books for children about famous blacks and notable events in black (and American) history. But it still seems like there is a dearth of books about ordinary life that feature main characters of color. As a mother of two bi-racial girls, I certainly want my daughters to understand slavery and Jim Crow, but I also want them to understand that black children also have first days of school or fights with their friends or rainy days - the everyday stuff of childhood. For that reason, this book immediately grabbed my attention. We meet Jazmin (who appears to be about ten or eleven perhaps) on the first day of spring in her new red suit ready to twirl her baton in the big parade. She is ready for the "Tat-a-tat Boom!" Except, as

soon as she opens her front door, she is confronted by a different kind of boom- the boom of rain and thunder. The kind of weather that tends to ruin parades. To "silence the horns and the drums". To "trip up dancers and dogs". To "soak new red suits". But Jazmin isn't going to take this insult lying down. She's not going to let the storm stomp her, she's going to stomp the storm. She shakes her baton in defiance. She kicks the rain off her steps and chases it down the street. She splashes and shouts and stomps and twirls until other children begin peering from their doorways and cheering her on until she chases the storm back where it came from. Instead of rain, children flood the streets and the parade is back on. "SLAP clatter BAM BASH!

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