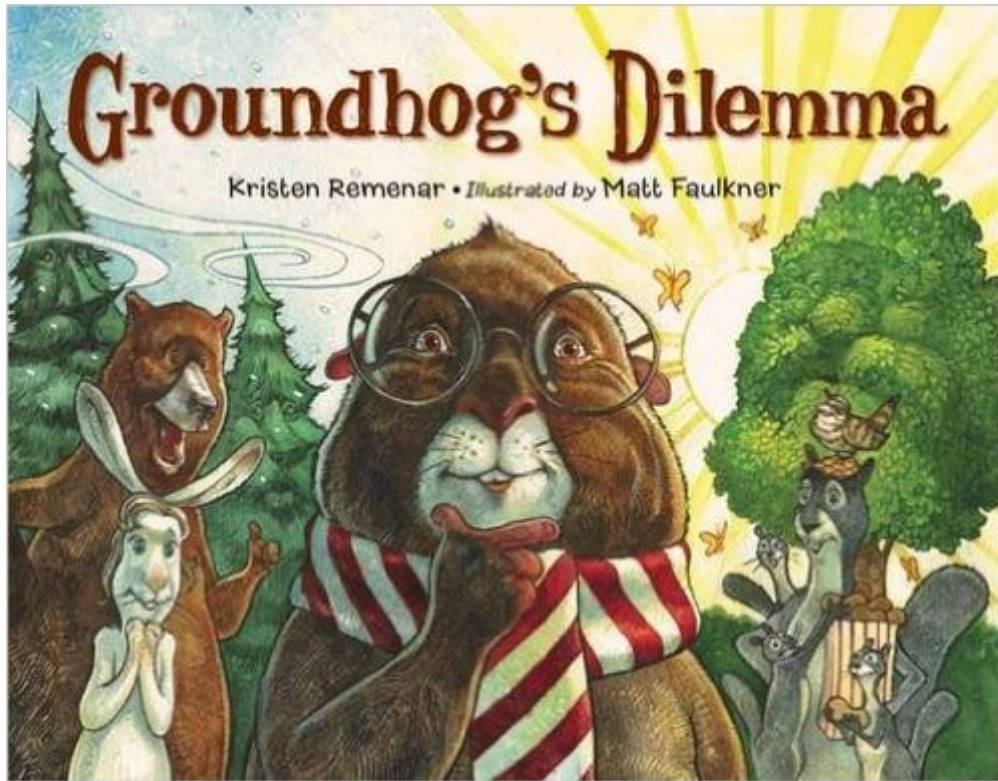


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# Groundhog's Dilemma



## Synopsis

After Groundhog announces six more weeks of winter, half his animal friends are disappointed, while the other half are excited. Each animal asks Groundhog to make his prediction in their favor the following year. Rather than being truthful about the fact that he just "calls it like he sees it," he leads them to believe he can control the weather, accepting their gifts of food and favor. On the next Groundhog Day, he finally admits he made promises he couldn't keep because he was trying to please everyone and makes amends. Matt Faulkner's rich illustrations are packed with hilarious details that will delight readers of all ages. No matter what weather the Groundhog predicts, curling up with this fun book is a great way to spend the winter.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Moms and dads, teachers and librarians just got a fun new book to read aloud on Groundhog's Day. Groundhog has a dilemma: half of his friends want him to call spring early and half want another six weeks of winter. They just don't get that Groundhog doesn't make the weather, he just predicts it. Groundhog's friends try to bribe him with food and invitations to sway Groundhog to think their way. And Groundhog succumbs. Who can resist a big piece of berry pie? I can't. As Groundhog's Day gets closer, Groundhog realizes that he is in a pickle. He seeks out advice from the wisest

animal in the forest: Owl. Love the faces of these animals and the details in the scenes by the illustrator who is married to the author. This book is a fruitful combination of their talents. Children will love the illustrations as they are vibrant and alive. So, how will Groundhog solve his dilemma? This book fosters being yourself and telling the truth to your friends which is a good lesson to learn. The story has good pacing and flow and enough of a central conflict to keep a child's interest. Hope this duo write another book together - they are talented!

I gave this book as a Christmas gift to two families, each with a 4-year-old and a 7-year-old. They loved the story. Their parents liked the lesson it teaches, and commented on how much they liked the illustrations also. It's very appropriate for ages 3 to 7, but not limited to those ages. "Groundhog's Dilemma" will be enjoyed by children of many ages.

I had to read it before it was a gift for my young granddaughter. I loved the book, its story line and the artwork is fantastic. She will love being read this book. Lots of wonderful faces and eyes to make her smile (she is only 5 months old now). I almost didn't want to give it away.

GROUNDHOG'S DILEMMA contains a lesson, no doubt, but the story is so carefully crafted, it isn't heavy handed in any way. It's a joy to read, again and again. The adorable illustrations beautifully complement the text and are full of subtle details that invite young readers (and adults) to pause and enjoy the fun, unexpected surprises to be found on each page.

An adorable story about THE groundhog who gets mixed up when he tries to please all of his friends, those who want more winter and those who want an early spring. A great story that offers a gentle lesson in dealing with pressure and being true to yourself, no matter what others expect from you. The story is enhanced by the rich and detailed illustrations. An excellent addition to any picture book collection.

Teachers are always looking for a read-aloud for Groundhog's Day and this is a fresh new title they are sure to love. Not only does it show Groundhog checking on his shadow and making his prediction, but it also has a valuable lesson about friendship. Groundhog wants to make his friends happy, and no matter what prediction he makes, someone will be disappointed. When some of his friends see Hare bringing Groundhog berries, they begin to worry that he will predict 6 more weeks of winter (because everyone knows that Hare likes to wear her white winter coat). Before we know

it, Groundhog is receiving invitations to ballgames, picnics, and bonfires, not to mention having fresh-baked pies dropped off at his house. Pretty soon the situation is so complicated that even Owl can't help him decide what to do. How in the world can he keep all his friends happy at the same time? This is a very good story to read and discuss. Friendship can sometimes be difficult for children to understand. They wonder if they have to like all the same things their friends like, or always do what their friends ask. And although we enjoy making our friends happy, we also need to be ourselves and be truthful. Real friends don't like us for what we can do for them, but for our own sake. The book also makes it clear that the tradition of looking for the groundhog's shadow is a prediction, the groundhog doesn't actually control the weather. Very young students are not always clear about the difference between predicting and causing the change of seasons. Perfect for elementary ages and for reading at home or in class. Teachers may wish to have students research the animals in the book and figure out which ones prefer a long winter or an early spring. They may also investigate the history of the holiday and the famous prognosticators like Punxsutawney Phil.

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