

The Rhino Who Swallowed a Storm

LeVar Burton and Susan Schaefer Bernardo
Illustrations by Courtenay Fletcher

- \$75,000 marketing budget; co-op available
- Author tour to include Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York City

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.

LeVar Burton is an actor, director, and educator who has been an icon for more than 35 years. He has been the host, producer, and now co-owner of the influential television program *Reading Rainbow* for more than three decades, and starred in the TV miniseries *Roots* and on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. He lives in Burbank, California. Susan Schaefer Bernardo is a published poet and the author of *Sun Kisses*, *Moon Hugs*. Courtenay Fletcher is a designer and the illustrator of *Sun Kisses*, *Moon Hugs*. She lives in Los Angeles.

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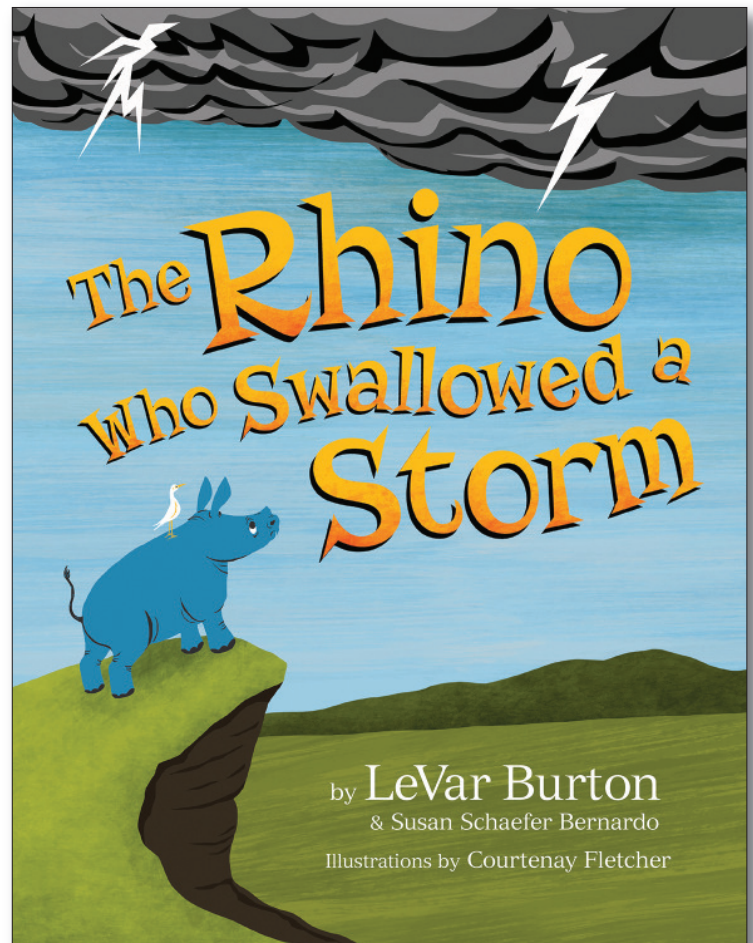


Why to Buy:

- Actor and longtime educational advocate
LeVar Burton has had more than 30 years' experience speaking directly to children about grown-up situations, and *The Rhino Who Swallowed a Storm* is a story that helps ease the fears and worries of a young child

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