

Twelve Kinds of Ice

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Twelve Kinds of Ice is a beautiful, emotional journey that takes you from the very first piece of ice of winter to the final piece. Being a short story, it is about how ice plays an important role in everyone's life and how it connects everyone. *Twelve Kinds of Ice* tells a tale how a girl and her family used ice to bring everyone together and have fun. This book is a timeline of winter. In the beginning, the girl notices the first kind of ice - ice on a sheep pail. From here the different kinds of ice come with the various stages of winter, such as ice on the ground, frozen streams and lakes, and frozen ice in the backyard to make a skating ring. The story is about the fun these characters have with each type of ice.

What I liked about this book is that it didn't focus on the ice; it focused on the girl and all the special moments she had with her family and friends. The book is creative and imaginative as well as well written. It's about all the fun and joyous times we have in winter. This book may be called *Twelve Kinds of Ice* but I would call it Twelve kinds of happiness as this book fills you with all the happy memories that you have experienced in winter, and the times you spent time with your family and friends or when you had fun out in the snow. Another great aspect to the book are the illustrations. They add more charm to the book. Last but not least, I love the fluidity. At the end of each chapter Obed leaves an unfinished sentence to allow the reader to think about the various possibilities on the ending of the sentence and how the story could progress. This is a great addition to the book as it immerses you even more into Obed's well crafted winter wonderland.

I'd say this book is aimed for 8- 11 years old but I would also recommend it anyone who wants a good book to read. *Twelve Kinds of Ice* is a great book full of emotions and a great experience.

Recommended Readings:

Island: A story of the Galapagos - Jason Chin

Tallulah's Nutcracker - Marilyn Nutcracker

What's Your Favorite Animal - Eric Carle