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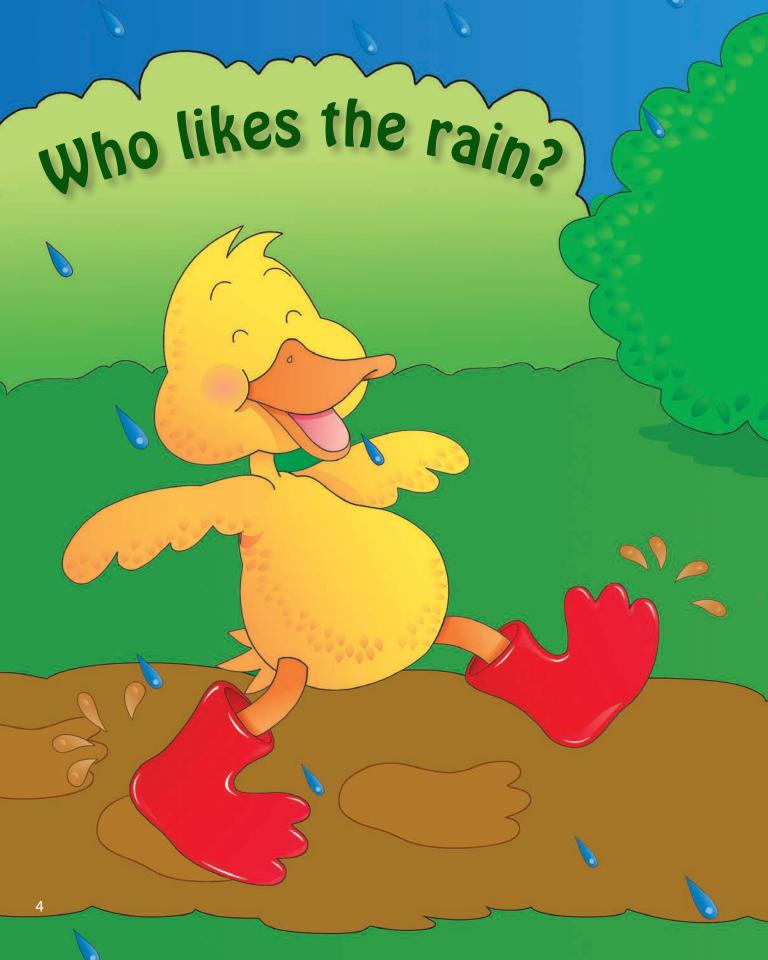
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"I do," said the duck. "I call it fun, with pretty red rubbers I can run. They make a little three-toed track, in the soft, wet mud, quack! quack! quack!"

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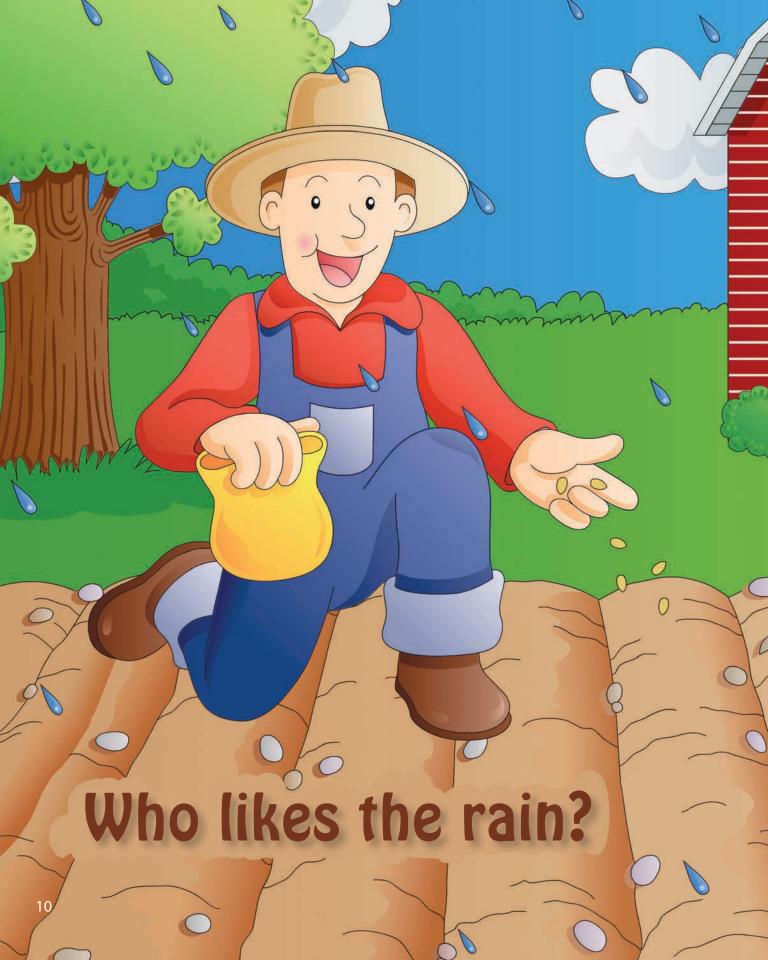
"I do!" cried the dandelion, "I! My roots are thirsty, my buds are dry." And she raised her pretty yellow head out of her green and grassy bed.





"I sure hope it will rain and pour," croaked the tree toad at his bark door. "For, with a broad leaf for a roof, I am perfectly weatherproof."

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"I do," said the farmer, planting a seed, "but there is something else I need. Let the water soak to make some mud, and out will come a nice fine bud."

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"I laugh," sang the brook, "at every drop, and wish they never need to stop. Then a big river I will be, so I can find my way to the sea."

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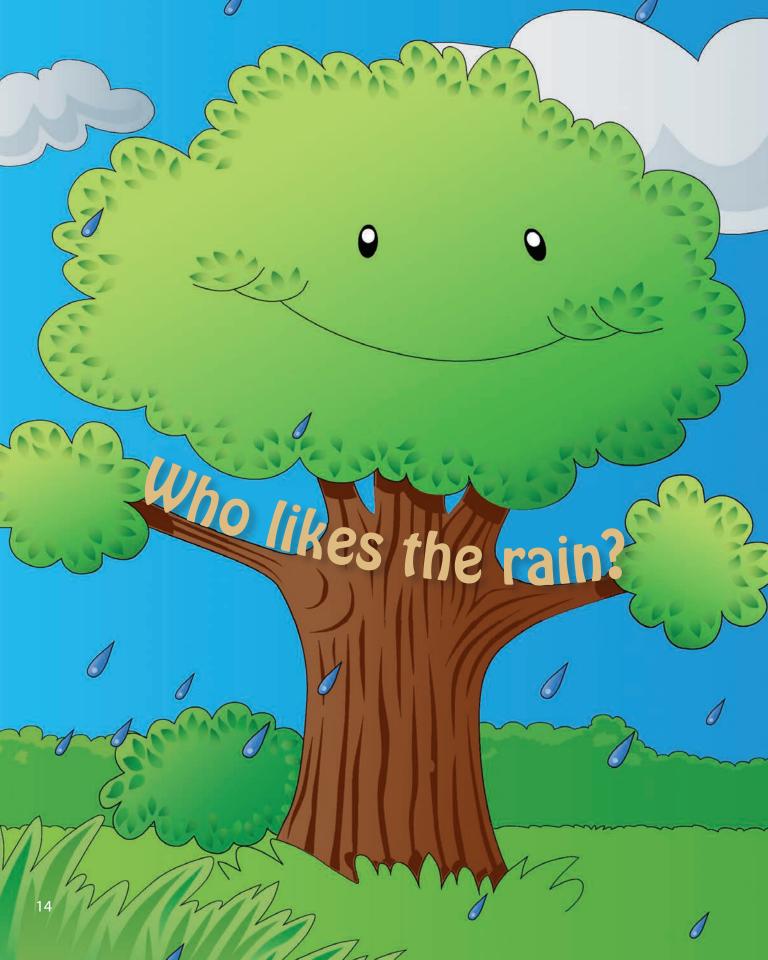
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"I do," said the big trunk of the tree, "No one likes the rain more than me. I need it for my buds to sprout, and help my leaves to come out."

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"I do," shouted Ted, "for I can run, with my high boots I can have fun. Through every big puddle and pool on the road as I skip to school."

About the Author

Clara Doty Bates (1838-95) was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. When she grew up, she moved to Chicago, Illinois. A writer, a poet, and a librarian, Clara was always interested in literature, especially children's literature. Her most famous work, *On the Tree Top*, is a collection of children's stories and poems. At 55 she worked in the Children's Library at the prestigious 1893 World's Fair, one of the most celebrated events of her time.

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