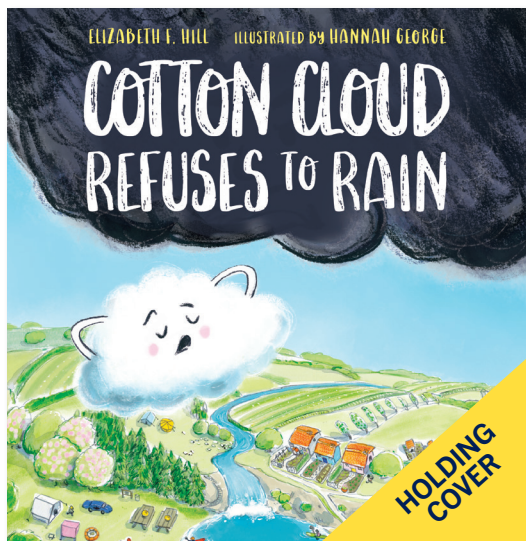


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Cotton Cloud wants to be the best cloud ever! She will never rain, she says, because rain makes the people SAD. But the endless sunshine dries up the lake, withers the plants and cracks the soil. Sun and Wind tell Cotton Cloud it is time for her to rain! But stubborn Cotton Cloud refuses to listen. Until one day she looks down on the hot, tired, thin people and sees they are no longer happy. Her heart swells with sorrow, and as her tears turn into rain, the dry earth turns green again. The people laugh and dance happily in the rain!

KEY SALES POINTS:

- Cotton Cloud's story journey shows **young readers** how in **nature**, everything has a place—even rain!
- An **excellent introduction** to **weather, seasons** and **the environment**
- **Perfect** for **early years** storytime and **KS1 Science** lessons
- Cotton Cloud's childlike and characterful voice evokes **joy** and **empathy**
- A **humorous story** that emphasizes **the power of teamwork** and **listening** to others
- **Fun, colourful illustrations** capture the **vibrant beauty of nature**
- Detailed pictures invite readers to **explore mini-stories** of how people and the landscape transform from drought to plenty
- A **gentle** first talking point about **climate change**

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